



Virtual Learning 2020-2021



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EMSB Virtual Learning Newsletter – January 2021

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday break, considering the heightened restrictions. We're guessing a lot of online gatherings took place! With the snow and milder weather, we hope many of you took the opportunity to spend some time outdoors. There's nothing quite like the fresh crisp air of a winter day.



Netiquette (online etiquette)

A reminder that **only students are permitted to take part in online classes**, unless otherwise requested by the teacher. This rule also applies to family members. Our goal is to recreate the environment of a physical classroom where students can feel safe expressing themselves knowing who is present and listening.



<https://sites.google.com/emsb.qc.ca/online-learning-for-parents/home>

Online safety

With our new Virtual Learning reality, our students are online more than they've ever been before. The Internet is a wonderful tool, if children are taught to use it safely. We invite you to click on the links below for access to free online resources. Prevention is key!

[EMSB Privacy Awareness](#)
[Cybertip website](#)
[Digital Citizenship tips for parents](#)

Exams

Following Minister Roberge's January 8th press conference, the announcement was made that all Ministry exams would be cancelled for the 2020-2021 academic year. This means that grade 6, secondary 4 and secondary 5 students will not have to write any Ministry exams at the end of the year.



Report cards

At that same press conference in January, Minister Roberge stated that the distribution of report cards could be pushed back to February 5th. Virtual Learning report cards will be made available by February 5th at the latest and will be accessible through the Mozaik online parent portal once again. A mass email will be sent to all Virtual families once the report cards are available. If your child has recently joined Virtual Learning, their report card will be processed by their base school but will still be accessible through Mozaik.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

With the numerous changes to our Term 1 report cards, we have opted not to change the date of our next parent-teacher interviews. On the afternoon and evening of Thursday, March 11th, parents will have the opportunity to speak with their child's teachers, upon invitation only. There will be no school for our Virtual students on Friday, March 12th. Details to follow.



Additional pedagogical days

In our December newsletter, we shared the dates of 2 out of the 3 additional ped days as mandated by the Minister. Along with the



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January 22 and February 12 days, we have selected May 7th as our third and final additional ped day. A reminder that an updated annual calendar has been posted on our website under the parent information tab, along with the monthly calendar, which can be found under the calendar tab.

Extra-Curricular activities



Our ECAs for both elementary and high school students are now in full swing. We have had a large number of registrations for most of our activities. As this is the first few weeks for elementary, we may still have a few glitches in the system. Thank you for your patience as we work them out. All parents should have been contacted by the respective coordinators for their children's activities. We hope your children are enjoying them!

CEGEP information night (part 2)

The second part of our CEGEP information night took place on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm.

Our first session, which was offered in November 2020, covered general information about CEGEPs. This follow-up session covered more specific information regarding CEGEP applications, such as the minimum requirements for each program. Documentation from that evening will be sent to all by email and will also be available on our website.

If your child is currently in secondary 3 or 4, we invite you to reach out to their base schools for more information about their course selections for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Mass emails



Most of you are probably still receiving emails from your base schools in addition to the ones sent by Virtual Learning. We understand that this can be overwhelming, whether you have one child, or multiple children. We ask that you please ensure you read all emails coming from "EMSB Virtual" as this is our only means of communication with our families. The mass emails we send contain important information regarding things such as report cards, upcoming events, ECAs and much more.

If you are not receiving our emails, please advise us so that we can verify that your email address is correctly entered in the system.

Website



A reminder to bookmark our website for the most up to date monthly calendar, Standards & Procedures, as well as other important information such as the phone number and email address for technical support. Don't forget our social media handles!

www.emsb.qc.ca/virtuallearning

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. You may also choose to send us an email.

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