



Virtual Learning 2020-2021



EMSB Virtual Learning Newsletter – March 2021

Spring has finally sprung! The sun is shining, the snow is melting, and the tulips are blooming.

End of Year Exams

Since our January newsletter, more information has come to us regarding end-of-year exams. As you are aware, all ministerial exams were canceled for the 2020-2021 academic year, but we had no word yet on Board exams. We can now confirm that all Board exams have also been canceled for this year. Teachers may still opt to give end-of-year exams in their own classrooms.

Last day of classes

As per usual, the last day of classes for all elementary students will be June 23rd, 2021.



Exceptionally this year, due to the cancellation of all ministerial and Board exams, the last day of classes for high school students will be **June 23rd, 2021**.

Term weighting

We would like to remind you that this year only has 2 terms, with **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.

Reporting student absences

To report your child's absence, please contact Ms. Urmi Husain at 514-483-7200 ext. 7724 or email Ms. Husain at uhusain@emsb.qc.ca

Transition to high school Parent workshop

Our grade 5 and 6 students will soon be ready to enter the world of High School. To help with this inevitable transition, we will be offering a parent workshop about **Ensuring a Smooth Transition to High School** on **Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm** for all grade 5 and 6 parents. A reminder that you must [register here](#) before March 26th. Only registered parents will receive the link to the event. Please note that this workshop will not focus specifically on the transition from Virtual to brick-and-mortar school.



In-class workshops will also be given to our grade 6 students at a later date.

CEGEP acceptance – conditional approval

A word of caution to parents of Secondary 5 students regarding their placement in the CEGEP program of their choice. As you know, many CEGEPs can only accommodate a fraction of the students that apply every year. If your child is admitted to CEGEP, please note that this acceptance is conditional. In the past, we have seen students have their acceptance revoked in July because their grades dropped below a standard acceptable to the CEGEP. We encourage all students, with the support of their parents, to continue the practices that have ensured their success to date.





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Access to Google Classroom & IT support

Our Virtual Learning setting has its own access to EMSB technical support. For all IT related questions, please call **514-483-7502** or email ithelp@emsb.qc.ca between **8:00am and 3:45pm** on **weekdays**.



A reminder that on our website, under the *Parent Information* tab, you will find many guides to help your child access and navigate the Google Classroom platform. <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/virtualllearning>

Spring ECAs

Given the success of our first round of extra-curricular activities, we've decided to offer them once again to both elementary and secondary students. They will help bring together like-minded students, boost physical movement, encourage socialization and more! Thanks to all parents who signed their children up. We will be starting the week of March 29th. Keep an eye on your inbox as providers will be sending out emails this week.

EMSB news - Virtual Learning

It's been 7 months since we all embarked on this Virtual Learning journey. In order to update our community on how things are going, an EMSB journalist interviewed a few of our students and their families. See what they had to say.

We invite you to read the article in the EMSB Express, and listen to the EMSB Podcast where one of our very own grade 5 students was interviewed.

EMSB EXPRESS

https://az184419.vo.msecnd.net/emsb/emsb-website/common/emsb-express/emsb_express_spring2021_web.pdf

EMSB PODCAST

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtlpodcasts/emsb-podcasts-covid-one-year-later>



A big thank you to all the families who were open to sharing their experience in Virtual Learning.

Enjoy the warmer weather!

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