



St Monica Elementary (514) 369 0070

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A School Year to Remember 2023-2024

As we experience our last weeks of this school year, it is with pride that we acknowledge all that has been accomplished by our students, school team and our entire St Monica community.



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| Launch of Kindness Campaign | Garden projects and Science exploration |
| Student engagement—inspired to learn & share | Day trips to remember |
| Governing Board support and collaboration | Student success—school-wide themes |
| Parent support—PPO fundraising & school events | Building emotional literacy—school-wide |
| Daycare projects | Student leadership opportunities |
| Community engagement—guest assemblies, senior citizen/student interactions, library visits etc. | Inter-grade collaborations—student reading |
| Breakfast program and holiday event | Robotics and workshop enrichment |
| Sports tournaments & basketball teams | Musical experiences and concert |



School Messenger will be the application the EMSB and all schools will use for mass communications.

Messages will be coming from broadcasts@schoolmessenger.com



Graduating Students of 2024

**"Every child deserves
A CHAMPION**
an adult who will **never** give up on them
who understands the power of connection
and **INSISTS** that they
become the best
they can possibly be."
-Rita Pierson

Student Support at its Best

- Directed — students have a goal and know how to achieve it—mentoring
- Focused — students stay on track, and have a champion to guide them
- Nurtured — students feel somebody wants them to succeed—help for all
- Engaged — students actively participate in class and school-wide themes
- Connected — students feel like they are part of the school community
- Valued — students' skills, talents, abilities and experiences are recognized and celebrated

A team of professionals who care about our student's well-being and academic achievements—we strive to be the best we can be so our example influences our students to aim high.

Upcoming Events

- June 5:** Ped Day (daycare open)
 - June 8:** Grade 6 Grad Fundraiser Car Wash
 - June 11/12/13:** Grade 6 Math Exam
 - June 18:** Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
- Congratulations**
- June 21:** Last Day of School

Looking Ahead - 2024-2025

- School Year** August 23, 2024, to June 27, 2025
- First Day of Classes** August 29, 2024
- Last Day of Classes** June 20, 2025
- September 19, 2024** curriculum night - meet the teacher and GB elections
- December Break** Dec 23, 2024 to Jan 3, 2025
- Spring Break** March 3, 2025 to March 7, 2025



Get an exclusive look at all the great things happening at St. Monica Elementary School.



Congratulations

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Learning During Summer Vacation

It is important to take a break from traditional school learning and enjoy the well deserved summer break. It is also important to keep students and their minds active.

Have a family meeting and discuss with your child how they would like to spend the summer and what activities they would like to do. Have them create a list of goals and pleasurable expectations.

This helps them develop their critical thinking skills, journalling and involvement in their well-being—sharing control and decision making is key for them with your support.

Set your expectations when it comes to time spent indoors in front of electronics or providing a variety of choices that involve outdoor time and engagement with others. Sleep times, routines, household chores and any other particulars should also be given consideration.



Celebrate their choices and their accomplishments—leadership abilities, self-confidence, personal growth is still a big part of daily life for a growing child when on holiday from school.

Options for academic stimulation can be based on your child's favorite subject, reading a book of their choice, creating a comic book, art project, cooking session with an

adult's guidance, storytelling exercise, family circle time (collaborative reading) and a favorite family movie viewing in both languages, French and English, to name a few.

Casual learning helps students come back re-energized and ready to engage in classroom learning in the Fall.

St. Monica Elementary School Open House

October 24, 2024 Open House during school day (9:30 to 12:00 and 1:30 to 3:00)

January 30, 2025 Open House with teachers (4 pm to 8 pm)

Click on link below for Virtual Tour

<https://stmonica.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/schools/open-house/elementary-schools/StMonica>



EMSB Libraries & Research Educational Links

Our EMSB website provides many resources to help with research and general support—link below to explore the possibilities.

<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/community/links>

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

On June 21st, parents of children who are eligible for transportation and require transportation services for the upcoming school year, will receive an email. In this communication, parents will be receiving a personalized web link for EACH of their children. The deadline to complete the request(s) is June 21, 2024. If parents submit their requests after the deadline, the student will not be receiving a bus pass by mail in August. Parents of students who are eligible for transportation and wish to request transportation services after June 21st will need to contact the school secretary at the beginning of the school year.

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION TRANSPORTATION FOR 2024-2025

On June 21st, parents of children who received an accommodation bus pass this year will be receiving an email to request for a "NEW ACCOMODATION BUS PASS" for the upcoming school year. In this communication, parents will be receiving a personalize web link for EACH of their children. The deadline to complete the request(s) is June 21, 2024. Requests that will be received after the deadline will only be processed in October 2024, therefore accommodation bus passes will not be granted during the month of September 2024.

Please note that once either request has been submitted, parents can no longer make any modifications. If a parent wishes to modify their response, they must contact the school secretary. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

School Hours

8:55 - 9:05	Morning Supervision
9:05	Entrance (Bell Rings)
9:05 - 9:10	Homeroom
10:10 - 10:30	Morning Recess Pre-K
10:40 - 11:00	Morning Recess Gr. K - 6
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch Pre-K
12:12 - 1:30	Lunch Kindergarten
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch Gr 1 - 6
2:00 - 2:20	Afternoon Recess Pre-K
2:30 - 2:50	Afternoon Recess Gr. K - 6
3:50	Dismissal All Grades
3:50 - 4:00	Supervision (Yards & Bus)



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Early August Considerations—How To Start The School Year Off Right

REINTRODUCE BEDTIMES AND WAKE-UP TIMES

Poor sleeping habits can have an impact on student performance, so the sooner you get your child on a regular sleep schedule, the better—will help avoid morning—and evening—rushes.

MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE READING AND WRITING A LITTLE EVERY DAY

Reading and writing helps get children's minds working and helps keep their brains sharp. Getting back into the habit of reading and writing a bit each day will help maintain school skills and start the school year strong.

LIMIT SCREEN TIME DURING AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS

During the school year, after-school hours should be reserved for homework and extra-curricular activities. Start getting into this routine in the weeks leading up to school. The sooner kids turn off the TV and turn on their minds during this timeframe, the less of a hassle homework will be during the school year.

PLAY BOARD GAMES TO CHALLENGE THE MIND

Use TV-free time to play board games with kids during what will become the homework hour. This will help kids get into the habit of engaging their mind during this time and have a routine in place.

GET AN ALARM CLOCK

An alarm clock can help develop time management and organization skills they'll need during the school year and help kids take ownership of their activities and avoid rushed mornings.

BUY A FAMILY WALL CALENDAR TO HANG IN A VISIBLE LOCATION

A wall calendar makes a great organization tool. Have kids write down their commitments like soccer, dance class, birthday parties, etc. When school starts, use the calendar to note the due dates and vacation days.

START HAVING KIDS SELECT THEIR CLOTHES THE NIGHT BEFORE

Picking out clothes is a great way for children to develop organizational habits. Having everything picked out and ready the day before also helps cut down on school-day morning rushes and last-minute scrambles.

BEGIN TALKING ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Start counting down the days together. Preparation can help make the transition back to class much less stressful and difficult for students. Talking about the upcoming school year can help kids manage expectations, set goals, and prepare.

Download the Back-to-School Checklist

Click on the image to download your free copy of a Back to School Checklist. Hang it on your fridge so you and your child can easily keep track of your activities in the weeks leading up to school.

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BTS-Checklist-2016.pdf>

Content from Oxford Learning: <https://www.oxfordlearning.com/start-school-year-right-back-to-school-checklist/>

B.A.S.E. Daycare Program



St Monica provides daycare services from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on all school days and most Pedagogical Days. Our daycare is closed on holidays, weekends and during the Holiday and March breaks.

See our website for details <https://stmonica.emsb.qc.ca/stmonica/daycare>

You can contact **Ms. Michelle Graham, Daycare Technician (Interim)** at **(514) 369-0087** for all inquiries.



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Important Information

Gentle Reminder for Morning Drop-off your child must be dropped off in the school yard by 8:55 a.m. Teacher supervision begins at 8:55 a.m. If the school yard gates are closed, please escort your child to the front office. To ensure everyone's safety and a systematic entry, the teachers are not able to open the gate for late arrivals. Thank you for your understanding.

In case of rain, parents are asked to bring their child to the main entrance of the school at 8:55 a.m. (at first bell). They will then proceed to the school gym where teachers will greet them.

Children Pick-Up upon dismissal of classes at 3:50 p.m. all students who walk home will exit by the junior yard door. Children attending daycare will be brought to their after school classroom. The only children leaving from the front door are the children that take the bus home.

If there is a change to your child's after school dismissal we ask that you contact the main office by **3:00 p.m.** to notify changes to your child's routine.

Please note that all visitors must report to the Front Office.

Student Absences/Changes to Routine parents are encouraged to use Mozaik to report late arrivals and absences, or a call can be placed to the school at 514 369 0070 before 9:00 a.m. and state the child's name, room number and reason for their child's absence. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine (the answering machine is on overnight). Please ensure that the school is notified before **3:00 p.m.** if there is a change in routine for dismissal at the end of the day.

Dress Code a gentle reminder that all students must be in clean uniform daily. Navy blue tunic, skirt, pants (no jeans, no leggings), or walking shorts (knee-length or longer), white tops, shirt with collar, turtleneck, sweatshirt (no t-shirts, no lettering or logos) and sweaters are navy blue.

All articles of clothing must be labelled by the parent so that the item can be identified and returned to the rightful owner.

Lost and Found please check the "lost and found" areas at the Daycare entrance on a regular basis. Any unclaimed clothing will be placed on tables as a reminder to pick up when we have school events. All items not picked up at these events will be donated to charity in December and in the Spring.

Physical Education Uniform navy blue shorts and a grey t-shirt can be purchased from school office. The uniform is not mandatory for Pre-K and Kindergarten children, but they must wear navy blue shorts and a white t-shirt. For hygienic reasons, children are not permitted to wear their uniform under their school clothes. Please make sure your child has running shoes for Phys. Ed. class.

Personal Accident Insurance parents are encouraged to subscribe to personal accident insurance in case their child gets hurt while participating in physical education and sports or in any other circumstances. Fees incurred for ambulance services, medical/dental/ocular services and any other services related to an injury will not be assumed by the school. Parents are encouraged to contact their personal insurance company or any other insurer to get advice and information about accident insurance coverage for their child.



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