



September 2021



September 2nd, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are happy to greet our new and returning students for the 2021-2022 academic school year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful school year.



WELCOMING DAY

Friday, September 10th, will be our official welcoming day. Numerous activities have been planned for the students and a lunch will be provided to all. Please note that all safety guidelines will be followed during all activities.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will take place on September 30th, 2021.

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 17th, 2021.**

School uniform is mandatory for the school photos.



STUDENT DISMISSAL

In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all our students, please take note of the rules regarding student drop off and pick up.

- **No parents are allowed in the school yard at any time:** Parents picking up their children must wait at the gate. Please **do not block** the gate entrance as the students need to have a clear path to leave the yard. Please remember to respect social distancing guidelines when waiting to pick up your child.
- **Using the Daycare door:** Only students who are boarding the busses at the end of the day are to exit from the Daycare door. 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 the Daycare door before ALL busses are gone.** We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- **School buses:** We ask that no one cross the sidewalk, while students are boarding the school buses. Kindly wait until the buses have departed to cross the school bus loading area. Reminder that it is **against the law to pass a school bus when the flashing red lights and/or STOP sign are activated.** The penalty is a fine and demerit points.



Our children's safety is our 1st priority.

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. 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.



MORNING LATE ENTRANCE

Michelangelo International Daycare service is available from 7:00 a.m.

It is important for children to learn the value of being punctual. The school bell rings at **8:47 a.m.** The 2nd bell rings at **8:52 a.m.** Please note that parents may not enter the school yard.

No students will be admitted via the front door unless a student is late, where 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.



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All students, grades PK-6, must enter the school by one of the four entrances mentioned below.

- **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 and 2
- **ENTRANCE 5** (Back school yard Doors)
 - Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6



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) cannot guarantee that your child will receive the correct message in a timely manner.** Please help us avoid a dangerous situation by writing in your child's agenda any changes made to your child's daily routine.

SCHOOL LUNCH DELIVERIES

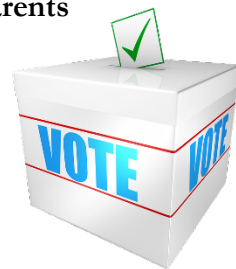
Students should come to school every day with a **healthy and nut free lunch** that includes a beverage and snack. Our hot meal provider is Le Doral. **Please understand that we do not accept daily deliveries from parents.** This includes parents delivering daily lunches to the office or using Uber Eats 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; thus, 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 27th and although the platform was online once again 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 **Tuesday September 21st, 2021** we will be holding our **Annual General Parent Assembly** to elect our Governing Board. The election will take place in the **Gym at 6:00 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 attend the meeting, but wish to bring forward your name, you can send a proxy (there will be a sheet to fill out). **Parents** who attend the General 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 21st, 2021**.



PPO ELECTIONS

Upon approval of our Governing Board, we will hold a PPO meeting to elect our 2021-2022 Chairperson. The election and first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021 at 6:00 pm. via Microsoft Teams. We will send more info via email this week.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Planning of After School Activities are underway. Angelo Di Bella (Karate on Thursdays) will begin Thursday, September 30th. La **Fédération du football Français** (previously named Paris St-Germain) will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (More info to come). Please return all registration forms to the office. We will keep you up to date with other after school activities that will begin in the upcoming months. Other extracurricular activities will begin shortly look out for memos.

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.



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REMIND APP

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

Please note that this app is a **one-way communication**. You can send us an email or place a 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 grade level. Your child's teachers will also have their own Remind App and they will send you the information so you can see what is happening in the classroom.

Remember, when posting on social media, we try to keep our written messages as short as possible. We also like to post pictures and/or videos, however, understand that we can't post everything from one event.

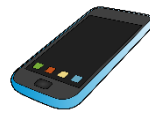
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Michelangelo International Elementary School is on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook! You can follow us by going to:

Twitter. www.twitter.com/michelangeloint

Facebook. michelangelo@msb.qc.ca

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



We suggest that all parents create an account and follow our school as well as @English MTL for the most up to date news. Please refrain from sending messages via Facebook Messenger and call the school instead. The feature has been left available in case of an exceptional circumstance. The messenger 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.



WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL

IB Programme

Quebec Educational program

Music Program

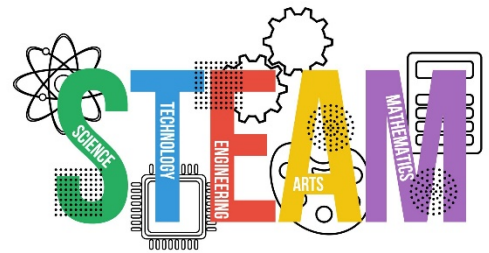
Physical Education Program & 60 min physical activity

Media (coding, robotics, scratch, Microsoft programs)

Art Program

STEAM School

Chess program



IB PROGRAMME

Welcome back Michelangelo International community. We hope that you will continue to embrace the programme by staying involved in your child's PYP journey by communicating actions/attributes your child has demonstrated at home.

This an exceptionally important year. In April, we will be receiving guests from the IB international organization who will be evaluating the implementation of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) in our school.

Have a great start to a new school year. Stay tuned for more IB news!

Ms. Ida and Mme Suzanne
IB PYP Coordinators



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WHAT IS STEAM IN SCHOOLS?

STEM **education** refers to the areas of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics. **STEAM education** incorporates the “**A**” for the **A**rts – 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

Once again, this year, we will be taking part in 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 will be 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 to ensure that all the students are happy.

Here are some of the ECA's we offer:

Intramurals

Knitting

Chess

Choir

Robotics

Newspaper club

Doodling club

Dungeons and dragons club

Karate

Piano

Guitar

Paris St-Germain Academy



VICE PRINCIPAL

As you are aware, Ms. Amanda Vallelunga our Vice-Principal from the 2020-2021 school year, will not be returning to Michelangelo International this year. She is on maternity leave and will be welcoming her new little bundle of joy in October. We all wish her well as she embarks on this wonderful, new chapter.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce, Ms. Jennifer Martins, our new Interim Vice Principal to the Michelangelo family. Ms. Martins comes to us from Hampstead School where she was a Cycle 2 teacher for twelve years. With over fifteen years of teaching experience, Ms. Martins has an extensive background in education and many years experience working with children of diverse learning abilities. We welcome Ms. Martins to Michelangelo International School. Should you have any questions you can contact her at jmartins@emsb.qc.ca

SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM DAYCARE



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 happy to be back, ready and eager to get started on all the exciting activities planned for the students attending daycare this year. We will be sending a separate and detailed memo to all parents using the daycare services regarding the daycare routines, activities and information regarding payments for daycare shortly.

Daycare students will receive a healthy snack afterschool every day as of September 13th, 2021; until then please provide an extra snack for your child.

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Please contact the daycare office regarding any daycare related questions or concerns or email (Nancy Salituri) at 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**.

ENTRY & DISMISSAL FOR DAYCARE

PreK & Kindergarten students starting daycare on Sept. 3, 2021 will use the entrance/exit will be at the PreK Door (located in the school yard beside the school parking lot). Older siblings from Gr 1-6 can also be dropped off and picked up at this location.

Since this door is located within the school yard; please be advised that parents cannot enter this area afterschool until dismissal is complete. Please wait until all the school busses have departed. Children MUST always be accompanied by an adult in the mornings and afterschool. Children need to be closely supervised by an adult.

Please note that only adults dropping off or picking up students from daycare from PreK & Kindergarten are permitted in this area.

Students from Grades 1-6 will continue to use the regular daycare entrance for drop off and pick up located on 5e Rue.

Important: Parents or anyone coming to pick up or drop students in daycare will not be permitted to enter the school at either daycare door.

LUNCH SUPERVISION PROGRAM

For students in Gr 1-6 who are NOT using the Daycare services.
You will receive a letter regarding lunch supervision fees shortly.
Please make sure to bring utensils and water bottles every day for lunch.



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

