

Dante Elementary

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 12

Meet the Teachers Evening

Governing Board Annual General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13

Welcoming Activity for Students

SEPTEMBER 16

Breakfast Program Begins

Le Doral Catering Begins

SEPTEMBER 24

School Photos

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire teaching and support staff, I would like to wish you and your children a warm welcome and a most wonderful and enriching school year! We hope that you enjoyed your summer holiday and that you had the opportunity to spend quality time with your little ones.

Every month you will receive a Principal's Newsletter advising you of upcoming events/meetings as well as important information and reminders. Please note that a detailed letter will always be sent home for specific events, which will include details that you will not find in the newsletters.

All communication to parents will be sent electronically with the exception of letters where your signature is required. This newsletter has also been sent to you by email. If you did not receive it, or if you wish to modify/add an email address, please contact the school secretary, Ms. Silvy, at sgomes-pires@emsb.qc.ca.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I invite you to contact the school office at (514) 254-5941. You may also send an email to the school secretary (as mentioned above) or to Ms. Silvana, secretary, at santonelli@emsb.qc.ca.

I look forward to working with you this year.

Best regards,

Irini Margetis
Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION-

Last week, homeroom teachers distributed student agendas to all children. Please use the school agenda to communicate important information to your child's teacher (questions, concerns, doctor's appointments, changes to dismissal routine etc.). Teachers will also use the student agenda to communicate with you. It is thus important for parents to review the agenda on a daily basis. We ask that you please take the time to read the Dante Rules and Regulations with your child and sign the first page of this section. Please note the following updates in the Dante Rules and Regulations due to the changes in the school schedule.

1.2 ABSENCES / LATES

[...] **A student who is late must report to the office before going to class in order to pick up his/her late slip.** If the student is frequently late and the teacher has begun his/her lesson or tests, the student will not be given extra time to complete the task. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that all students arrive on time. **It is imperative that all students be in school by 8:40 am.**

1.6 ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

- In the morning, students must arrive at school at **8:40** am since there is no supervision duty prior to this time. Children who eat lunch at home must return to school by **12:40** p.m.
- They should enter the school yard through the junior yard only (Côme Street).

- 2.13.11 Once students are dismissed at the end of the day, they may not return to their classes to get any materials. Children who are picked up at the end of the day (3:48 pm) must not play in the school yard or other school grounds.
- 3.3.6 Students must not be in the school yard prior to 8:40 am. There is no adult supervision prior to this time. **Students should not be dropped off at the office before 8:43 am.**
- 3.3.13 Parents are asked to leave the school premises once the second bell rings at 3:58 pm.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

Information provided to the school must be kept up to date during the year. **Parents are responsible for informing the school and the daycare of changes in address and telephone number as they occur.** School personnel must be able to reach parents/guardians at all times, especially in the case of an emergency. Please advise the office if the telephone number is confidential.

FEES (LUNCH SUPERVISION & SCHOOL FEES)

Should you have any questions or concerns, or are unable to respect the payment deadlines, please communicate with the Principal as soon as possible to make arrangements.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF CHILDREN

One of the major changes to the school schedule this year is the morning entrance. As you have noticed, children enter the building immediately when the first bell rings at 8:40. It is therefore important for students to arrive on time. Past 8:43 which is the beginning of homeroom, students must enter the building through the main entrance. Late slips will be issued as of

Students who walk home for lunch will leave the school at 11:50 p.m. through the main office, door #1. Parents picking up their child for lunch are asked to please wait for their child outside the main entrance. When returning to school for the afternoon, these same students are asked to enter the school yard via Côte Street at 12:40 p.m., not earlier. In case of inclement weather, they may enter through the main office at 12:40 p.m.

The dismissal bell rings at 3:48 p.m. Parents picking up their children at dismissal should do so at the front of the school, near door #5. **Our students' safety is of utmost importance to us so please make sure that a teacher acknowledges your presence and sees your child leave with you.** Children taking the school bus will be dismissed through the junior door #4, and children attending daycare will be brought to their after school classroom.



Should your child's pick-up schedule change at the end of the day, we ask that you please write a note in his/her agenda or call the school office before 2 p.m. Failure to do so will result in your child being dismissed as usual. (For example, Megan usually takes the school bus after school. She advises her homeroom teacher that her parents told her to walk home at the end of the day. Unfortunately, Megan's parents did not write a note in her agenda or call the school office. The teachers are thus under the obligation to send her on the school bus.)

To facilitate circulation and avoid accidents, we ask that you avoid dropping off/picking-up your child on Côte Street as this is the drop-off/pick-up zone for school buses. Please park on Lachenaie or neighboring streets and escort your child to the school yard (Côte Street entrance). The school parking lot is reserved for Dante Staff only. **Please do not drop off your child in the parking lot.** These precautionary measures are put into place to assure the safety of our students, your children. We thank you for your cooperation!

STUDENT ABSENCES AND STUDENTS ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE

Children should be present in school every day. We ask that you please schedule family vacation on designated holidays and not during school days as this could impede your child's learning. The period covering mid-April to mid-June is especially critical as most school and school board evaluations are done at this time. Routine is very important at a young age and missing too many days of school will result in your child falling behind. Vacation is not considered a justified absence and teachers are under no obligation to provide school work for this particular child.



In the event that a child must be absent from school due to illness, we ask parents/guardians to do one of the following:

- a) Inform the teacher of the child's absence ahead of time with a note in the agenda (mainly for doctor's appointments that cannot be scheduled before or after school);
- b) Send a note to school via sibling;
- c) Call the school between 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. if the child's absence is unexpected.

While it is important for students to be in school, sick children are not prepared to focus on teaching and learning. If a child is running a fever or has been sick early in the morning, he/she should not attend school. ***If parents have determined that their child is well enough to attend school, then the student will be sent outdoors for recess and at lunch time since the school is not equipped to supervise sick children indoors. As well, doctors point out that children with minor ills and colds benefit from being outdoors in the fresh air. Should there be a medical reason for a child to remain indoors, we require parents to provide us with their doctor's note. Provisions for supervision will be made for these rare occasions.

Punctuality is an important life skill that we must collectively teach our children. Although we understand that there are extenuating circumstances that might lead to lateness (e.g.: weather, sickness), **we ask that all students arrive to school on time, which means 8:40 a.m. at the latest.** Lateness brings disruption to the morning routine of the class and it also creates additional work for the school secretary at a very busy time in the day. We really appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE-GENERAL GUIDELINES

We would like to remind you that the Dante Governing Board approved a specific dress code for the students:

- Solid navy blue slacks, trousers, jumper or skirts (no tights to be worn as pants).
- White tops such as shirts, polo and blouses
- Burgundy cardigan, burgundy fleece school cardigan, vest only or navy blue, white and burgundy cardigan (solid color-no prints). No other sweaters or cardigans can be worn in school.
- Any type of closed, comfortable shoes (no fluorescent colors and no lights) may be worn.
- Leggings under the skirts must either be white or blue. No multi-colored leggings will be permitted.
- Only conservative hair styles and haircuts are permitted in school.

Physical Education

- Students must have a pair of running shoes for their Physical Education class only. They cannot wear their everyday shoes for their Phys. Ed. Class. No-scuff soles.
- Burgundy shorts or burgundy jogging pants bearing the school logo.
- Navy blue t-shirt bearing the school logo.

For further information, please consult the student agenda.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”
ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO

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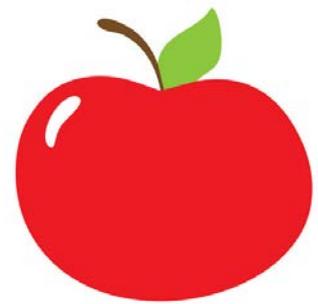
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Best regards,

Irini Margetis
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 24

School Photos

SEPTEMBER 26

Governing Board Meeting 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 30

PPO Meeting 7 p.m.

SEVERE ALLERGIES AND EPIPEN AUTO-INJECTORS

In order to ensure the safety of students with severe allergies we ask all parents to please avoid sending foods containing peanuts and/or nuts to school. Although we cannot guarantee an allergen free environment, as a community we can help reduce the risk of allergic reactions. **Furthermore, as of October 1st, students with severe allergies will be required to carry their EpiPen auto-injector in a pouch worn around their waste and this, at all times.** It is the parents responsibility to verify the expiration date on the auto-injector and to replace it if need be. The pouches are available at any pharmacy. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any concerns.

SCHOOL PHOTOS-SEPTEMBER 24TH

Once again this year, Green Apple Studio photographers will be taking our students school photos on September 24th. We ask that children wear their school uniform (white top and navy blue pants/skirt/dress. Please note that the only cardigan/vest allowed will be the one provided by Triangulum with the school logo. For those interested in sibling photos, please note that these will take place on the same day as retakes which will be October 25th, 2019. If you are interested in volunteering for either date, please email our school secretary Silvy at sgomes-pires@emsb.qc.ca.

FIRST PPO MEETING

The first PPO meeting will take place on September 30th, 2019. If you are interested in being part of the PPO and did not have the chance to sign-up during our Annual General Meeting on September 12, you may still do so by attending the first meeting. No other members will be added after this date. Thank you for your understanding.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program is well under way thanks to our volunteers and teachers. We would like to remind parents to please pack a set of reusable utensils every morning as the school does not supply cutlery to students.

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