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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
May 17, 2022

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Our music department has worked really hard to empty the Auditorium and Girls' Gym spaces to prepare for the renovations. The work has begun on May 2, 2022, concentrated primarily in the auditorium itself. Work in the Girls' Gym is set to begin on May 16, 2022.

We would like to thank Ms. Purdy, Ms. Macleod and their students for their contributions in preparing for this exciting work and would like to extend our appreciation to our caretaking team which have proved invaluable throughout this process.

CHANGE IN MASK MANDATE

Recently, the Government of Quebec announced an important change to the mask mandate in the province, which will have an impact on schools. Earlier last week, administration received the latest MEQ directives, which have removed the requirement of wearing procedural masks in school and on school grounds. As of Monday, May 16, 2022, students and school personnel are no longer mandated to wear masks at school.

It is important to remind stakeholders that students and staff may continue to wear masks should this be their preference. Masks will continue to be provided free of charge for this purpose. Our school population is reminded to be respectful of others' personal choice on the matter.

REMINDER JUNE EXAM DATES

Our June exam session runs from June 6-23, 2022. A schedule of examination dates and times was shared last week. Please be reminded of our examination policy:

Students are expected to present themselves at the examination room in full uniform, on time, and with the necessary equipment. Electronic devices (unless otherwise specified) are not permitted in exam locales. Those arriving more than 30 minutes late for an examination are not permitted to take the exam and may

receive a mark of 0. Students absent without a note from their doctor may also receive a mark of 0 for the exam. The same applies to students on holiday travel. **Holiday travel or a family event is not a valid excuse for missing any evaluation. Parents should plan their holiday travel around the school calendar. Teachers are not expected to provide work for a student on holiday.**

SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

Information regarding EMSB Summer School program is being compiled and will be communicated in the coming weeks. Registration will begin on June 27 and classes are scheduled to start on July 11, 2022. More information to come.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN FRANÇAIS COURSES AS OF 2023-2024

We have recently learned that the course code for the Français Langue Maternelle (FLM) program will be discontinued at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. This means that RWA will no longer be able to offer this course to our students.

As you may be aware, FLM is a local program within the EMSB network, which is not included on the list of MEQ-sanctioned courses. An alternate program is available to students, which is more advanced than the Français Langue Seconde (programme de base) course. Beginning in the 2023-2024, RWA students will henceforth be offered two streams of French courses in secondary 3, 4, and 5 – Français Langue d'Enseignement and Français Enrichi. More information about this course will be communicated in the 2022-2023 school year.