



Virtual Learning 2020-2021



VIRTUAL
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EMSB Virtual Learning Newsletter – February 2021



The month of February brought along with it colder temperatures and enormous amounts of snow. Perfect for fort-building or snowshoeing.

Term weighting



The Minister of Education has finally pronounced himself on the weighting of each term for the 2020-2021 academic year. Term 1 is now weighted at 35%, which leaves **term 2 worth 65% of the final grade**. Given the lengthy duration of this term (5½ months), if your child is experiencing difficulties, we encourage you to communicate regularly with their teachers.

Report cards

A reminder that Term 1 report cards have been available on the Mozaik Parent Portal since February 4, 2021. For Virtual Learning students, the first term began on September 8 and ended on December 18, 2020. Term 2 began January 4 and will end on June 23, 2021.

Parent-Teacher Interviews



Our second Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on **March 11, 2021 from 3:00-6:00pm and 7:00-9:00pm**. Upon invitation from the teacher, parents will be given a link where they will be asked to book an appointment and select a time slot. A Google Meet link will ensue. The following day, March 12, will be a pedagogical day for our Virtual Learning students.

Assemblies – High School

The administration team held virtual assemblies for all our high school students on February 17 & 18. The purpose of these assemblies was to go over some of the expectations for our students with regards to online learning. These expectations are to help them become better, more successful learners.

To ensure we are all on the same page, please see below for the key points brought forward during the assembly.

We are asking parents to work collaboratively with the school team to ensure these expectations are met.

Students are expected to:

- **turn on their cameras** in class and keep them on for the entire period.
- **speak using their microphone** (rather than the chat function only) when a teacher addresses them
- **participate actively** in class by asking questions and answering questions
- **arrive to class on time** with all their materials for the period
- **hand-in all their completed assignments** on time
- **attend remediation** sessions and afternoon tutorials
- advise their teachers of any issues that may arise



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Course selection 21-22 – High School



For high school students, this is the time of year where they are usually asked to complete a course selection form for the 2021-2022 academic year. If your base school has not contacted you yet with regards to your course selections for next year, please ensure you get in touch with them.

Tutoring campaign

As most of you may already be aware, the Government of Quebec has allotted some money for the hiring of tutors to help support students experiencing serious academic difficulties. The campaign to hire tutors has recently been launched, and teachers have been asked to identify their students who are struggling the most academically.

The tutoring sessions will be offered outside of school hours, and possibly on weekends. Selected students will be contacted by the administration.

Free online tutoring

LEARN Quebec is a free online tutoring service providing homework, study or review support to elementary and high school students. <https://www.learnquebec.ca/home>

A similar resource is available in French on the Alloprof website. Videos and games are also available to help reinforce learning for students. <https://www.alloprof.qc.ca/>

Spring ECAs

Our Winter session of Extra Curricular Activities has come to an end. Our first virtual ECAs were a resounding success, which is why we are looking at offering a Spring session. Details to come.

CEGEP applications



A reminder to all secondary 5 students that the CEGEP application deadline is on Monday, March 1st.

March Break

This year, March break will take place the week of March 1-5, 2021. Classes will resume for all virtual students on Monday, March 8th.

Website



A reminder to bookmark our website <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/virtuallearning> for the most up to date monthly calendar, as well as other important information such as the phone number and email address for technical support.

Contact us



The easiest way to get in touch with us is by phone, or email. Please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours 514-483-7200 ext.7726. You may also choose to send us an email at virtualschool@emsb.qc.ca



Have a wonderful and restful March Break!

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