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IMPORTANT UPDATE | EXAMS, HALLOWEEN AND SELF-SCREENING

Dear parents and guardians,

Halloween is just around the corner. Festivities in our schools will be permitted according to the following guidelines:

- Wearing a mask (COVID-19) remains mandatory for grades 4 to 12 students and strongly recommended for kindergarten to grade 3 students.
- Students will be able to wear a costume but without accessories. Those who wear one will have to wear it all day and will not be able to change clothes.
- The distribution of sweets or surprises is prohibited.
- Gatherings remain prohibited. There can therefore not be a costume parade or any other activity that could lead to gathering of students.
- Any activity must ensure the protection of the usual cohorts of students.

Final exams and assessments - secondary

For the current school year, days designated as exam days will be replaced by teaching or assessment days.

In other words, there will be no exams worth 30% for high school students. The exams will be replaced by an option or a combination of the following options: an educational activity or any other method of assessment appropriate for the course.

Self-screening for symptoms

We remind you of the importance of completing, every morning and for each of your children, the self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms and of following the recommendations therein. Links to the self-screening tools are available on your child's school website and on the [CEPEO website](#).

I wish you a wonderful weekend with your family.

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