



Gerald McShane School *hello*

January 2025 Newsletter

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Dear GMS Community:

On behalf of the Gerald McShane School faculty and staff, I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We hope everyone is well-rested and has enjoyed valuable and meaningful time with family and close friends. The month of January is the time when we already begin preparing for the next school year, with registrations weeks for siblings and new students at the end of the month and start of February. Before we know it, it will already be March Break. For now, let's focus our work on completing Term 2, which ends on February 28. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **January 7**.

Mr. Vince Timpano
School Principal

Reminder: Monday, January 6 & Wednesday, January 29 are PED Days

There are no classes, but daycare is open to students who registered before the Holiday Break. **Wednesday, January 22**, will be a **Monday schedule**.

Reminder: TRIPS

Trips: Camp Jouvence for the grades 5 and 6 students will be January 15-16-17

After School

After school activities will be starting later in January. More details to come.

Visitor Policy Reminder

All visitors to the school, including parent visitors, who have school business to conduct, such as a meeting with teachers or volunteering, must check in at the main office and obtain a visitor's pass. The visitor pass must always be visible. At no point should parents enter or circulate the building without authorization. Visitors must exit the school from the main entrance after returning the visitor's pass to the main office.

Drop-offs

Dropping off children BEFORE 7:55:

Drop-off is between 7:45-7:55. Students must be dropped off in their respective school yard, however, parents are not permitted to enter the schoolyard: Junior Yard for Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3; Senior Yard for Grades 4-5-6; and Pre-School Yard for Pre-Kindergarten

Dropping off children AFTER 7:55:

School begins at 7:55. It is important that students arrive on time to start their day off on the right foot with the rest of their classmates. If a student arrives late, they must enter from the main entrance, however, parents are not permitted to enter the building. **When you are buzzed in, your child enters and will be greeted at the office, but parents must remain outside the main doors.**

Late Arrival to School

Many students are arriving late to school. Please be reminded that classes start at 7:55 AM. Punctuality is important to ensure that students start their day off on the right foot with the rest of their classmates. Late arrivals are disruptive to classroom routines. Students can be dropped off between 7:45 and 7:55 when there is supervision in the schoolyards.

Hot Lunch Program

GMS uses the EMSB's hot lunch program, Le Mini Bistro. Parents wishing to purchase lunch for their child(ren) through Le Mini Bistro can do so online with a credit card at <https://leminibistro.emsb.qc.ca/>. You will be able to create an account if you do not already have one.

Lunch Fees

Please be reminded that lunch fees are billed to parents on a **monthly basis**. Only students who use daycare services 3-5 days per week (regular users) have their lunch fees already included in their daycare fees.

Ice Skating Sessions

In cooperation with the PPO, our school has reserved 4 Wednesday mornings in the new year (**January 22, February 5, for the K5A & K4B**) + (**February 12, 26 for the K5B & K4A**). They are receiving introductory ice-skating sessions. Parents at these grade levels have (or will) received a survey to provide sizing information for their child if they wish to participate. The sessions will take place at the arena next door to the school. More details to come.

LEARN Tutoring

LEARN Tutoring provides online tutoring and homework help appointments, **at no charge**. Our online tutors are fully qualified Quebec teachers, experienced in tutoring, review and consolidation. They work directly with elementary (gr. 2 and up) and secondary students, and their families. Visit <https://students.learnquebec.ca/learn-tutoring/> for more information and registration.

Communication with School/Teachers

Please note that all students have received a school agenda. You are encouraged to use the agenda as a communication tool between home and school. You are also encouraged to stay in regular contact throughout the year with your child(ren)'s teachers to ensure they are progressing academically. Teachers may be contacted through the agenda, by phone (message relayed to teachers) or by email.

Some January 2025 Dates to Remember

January 1-5	Winter Break
January 6	PED Day (no classes, daycare open)
January 7	Students return from winter break
January 7	Welcome Back & Star Students of the Month Assembly
January 9	Free Dental Check Gr. 2
January 9-10	Select GMS Students Perform at Rosemount High School
January 13	PPO Meeting
January 15-17	Jouvence Cycle 3
January 21	Governing Board Meeting
January 27	Free Dental Cleaning Gr. 2
January 27-31	Sibling Registration Week
January 28	SPVM Visit
January 29	PED Day (no classes, daycare open)

Follow Us on Social Media



Remember that anyone can follow us on Instagram and Facebook. Our school posts often with photos from different classes and reminders of upcoming events and activities.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

**GERALD MCSHANE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Join our family!

About Our School

- French Immersion Program
- K4 (Kindergarten 4-year-old): Bilingual
- K5 (Kindergarten 5-year-old): 100% French
- Grade 1-2: 90% French, 10% English
- Grade 3-4: 50% French, 50% English
- Daily breakfast program
- Extra-curricular activities
- Participation in GMAA elementary sports
- BASE Daycare program before and after school
- Lunchtime PELO language program (Italian)
- And Much More...

Call us to schedule a tour!
Registration week: February 3-7, 2025

Dedicated Music and Visual Arts Programs

The only EMSB elementary school with a Sports Concentration Program!

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If you missed our open house earlier in the year, please contact Ms. Jennifer by email for a personal tour: jmaalouf@emsb.qc.ca

Come see what our school has to offer your child and become a part of our GMS family.