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Dear Parents,

We are happy to greet our new and returning students for the 2020-2021 academic school year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful school year.

## WELCOMING DAY

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, will be our official welcoming day. Numerous activities have been planned for the students. Please note that all safety guidelines will be followed during all activities.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A letter/form will also be sent home for parents who want a “sibling photo” to be taken on the same day. Please note that only requests received by the deadline will be respected. Deadline is: **September 18th, 2020.**

*School uniform is mandatory for the school photos.*

## STUDENT DISMISSAL

In order for all our students to be in a safe and secure environment, please take note of the rules regarding student drop off and pick up. **No parents in the school yard at all times.**

Parents picking up their children must wait at the gate. Please **do not block** the gate entrance. The students need to have free access. Please respect social distancing guidelines when waiting to pick up your child.

**Daycare door:** The only students that are to exit from the Daycare door are the students who are boarding the busses at the end of the day. This is necessary to alleviate the congested sidewalk traffic and to ensure the safe boarding of all the students in a timely manner. **Please do not pick up your child at this door before ALL busses are gone.**

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## DROP OFF ZONE/NO PARKING ZONE/NO STOPPING ZONES(S) REMINDER

Please note that the section of the street that runs all along the front side of the school yard is designated as a **drop off zone** during morning arrival times. Parking in the drop off zone **forces a slowdown in traffic**, and forces other parents to drop off their child in the middle of the street.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. **Our children’s safety is our 1st priority.**



## MORNING LATE ENTRANCE

It is important for children to learn the value of being punctual. Michelangelo International Daycare service is available from 7:00 a.m.

The school bell rings at **8:47 a.m.** The 2nd bell rings at **8:52 a.m.** **All grades PK-6 students must enter the school by one of the four entrances mentioned below.** Please note that parents may not enter the school yard. No students will be admitted via the front door unless a student is late, and the secretary will therefore administer a late slip. After 3 late slips in the same month, the student will receive a reflection as we want to instill good work habits.

- ENTRANCE 1 (Daycare Doors)
  - For bus students
- ENTRANCE 4 (Kindergarten Doors)
  - For Pre-K and kindergarten students
- ENTRANCE 3 (Regular school entrance via schoolyard)
  - For grades 1, 2, and 3
- ENTRANCE 5 (Back schoolyard Doors)
  - Grades 4, 5 and 6



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## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

For safety reasons, no parents are to enter the school yard. Dismissal for PK and K students will take place at 3:47pm. Dismissal for grades 1-6 will take place every day at 3:52 p.m. No student will be allowed to be removed from the bus by any adult other than a staff member. Please do not change your child's routine without written notification. **Calling at the last minute (after noon on the day of) is not only disruptive, but we cannot guarantee that your child will receive the correct message in a timely manner.** Please help us avoid a dangerous situation by placing in writing in the agenda any change made to your child's daily routine.

## SCHOOL LUNCH DELIVERIES

Students should come to school every day with a healthy and nut free lunch that includes a beverage and snack. Our hot meal provider is Le Doral.

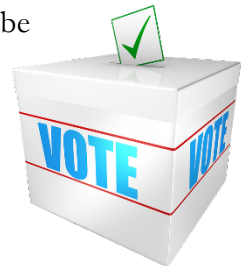
**Please understand that we do not accept daily deliveries from parents.** This means parents delivering daily lunches to the office or using Uber Eats to send food to school for their child. This is very disruptive to the school routine and that of your child. Therefore, make sure your child leaves home with his lunch and snack for the day. Please take note that we do not have a cafeteria and we do not have extra hot lunches, it is entirely the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children have a lunch and snack.

## ORIENTATION NIGHT

We held our orientation on August 27<sup>th</sup> and although the platform was different this year, we are proud to announce that it was a success! We hope you enjoyed meeting your child's teachers.

## PARENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY /GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

On **Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020** we will be holding our annual general parent assembly to elect our Governing Board. The election will take place in the gym at 6 pm. All participants must RSVP their attendance at this meeting (an email will be sent out). If you wish to bring forward your name to be a member on the governing board, a form will be sent for you to fill out. If you cannot be present but wish to bring forward your name, you can send a proxy (another sheet to fill out). Parents who will attend the assembly must wear a mask upon entry into the building and disinfect their hands. It is important to sign in; a sign in sheet will be available upon entry. Parent representatives will be elected to serve on the Governing Board. Our Governing Board meets on average once a month. Our first meeting will take place directly after the General Assembly on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.



## PPO ELECTIONS

Upon approval of our Governing Board, we will hold a PPO meeting on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6p.m. via Micro Soft Teams to elect our 2019-2020 chair and hold our first meeting. We will send more info via email this week.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After School Activities will begin in October. Angelo Di Bella (Karate on Thursdays) and Paris St-Germain Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (A Zoom meeting will take place shortly).

Please return all registration forms to the office.

Parents picking up their children (non-Daycare) are asked to wait outside the main school entrance after all activities. The activity monitor will bring the students directly to the main entrance.

We will keep you up to date with other after school activities that will begin in the upcoming months.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Michelangelo International Elementary School is on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook! You can follow us by going to: [www.twitter.com/michelangeloint](https://www.twitter.com/michelangeloint)

We suggest that all parents create an account and follow our school as well as @English MTL for the most up to date news.

Facebook: [michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca)

Instagram: [michelangelointernational](https://www.instagram.com/michelangelointernational).



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Please refrain from sending messages via messenger and call the school instead. I have left that option opened in case of an exceptional circumstance. This option should not be the means of communication between parents and the school. Also, please be careful what you comment on social media. We love to promote our school, but if you have any concerns, you should NOT be using social media to do so.



## REMIND APP

In this busy world as working parents it is hard to try and keep on top of our schedule and our children's schedules! In order to help facilitate this, we are using a wonderful app to remind you of important upcoming events and send you pictures and clips of your children.

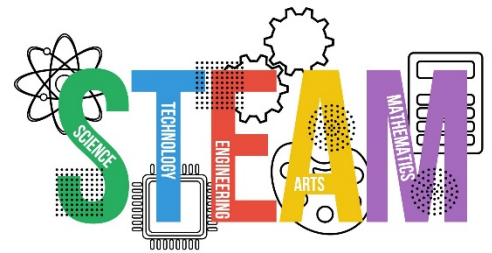
Please note that this app is a one way communication. Please send us an email or phone call for any concerns or issues pertaining to your child.

We sent a memo on how to sign up. Please make sure to sign up according to your child's level. Teacher will also have their own remind app and they will send you the info.

When posting on social media, we try to keep it as short of a message a possible. We also post pictures and videos, please understand that we post what is sent to us from teachers on fieldtrips and we can't post everything of the same event.

## WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL

IB Programme  
Quebec Educational program  
Music Program  
Physical Education Program & 60 min physical activity  
Media (coding, robotics, scratch, Microsoft programs)  
Art Program  
STEAM School  
Chess program



## WHAT IS STEAM IN SCHOOLS?

**STEAM education** refers to the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. **STEAM education** incorporates the "A" for the arts – recognizing that to be successful in technical fields, individuals must also be creative and use critical thinking skills which are best developed through exposure to the arts.

**STEAM** is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

## 60 MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Back at our school this year, we will have the 60 minutes of physical activity program. This ensures that our students will be physically active for 60 minutes every day. Activities will take place through the Phys. Ed program, at recess and even during class.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Depending on the availability of the teachers, we offer many extra-curricular activities. They take place during the morning recess, lunch recess or after school. When an ECA begins, a letter is sent home. If the activity is for a specific level, only that level will get the letter. Don't worry, we offer many different activities and we make sure to make all students happy.

Here are some of the ECA's we offer:

Intramurals  
Knitting  
Chess  
Choir  
Robotics  
Newspaper club



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Doodling club  
Dungeons and dragons club  
Karate  
Piano  
Guitar  
Paris St-Germain Academy

## DAYCARE B.A.S.E PROGRAM

On behalf of the Michelangelo Daycare Team, we want to welcome everyone back to school. My name is Nancy Salituri, and I am the Daycare Technician (Coordinator). I am very happy to be back ready and eager to get started on all the exciting activities planned for the students attending daycare this year. A memo with all the details regarding our upcoming activities and schedule for payments will be sent out shortly. Please note that students in Daycare will receive a healthy snack afterschool every day as of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 until then please provide an extra snack for your child. Please feel free to call the daycare at 514-648-3067 for any daycare related questions or concerns or email (Nancy Salituri) at [nsalituri@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:nsalituri@emsb.qc.ca).

For any dismissal change message please make sure to advise your child's teacher and/or contact the office before 2pm.

Looking forward to fun-filled year with your children! - Miss. Nancy

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

ALL MEMOS WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL, if you are not on our mailing list, please make sure to let the office know or if you wish to receive a paper copy, please advise the office. We want to waste as little paper as possible.



**WISHING EVERYONE A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!**

Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro  
Principal

