

# St. Dorothy Express



## **Major School Change Consultation**

Thank you to those of you who have sent in your ideas regarding the proposed merger of St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei Schools. It is not too late to do so, and you may contact the school for another copy of the letter/form if you cannot locate it (sent home October 25<sup>th</sup>).

It is very important you read the documentation re: "Major School Changes 2019-2020" and "Revised Three Year Plan" on the home page of the EMSB website under "Consultative Documents". Please make every effort to attend the public question period of the next Governing Board meeting on Monday, November 11 at 7:00 pm. Our school board commissioner, Mr. Agostino Cannavino, will be available to answer questions.

## **St. Dorothy Governing Board Meetings**

Please take note that our regular Governing Board Meetings will be taking place on the following evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the school staff room:

Monday, November 11, 2019 (6 pm)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Monday, January 13, 2020

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Monday, April 6, 2020

Thursday, June 11, 2020

## **Online calendar**

At the beginning of each month, we send out our monthly calendar with the newsletter. Please take note that the calendar and newsletter can also be found on the school's web site at the following address:

<http://www.emsb.qc.ca/stdorothy/>

## **Halloween Activities**

On Thursday, Oct. 31st our Halloween activities took place in the gym. In the morning, the students visited a haunted house and received special treats, played Halloween games and participated in fun activities. In the afternoon, our annual Halloween School Dance took place. A lot of time and preparation were needed to organize this exciting day and I would like to thank Ms. Sandra Scalia and her team of PPO volunteers for all their hard work. I would also like to thank Mme Caroline Derome for organizing wonderful musical performances by students for students. Last but not least, thank you to our new Student Council who organized and animated new events, such as classroom trick or treating, costume catwalk, and dance animation. If you are interested in viewing some of the pictures and videos, please visit our web site in the next few days.

## **New School Secretary**

We now have a regular school secretary to replace Jennifer Maalouf, who is on maternity leave. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Mena Purchio. It takes time to get to know all the people and routines in a new school community, so I ask everyone to treat our new secretary with extra kindness and extra patience as she settles into our school!

## **After School Activities**

After the bell rings at 2:45, St. Dorothy is still a busy place! Students are involved in homework assistance program, PELO Italian classes, and Robotics Club. As well, our excellent BASE daycare program has regular special activities and a Green Club. Thank you to the Green Club for beautifying the front entrance of the school!

## **Remembrance Day**

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a special presentation by a member of the Canadian Armed Forces to commemorate Remembrance Day. All students will be given poppies to wear. As well, our Spiritual Animator, Ms. Alie Cabelli, will present awards to students who have exhibited the character trait of "thankfulness".

### **Dress Down Day (to be confirmed)**

As we prepare for our school participation in the annual Toy Tea fundraiser, students will be asked to dress down for the price of a toonie on November 14<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home as confirmation of this date, pending Governing Board approval.

### **School Photo Retakes**

Lifetouch will return to the school on the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup> to take photos of students who were absent on the original date. As well, class photos that were not taken on the original date will be done during this retake day.

### **Report Card Distribution**

Term 1 report cards will be sent home with your children on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be taking place all day Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please note that there is no school for students on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information on parent/teacher interviews will be sent home soon. You will be asked to send back responses indicating the time of day you will be available for interviews.

### **Peacefulness**

This is the character trait of the month being presented by Ms. Alie Cabelli. An assembly to recognize students who have excelled in exhibiting this trait will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **St. Dorothy Open House Date Correction**

Please note that the open house will be held on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and not Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, as published in the list of Important Dates (sent home at the beginning of the year).

### **School Security**

This is a reminder to everyone visiting the school – even if you do so on a regular basis – kindly announce yourself and the reason for your visit to the school secretary at the main office, once you are buzzed into the school.

Please do not go through the double doors leading to the classrooms; all visitors are asked to remain in the front lobby until the person they are visiting is notified.

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration in our efforts to keep the school secure for our kids.

### **Uniform Policy**

A letter was sent home recently reminding everyone of the school uniform policy. Thank you for your support.

### **Dismissal Changes**

Parents/Guardians are reminded that changes to dismissal arrangements must be clearly communicated to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) well in advance of the end of the day. Last minute arrangements are difficult to communicate in a busy school. Unless you have a truly urgent situation, we ask that you do your best to respect regular dismissal arrangements.

### **Early Dismissal**

Parents who request an early dismissal should send a written note to the homeroom teacher. Early dismissals should be applied for important reasons such as medical appointments, emergencies, etc. When parents pick up their children for an early dismissal, they must come to the office to sign the sign out sheet and wait for their child at the office.

### **Verification Forms**

Please make sure to send back these forms which were sent home recently. We must update parent/guardian contact information regularly so that we can reach you by phone and/or email when necessary.

### **Field Trip Permission Forms**

Kindly send these back by deadline dates. We cannot legally permit students without signed parental consent to leave the school property at any time. The school must make arrangements for a teacher remaining at the school to supervise any student who cannot attend a field trip with their class.

### **Homework for Students with Extended Absences**

Please note that teachers cannot assign homework for students who will be away for extended periods of time due to personal family plans. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Parent Participation Organization (PPO)**

Save the date for Breakfast with Santa, December 19<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers are welcome, please advise Sandra Scalia if you can attend at [sandra.scalia30@outlook.com](mailto:sandra.scalia30@outlook.com).

We will be having our annual bake sale on Thursday November 21, 2019 during our parent/teacher interviews. We will be accepting all donations for the sale as of Wednesday November 20, 2019 at drop off.

Also we will be having a uniform sale 2\$ per item on Thursday November 21, 2019, kindly donate to the school any items you are no longer using. These items can be dropped off at the office to the secretary.

### **B.A.S.E Daycare**

The month of November has four professional days and a letter will be sent home for every professional day. Please make sure you return the permission form along with the money if your child or children will be attending. The professional days are as follows:

**November 8<sup>th</sup> "Laser Tag" cost for activity and ped day \$20.00**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> "Club Fy" cost for activity and ped day \$20.00**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> "All aboard Games part 2" cost for ped day and activity \$20.00**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> "Arts and Crafts pillow case decorating" cost for ped day and activity \$20.00**

If your child is interested in attending the professional days please return the permission form according to the due date indicated. It is important to respect the due date in order for me to staff accordingly. Unfortunately if you do not return the permission slip on time I will not be able to make accommodations. Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions please feel free to call me, Sandra Petrillo 514-381-1488.

### **Kindergarten Parent Corner**

Candice Madden , Kindergarten Transitions Agent, Student Services Department, EMSB.

Every month, I will providing kindergarten parents with fun tips and suggestions to continue to promote a happy and smooth transition into both kindergarten and school. At times, I will also be providing general information about events in the community for families with young children.

**Naître et Grandir** is a bilingual website that offers families a variety of information regarding the development of children between the ages of 0 and 8. Some topics on the website include; understanding sleep, play and development, the importance of attachment, anxiety in young children and the importance of routines.

Additional resources that can be found include; family recipes, downloadable e-books and blogs.

Parents can also sign up to receive a free monthly newsletter.

To access the Naître et Grandir website in **English**, please use the following URL:

**<https://naitreetgrandir.com/en/feature/>**

To access the Naître et Grandir website in **French**, please use the following URL: **<https://naitreetgrandir.com/fr/>**

**"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future" John F. Kennedy**

### **Important Dates to Remember**

Please see the attached calendar

***Have a wonderful month!***  
***Denise Maroun, Principal***