



A message from the Director General



Starting to explore secondary school options can begin as early as Grade 5, but it doesn't have to be daunting. The earlier you know about all of your options, the better equipped you'll be to make the right choice when admission dates come around.

We have prepared this guide for parents starting their approach into the world of secondary education. Here you will find a snapshot of what each of our mainstream high schools has to offer: What are the programs they excel in?

What sets them apart? What are their extra-curricular activities that go such a long way in enriching the life of a high school student? The important dates, including open houses, admissions applications and placement exams, are listed for each school so you can mark these into your calendar.

As you'll see, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has a wide array of secondary school options for students all across the island of Montreal (see the map on p. 4). Whether you are choosing a school close to home or across town, or favor a certain academic, arts or sports program, this booklet will give you a snapshot of what we have to offer. Social media sources are also listed, and we encourage you to consult these, as well as the school's website, to get a more intimate sense of the school.

Each EMSB high school follows the Quebec Ministry of Education curriculum, but they have the freedom to enrich their offering through a variety of different special programs. For example, some schools offer a range of French instruction levels. Others offer a concentration in sports, arts or music. Some are designed for students who require a smaller school setting or special training for the workforce.

A variety of non-traditional study paths are also offered to students in our schools. These include specialized board-level initiatives such as physical literacy and numeracy literacy programs, and STEAM to provincial government programs, such as Sport-Études and the Work-Oriented Training Pathway programs. Let's not forget the internationally recognized ones such as the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program and the Advanced Placement Program. Indeed, families have a wealth of choice at the EMSB.

We hope you find this special booklet helpful.

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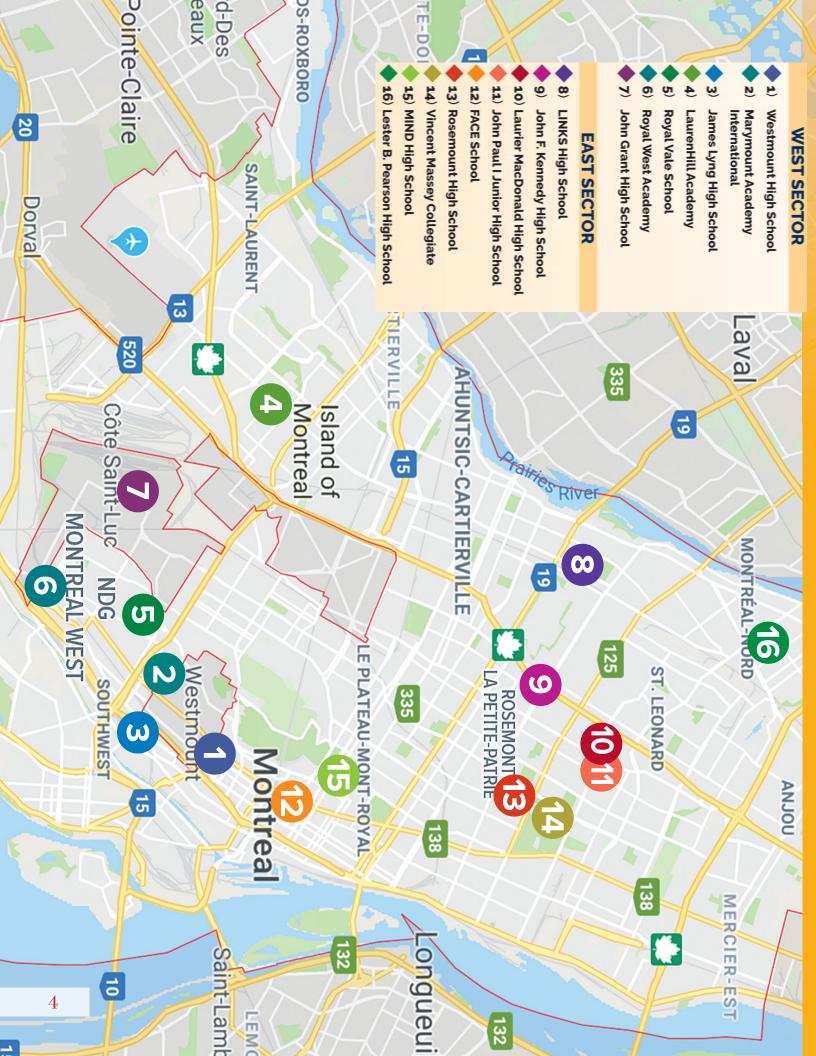




Welcome to our world of high school

The English Montreal School Board network of secondary schools, spread across the island of Montreal, offers a variety of excellent programs for students in Secondary 1 to V (grades 7 to 11). In addition to programs that encourage academic inquiry, we offer a variety of sports and extra-curricular activities. We also provide first-rate counselling and other personal, health and educational support to our student population to enrich the life of adolescents as they engage in this next stage of learning. Our secondary level French programs continue to extend and exceed the Quebec Ministry of Education standards. Full cafeteria services are offered in most schools.

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James Lyng High School



Located in St. Henri, James Lyng High School is the only Urban Arts school in Montreal. Its curriculum focuses on student self-expression and creativity in learning, drawing upon student interests in the forms of popular culture. The school attracts non-traditional learners by providing cross-curricular collaborations based in the arts, placing an emphasis on learning by doing. Student clubs include the street art club, hip-hop dance (with dancer Lea McFly), deejaying (offered by MTLB- boying), youth fusion music and singing program and Leave Out Violence (LOVE).



5440 Notre-Dame W. St., Montreal, QC H4C 1T9 514.846.8814

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 191, 36, 37.

Metro: Place St. Henri, Vendôme

Important dates

Open House: November 7, 2019

(3 pm to 10 pm)

Focus programs

- Urban Arts program
- Professional audio-visual recording studio for music and video production
- Student-run art gallery
- Art therapy
- Screen press for school uniform design
- Custom bike shop
- Professional development learning, including the creation of urban arts-based units in science, math, French, English and social studies
- Work-Oriented Training Pathway (a one-year work-study program)
- STEAM MakerSpace
- Music program has grown to include instrument instruction, vocal instruction and writing, and performance program of rap writing, beat making and sound production.
- Leadership program, including camp
- Homework program

- Writing Our Rhymes Down (WORD) hip-hop literacy
- Yearly school-wide theatre and other artistic productions in the performance spaces, including a multipurpose stage space in the cafeteria.
- Multi-cultural cooking clubs using a full kitchen
- Woodworking club using a full woodshop
- Robotics club
- Music club
- Dance club
- Self esteem club
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John Grant High School



John Grant High School is an alternative high school for students who have special needs. Students benefit from a modified academic program. The learning environment is tailored to the individual needs of every student, focusing on independence, work skills and literacy. Typical students coming to John Grant experience significant academic and/or developmental delays and come to John Grant through professional referrals. Located in Côte St-Luc, students participate in programs that link them to the community through partnerships with businesses and other local institutions.



5785 Parkhaven Ave. Côte St-Luc, QC H4W 1X8 514.484.4161

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 104, 138, 161, 162 Metro: Plamondon (then bus 161)

Important dates

Open House: April 17, 2020

(By appointment during the school day.)

Focus programs

- Modified Academic Program (MAP)
- Challenges Program (DÉFIS)
- Competency-Based Approach to Social Participation (CASP) Program
- Autonomy Preparation Program (APP)
- Work-Oriented Training Pathway (WOTP)

- Student-run cafeteria
- Music

- Woodshop
- Mock apartment
- Hair salon



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Lauren Hill Academy



The only English Montreal School Board school in Ville St. Laurent, LaurenHill Academy has both a junior campus (Grades 7 and 8) and a senior campus (Grades 9, 10 and 11). These campuses are in close proximity. LaurenHill is committed to providing an environment in which students are motivated to achieve academic excellence in preparation for the challenges and expectations of an evolving society.



Junior Campus: 514.331.8019

2355 Decelles St., Ville St. Laurent, QC H4R 1P3

Senior Campus: 514.331.8781

2505 Côte-Vertu Blvd. Ville St. Laurent, QC H4R 1P3

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 16, 72, 121 128 371

Metro: Côte Vertu

Important dates

Open House: September 26, 2019

(6:45 pm to 9 pm)

Placement Exam: May 2, 2020 at 8:30 am

Focus programs

- French programs: Français langue seconde (programme de base), Français enrichi and Français, langue d'enseignement
- Arts Program
- Dance Program
- Drama Program
- Music Program
- STEAM
- Cycle One Allongé (as recommended by elementary school)

- Junior Campus Student Council
- LHA Radio the Voice
- Campus Store
- Robotics Club



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Marymount Academy International



Marymount Academy International, located in the NDG-Côte des Neiges district, is a school made up of youth from a variety of socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. As an International Baccalaureate (Middle Years Program) school, it strives to make its students critical thinkers, global citizens and life- long learners. Students can chose from a vast array of clubs in the arts, sports teams and leadership groups to satisfy the requirements of the compulsory extra-curricular program. STEP Marymount is a unique program designed to provide enrichment and resource support to its student community.



5100 Côte St. Luc Rd., Montreal, QC H3G 2W9 514.488.8144

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 103, 162, 24 and 66

Metro: Villa Maria

Important dates

Open House: September 25, 2019

(3 to 5 pm and 6 to 8 pm)

IB placement exam: October 19, 2019

at 10 am

Focus programs

- Cycle One Allongé
- STEP Resource Centre
- Enriched Math, Science & Technology
- French programs: Français langue seconde (programme de base and Immersion -programme locale), Français langue seconde – Intégration (international)
- Visual Arts and Multimedia

- Art exposition
- Chess club
- Cultural show
- School events coordination
- IB council
- Student council
- Cooking club
- Junior and senior public speaking

- Yearbook
- Bike club
- Science fair
- Senior concert band
- Steel pan band
- Intramural floor hockey
- Music concerts
- Many sports teams



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Royal Vale School



Royal Vale School, located in NDG, is an Immersion Kindergarten to Grade 11 school, with a math and science focus. It stands apart with a program that includes French Immersion, Math/Science curriculum, critical thinking skill development, acceptance, democratic values, extra-curricular activities and promoting leadership roles. The school's philosophy stresses the cooperation and recognition for excellence, lateral enrichment, learning through discovery, manipulation and experimentation, and application of knowledge.



5851 Somerled Ave., Montreal, QC H3X 2A5 514.481.2463

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 51, 66, 102 Metro: Villa Maria

Important dates

Open House: September 12, 2019 (9 am to 11 am and 7 pm to 9 pm)

Entrance exams for Sec. 1 applicants: September 28, 2019 (9 am to 12 pm)

Registration opens for new applicants

for Sec. 2 to 5: January 6, 2020.

Documents available as of June 2019.

Focus programs

- Enriched Math, Science & Technology
- French Immersion
- Pre Advanced Placement and Accelerated Math Program
- Music concentration
- Sports concentration
- Dance concentration
- Drama concentration
- Optional grade level trips

- Annual math competition
- Student Leadership Program
- Student Life Group
- Science fairs
- Advanced Robotics
- Numerous sports teams including basketball, crosscountry running, golf and more
- Bike Club
- Cooking Club
- the Soul
- Crafting for
- Dance
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- Drama Club
- Fencina Club
- Games Club
- Gardening Club
- Glee Club
- Library Volunteers
- Peer Tutoring Program
- Photography
- Band
- Yearbook Committee

Royal West Academy



Situated in Montreal West, Royal West Academy (RWA) is an alternative high school for students committed to academic achievement. It has limited enrolment with admissions granted in Grade 7 by application and qualifying examination results. It fosters bilingualism, computer literacy, an appreciation of the arts, an understanding of social issues and a sense of community responsibilities. RWA also has a strong French program, offering both immersion and French mother tongue courses. A mandatory extra-curricular activity program offers options in the arts, sports and leadership development.



189 Easton Ave., Montreal West, QC H4X 1L4 514.489.8454

Main public transportation options

Commuter train: Montreal West station Bus lines: 51, 90, 105, 162, 123

Important dates

Open House: September 24, 2019

from 5 pm to 8 pm

Deadline for applications (2020-2021):

October 3, 2019 at 11 pm

Qualifying tests:

October 5, 2019 (A-L), 8:30 am to 12 pm October 6, 2019 (M-Z), 8:30 am to 12 pm

Focus programs

- Français, langue d'enseignement
- Français, langue maternelle
- Accelerated Math Program including Pre-calculus and Calculus
- Music program at all levels.
- Visual Arts and Drama programs
- Educational Technology and programming
- Large number of electives in Technology, Science, the Arts and Psychology
- Leadership and Leisure courses

- Honour Band
- Jazz Band
- Marching Band
- Environment Committee
- Social Justice
- Athletic teams
- Shakespeare group
- Musical

- Dance show
- Variety show
- Sound/Light Club
- Student Leadership Association
- Prefect Board
- Junior and Senior Robotics



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Westmount High School



Established in 1873, Westmount High School is the first public school in Quebec to offer courses from the College Board's Advanced Placement® Program. This internationally recognized curriculum allows students to obtain university-level credit while simultaneously attaining their Quebec high school diploma. We encourage each of our students to develop their qualities and capabilities to the highest standard of excellence. We are dedicated to the enrichment of our students by promoting critical thinking through transformational learning experiences in a safe, meaningful and engaging environment.



4350 St. Catherine St. W., Westmount, QC H3Z 1R1 514.933.2701

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 90 and 63

Metro: Atwater and Vendôme

Important dates

Open House: September 26, 2019

(6:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

Placement Exams for new Grade 7 students:

June 6, 2020 at 8:45 am

Focus programs

- French Immersion and Core English Programs
- College Board Advanced Placement® courses including: English Literature & Composition, Psychology, Comparative Government and Politics, and pre-AP Art and Design
- Advanced Math and Science Stream, incl. AP Calculus and AP Environmental Science
- Elective courses including: Philosophy, consumer science, woodworking and E.C.H.O
- Dynamic Arts Program in all levels: Visual arts, music, drama and media arts
- Cycle 1 Robotics

- Prefect Board
- Student Council
- Student Leadership
- Robotics
- Yearbook Committee
- WHS Europe Trip
- Athletic teams incl.: Basketball, hockey, indoor and
- outdoor soccer, flag football, volleyball, curling, track & field
- Arts clubs incl.:
 Jazz band, dance
 club, drama pro ductions, improv.
 club, variety shows,
 photography

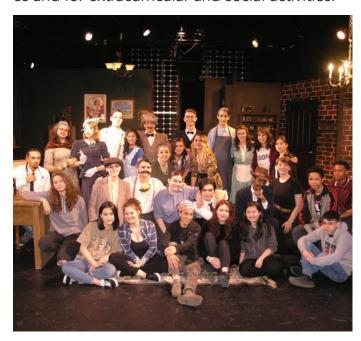


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FACE School



FACE is known for its Fine Arts Program with the goal to assist students in their development and help them thrive. The arts are an excellent learning ground for developing personal discipline, determination and a sense of achievement and self-confidence. Students are from both the English Montreal School Board and the Commission Scolaire de Montréal and follow classes in their mother tongues, however they are grouped together for instrumental music and vocal classes and for extracurricular and social activities.



3449 University St., Montreal, QC H3A 2A8 514.350.8899

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 24, 61, 125, 168 and 356 Metro: Peel and Place des Arts

Important dates

Curriculum night: September 19, 2019

(5 pm to 7 pm)

Open House: October 1, 2019 (9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3 pm)

Focus programs

- Fine Arts Program with the following disciplines: Visual arts, theatre/drama, vocal music, instrumental music and dance.
- French: French Second Language and Enriched (new in grade 7)
- Enriched Math and Science

- Jazz Band
- Symphony Orchestra
- Ensemble Con Brio
- Green Club
- Science Fair
- Sports (basketball, soccer, futsal, etc.)
- Midi-Jazz

- Midi-Pop
- Boys' Choir
- Theatre
- Field trips to museums and theatres
- Dance classes
- FACE young singers

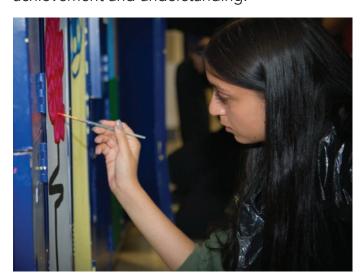


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John F. Kennedy High School



In a respectful, inclusive and nurturing environment, our goal is to empower students to meet the challenges of tomorrow. John F. Kennedy offers enrichment in English, French, science and math. Media Arts and Technology is offered from Sec. 1 to Sec. 5. The Aim High Program is designed to achieve success for students transitioning from elementary school, and who may have experienced challenges. These students are generally between 12 and 15 years old and are placed together in small groups. The strength of the program is enhanced by teaching the curriculum to their current levels of achievement and understanding.



3030 Villeray St. East, Montreal, QC H2A 1E7 514.374.1449

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 41, 67, 99, 357 and 476

Metro: St. Michel

Important dates

Open House: November 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Focus programs

- Aim High
- Work-Oriented Training Pathway (WOTP)
- French Enrichment
- Scientific Math and Advanced Science
- Computer Technology Integration
- Intensive Media Courses, Sec. 1 to 5
- Athletic Leadership
- Media Arts Path
- Science Path

- Cheerleading
- Student Council
- Robotics Club
- Music Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Cooking Club
- Public Speaking/ Story Telling Competitions

- Yearbook/ Film Club
- School Dances
- Variety Show/ Fashion Show
- Hockey Program
- Trips and Outings at all levels
- Rock School



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John Paul I Junior High School



Situated in St. Léonard, John Paul I Junior High School is a Cycle One Secondary School consisting of grade 7 and 8 students. John Paul I believes that all members of its inclusive community have the right to work and learn in a safe and civil environment. Their vision is that through learning and experience, students are guided towards positive self-esteem, self-worth and ownership, and this tenet guides not only the students within the community, but its teachers, administrators, support staff and parents as well.



Door 20 7355 Viau Blvd, St. Léonard, QC H1S 3C2 514.328.7171

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 136,141,188

Important dates

Open house: October 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm **Placement Exam:** November 9, 2019 at 8 am

Focus programs

- International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Program
- Français, langue d'enseignement
- Enriched Programs
- Core Program
- Resource Program
- STEAM
- Advance math

- School activities and trips
- Sports
- Clubs and committees
- Leadership
- Newspaper
- Robotics

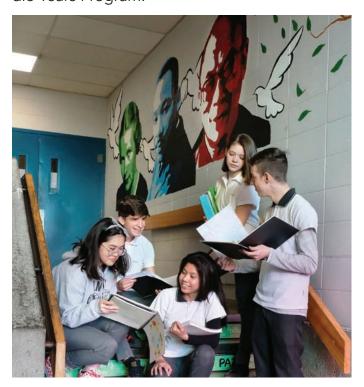


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Laurier Macdonald High School



Laurier Macdonald High School is a Grade 9 to 11 high school, with many of its students coming from John Paul I Junior High. The school strives to promote personal and academic accomplishment developed through creative thought. Success is promoted through the teaching and exploration of multiple literacies, its visual arts and multimedia programs, its Community Learning Centre and its International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Program.



7355 Viau Blvd, St. Léonard, QC H1S 3C2 514.374.6000

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 136, 141, 188

Important dates

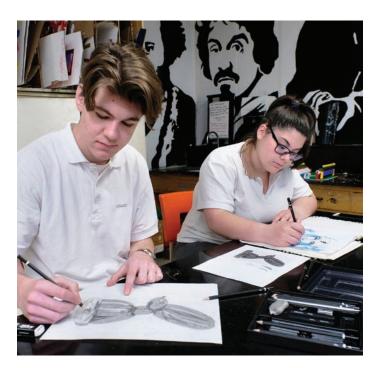
There are no open houses since the majority of students come from John Paul I.

Focus programs

- International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Program
- Visual Arts and Multimedia Program
- Enriched Math
- Français, langue d'enseignement

- School sports teams
- Intramural sports
- Board Games Club
- Comic Book Club
- Art Club
- Photography and Year Book Club

- Student Leadership
- Community service activities
- Cultural school trips



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Lester B. Pearson High School



Lester B. Pearson High School stresses the development of the whole person. This includes the moral, intellectual, physical, emotional, aesthetic, social and cultural development. We aim to produce a bilingual, socially-conscious graduate aware of civic duties and responsibilities. Through regular academic programs, special education or enriched programs, each student is educated, socialized and challenged to fulfill his/her potential. The school's ultimate goal is to prepare each student to make a significant contribution to society through his/her chosen path.



11575 P.M Favier St., Montreal North, QC H1G 6E5 514.328.4442

Main public transportation options

Lester B. Pearson has an agreement with the STM to provide special busses for their students.
Bus lines: 32 Lacordaire; 33 Langelier; 48 Perras; 49 Maurice-Duplessis; 469 Express Henri-Bourassa Train: St. Léonard – Montréal-Nord Station

Important dates

Open House:

October 3, 2019 (6:30 pm to 9 pm)

Placement Exam (Sec I for 2020-2021):

October 19, 2019 at 8:15 am

Focus programs

- Sport-études and Honours Sport-études
- Honours math and science
- AP courses (Psychology and Macro Economics)
- Third language option (Spanish/Italian)
- Français, langue maternelle
- Allongé Program (new)

- Student Council
- Gender-Sexuality Alliance
- Random Acts of Kindness Squad (RAK Squad)
- Leadership activities
- Annual math

- competition
- GMAA sports
- International trips
- Variety show
- School dances
- Chess
- Yearbook
- Urban gardening and beehive



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LINKS High School



LINKS High School is an alternative high school for students who have special needs. Its mission is to ensure the maximum growth and development of each student academically, morally, socially and culturally in order to achieve personal independence in society. Having specialized programs leading to certificates in DÉFIS and WOTP, LINKS helps students focus on functional academics, life skills and preparation for the job market.



9905 Papineau St., Montreal North, QC H2B 1Z9 514.723.2845

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 41, 45, 121, 359, 378

Important dates

Open House: April 23, 2020

(by appointment during the school day).

Focus programs

- Modified Academic Program (MAP)
- Challenges Program (DÉFIS)
- Competency-Based Approach to Social Participation (CASP) Program
- Autonomy Preparation Program (APP)
- Work-Oriented Training Pathway (WOTP)

- Student-run cafeteria
- House system
- Music

- Woodshop
- Mock Apartment
- Hair Salon



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MIND High School



MIND high school, which stands for "Moving in New Directions," is an inclusive school that welcomes students of all sexual orientations, backgrounds and traditions. Students entering grades 9, 10 and 11 are eligible to apply for acceptance. It is a diverse and accepting school, which nurtures abilities and fosters development, self-confidence, courage and convictions. MIND was founded on a student-centered approach. Through class discussions and debates, students are encouraged to defend a position regarding various subjects in ethics and world history, among others. It is a school that focuses on critical thinking, analysis, research, and making a case through essay-writing, presentations, research papers and a science fair.



4563 St. Urbain St. (4th floor) Montreal, QC H2T 2V9 514.842.0792

Main public transportation options

Bus line: 55

Metro: Mont-Royal

Important dates

Open House: March 20, 2020

(7 pm to 9 pm)

Focus programs

- Third-language option (German, Russian)
- Communications & Media
- Asian studies
- Philosophy
- Music, performing arts, visual arts programming
- Strong science program
- Diversity in teaching program, including pop culture and counter-cultures, various movements in history such as German expressionism, romanticism, surrealism, Sufi poetry.





Rosemount High School



Rosemount High School is located in the Rosemont-La Petite Patrie borough. In addition to the regular academic curriculum, it offers an enriched French program as well as a specialized music concentration program. The school also stands out for its junior school model within the school, teaching through a Universal Design for Learning approach, the student business program in Secondary 3 and 4, as well as its athletics programs. Students learn in an environment conducive for becoming responsible, productive and bilingual members of society.



3737 Beaubien St. E., Montreal, QC H1X 1H2 514.376.4720

Main public transportation options

Bus lines: 18, 439, 139

Important dates

Open House: October 3, 2019

(7 pm to 9 pm)

Focus programs

- Specialized music program
- Student business program
- Enriched French program
- RHS Athletic program

- Video game programming club
- Chess club
- Open gyms
- Drumline
- Stage band
- Symphonic winds
- Open art studio



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Vincent Massey Collegiate



Vincent Massey Collegiate, located in the Rosemount borough in proximity to the Botanical Gardens, has the primary mission of developing well-rounded students committed to academic achievement and a sense of community responsibility. An entrance examination is required for admission. An enriched and structured CEGEP preparatory program is the basis of its program, which is designed to respond to the needs of the above-average student and further develop each student's capacity to achieve at the highest level.



5925 27th Ave., Montreal, QC H1T 3J5 514.374.1999

Main public transportation options

Metro: Pie IX

Bus lines: RDP bus line 44 (Galeries D'Anjou) or 449 (Radisson Metro); Express bus departing Vincent Massey Collegiate to RDP at 3 pm; Laval bus line 197 Pie IX

Important dates

Open House: September 12, 2019 (4 pm to 9 pm)

Entrance exam for Sec. 1 applicants (2020-2021): September 14, 2019 (8:30 am to 12 pm)

Online registration (www.vmc.qc.ca):

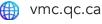
from August 23, 2019 to September 12, 2019 for Sec. 1 applicants. As of January 6, 2020 for new applicants from Sec. 2 to 4.

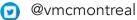
Information session for applicants: August 29, 2019 (7 pm to 8 pm)

Focus programs

- Enriched academic programs
- Français, langue d'enseignement
- Français, langue maternelle
- Accelerated Math Program including Precalculus and Calculus I & II
- Enrichment in all subject areas
- Community service program















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