

Ottawa, September 23rd, 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATE: International travel

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are doing well in this early fall and that the family routine has been smooth since the beginning of the school year.

International travel

We are aware that some families have travelled or are planning to do so in the near future. Regarding this matter, we would like to remind you that students who have travelled to an international destination are required to follow all [Government of Canada instructions](#) upon their return to Canada.

Unvaccinated children under the age of 12 are now exempt from the federal quarantine requirement if they have travelled with a person eligible for a quarantine exemption based on their immunization status. However, they cannot attend school or child care for 14 days after arrival. Students may continue to attend school or child care if their international travel occurs solely because of a cross-border custody arrangement.

Back-to-School Guide

I invite you to regularly review our *2021-2022 Back-to-School* Guide and key updates by following this [link](#).

Public Health Resources

Public health unit resources are updated regularly. Please refer [to the following page](#) for information regarding your territory. These contain information on what to do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19, as well as details on screening and vaccination clinics.

Franco-Ontarian Day

Franco-Ontarian Day will be celebrated this Saturday, September 25th. Our schools are proud to celebrate our belonging in Ontario's large and pluralistic francophone community. The Francophonie is at the heart of all learning and travels far beyond the concepts taught. It radiates daily thanks to our committed staff and our curious and creative students. Thank you for working with us to promote the French language in our schools and communities on a daily basis!

National Truth and Reconciliation Week

The National Week for Truth and Reconciliation runs from September 27th to October 1st. To honour the memory, resilience and hopes of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, many educational activities will be held to raise awareness of these events among our students.

September 30th will be the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation to honour missing children, residential school survivors, and their families and communities. We would like to inform you that our schools will remain open on this day, for which we invite all students to wear an orange sweater.

I wish you a happy Franco-Ontarian Day, a happy National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and a great weekend with your family.

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