



August 24, 2023

Dear Edward Murphy Families,

On behalf of our entire staff at Edward Murphy, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 academic year. All our classes begin Wednesday, August 30th at 7:55 and end at 14:40 (Kindergarten and WINGS classes will follow a different schedule the first two days). I look forward to a successful school reopening and have full confidence in the dedication of our teachers and staff to make it another great school year.

Please see below for our first day procedures. Kindly be reminded that all students should arrive on time in proper dress code (navy bottom and white or navy top), with all school supplies in their school bag. *Please send in a breakfast, few snacks and a water bottle as well as a change of clothing (two sets) and all necessary toiletries. Parents will pick up their children at the front entrance at 11:15am.*

Grades 1-6

Returning students will gather in the school yard on Desautels street and line up with their respective groups. Teachers will be holding up their class number and will escort their groups into the building. Other staff members will be present to help guide the children.

New students are expected to present themselves at the Main Office.

Dismissal

All walkers will be dismissed via the Arcand street schoolyard (Daycare side). Please use your child's agenda to indicate daily dismissal (bus, walker, Daycare).

Drop Off Procedures at Our School

Thank you for observing safety rules when driving your children to and from school. Children are not allowed to be dropped off, **unsupervised**, before 7:55 A.M., as there is no staff on supervision before that time.

The health and safety of our entire school community is of paramount importance. Double parking, vehicles driving in the wrong direction, children exiting vehicles in the middle of the street, small children running unaccompanied, making a U-turn in the school drop-off and pick-up zone and vehicles parking along the NO STOPPING zone, can all lead to very dangerous situations for our children. We encourage our parents to walk with their child(ren) to school, to allow students who are old enough to ride their bicycle or walk, or carpool with other families, in order to reduce congestion on neighbouring streets. Thank you for supporting us in keeping all of our children at Edward Murphy School safe!

Also, please be advised that the city has made traffic changes to Desautels and Arcand streets. Both streets will now be **one-way only**. Desautels will be **one way north** and Arcand will be **one way south**. **This is in place between Hochelaga and Pierre-de-Coubertin streets.**

IMPORTANT:

There is currently major construction work occurring on both Arcand and Desautels streets which limits access to vehicles, this includes parking. The work is expected to continue into September therefore, for all parents driving their child(ren) to school, you will be required to park away from the school and walk your child(ren) to the schoolyard. The priority is to allow buses access for drop off and pickup. While I understand this is an inconvenience, this situation is outside of the school's control.

LUNCH FEES FOR NON-DAYCARE STUDENTS – ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION

Ms. Joanne will print the required forms and will be distributed to students on August 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Joanne at (514) 259-0050.

Looking forward to another exciting year,

Ms. C. Chilelli
Principal

