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Montreal, August 22, 2024

**OBJECT: ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... COME BACK!
IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL!**

Dear Parents,

Filled with energy and our heads already full of ideas for offering the best version of ourselves, we're getting ready to welcome your child in a few days. We really hope you've been able to enjoy some quality family time over the summer - it's so important! While your child still has a few days left to sleep in, play outside, take their mind off things or reinvent their world in their own way, we're here to tell you all about their joyously approaching back-to-school season!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

BACK TO SCHOOL PRIMARY (Reminder)

- August 29** Not a school day (Kids at home)
- August 30** **8:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1st half-day for students** (welcome from 7:45 am)
- September 3** **Start of classes and regular schedule**

SECONDARY SCHOOL (Reminder)

- August 29** Découverte, grade 7, 8: Not a school day (Kids at home)
Interval, grade 9, 10, 11: 8:05 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.
1st half-day welcome for young people
- August 30** **Discovery, 1st (1.1 and 1.2) and 2nd sec: 8:05 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.**
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DRESS CODE (REMINDER)

We're in the transition year towards a new uniform for 2025-2026, so your child can (for the current year) wear the old official hoodie and polo shirt if they still feel like it... or simply respect the dress code implemented for the current year, as we informed you last year. For a reminder of this information, go to the School [Portal](#), section "MY school / Information / Back to school / Dress code.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

For young people who use Vanguard's school bus service, **a detailed e-mail will be sent to you before the start of the school year**, informing you of your child's schedule and pick-up point. Should you require any further clarification, please contact Linda Bernabei at transport@vanguardquebec.qc.ca. For those who benefit from school transportation organized by a school Boards, please note that the Centre will contact you directly.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAYCARE SERVICE

It will officially **open on August 30** from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Starting September 3, the regular schedule will be from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. and from 2:40 to 6:00 p.m. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the daycare manager, Karine Tremblay, at sdg@vanguardquebec.qc.ca.

BEHAVIOUR CODE AND ANTI-BULLYING PLAN (REMINDER)

A school is a 2nd home. It's important to establish guidelines (sometimes different from those at home) that enable us to live well together, with respect for all. We urge you to familiarize yourself with our Behaviour code, and to take advantage of the back-to-school period to talk with your child about these essential guidelines to ensure that everyone feels at ease. We all know the extent of the scars left by childhood wounds, so it's up to us, and to you, to equip our young people to learn both self-respect and respect for others. Visit the School [Portal](#), section "MY school / Information / Back to school / Code of conduct... and discuss the subject with your child. You can also consult our anti-bullying plan on the [school website](#).

FINANCIAL RESOURCES (PAYMENT FOR NEW PARENTS)

Your billing from École Vanguard is associated with a customer account number that you must register for future bank payments. Please add us to the list of organizations to which you wish to make payments...and you're all set! If you have any questions about our statements, please write to comptesrecevables@vanguardquebec.qc.ca.

OPUS CARD (REMINDER)

- Go to the School [Portal](#) and click on the "Opus Card Application" tab.

QCC (Quebec Culture and Citizenship) COURSES

- Please see the attached MEQ brochure on the new course being introduced this year.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Your head is full of questions and this letter doesn't answer them all,

- **1st door: WEBSITE (NEW)**

We've created a "parents" section on our website so that you can always find information we think you'll find useful. Please feel free to consult it before calling us. There are 2,400 of you... and Rosette, our exceptional receptionist who is always happy to answer everyone's questions with her infectious good humor, unfortunately can't answer everyone's questions in a reasonable time if so many of you turn to her. So please take a few moments to look over this section before calling us. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve this section, please let us know via the [Contact](#) section. Helping you is one of our priorities. And let's never lose sight of the importance of always being (school and family) models of respectful communication at all times.

- **2nd door: YOUR CHILD'S AREA**

PRIMARY:	secretariatprimaire@vanguardquebec.qc.ca
SECONDARY CYCLE 1 FRANCOPHONE (sec. 1.1, 1.2, 2 and Découverte)	secretariatcycle1@vanguardquebec.qc.ca
SECONDARY CYCLE 2 FRANCOPHONE (Sec. 3, 4, 5 and Interval)	secretariatcycle2@vanguardquebec.qc.ca
ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL	HighSchoolSecretary@vanguardquebec.qc.ca

YOUR CHILD NEEDS VANGUARD. VANGUARD NEEDS YOU!

The School makes a difference in your child's life, and you can make a difference in Vanguard's life, and in the lives of thousands of other young people who need us.

Join us for our **25th Anniversary** Golf Tournament on **September 16th at the Kahnawake Golf Club**, one of the most prestigious courses in Quebec! Every year, this tournament provides bursaries

to hundreds of students from low-income families to help pay for their tuition, school supplies, transportation, activities...

[Would you like to come and play...](#)

[You wish to make a donation...](#)

Would you like to volunteer, offer prizes to be sold at the evening's silent auction, be a sponsor for the evening, or do you know potential sponsors or players? Contact us at

fondationvanguard@vanguardquebec.qc.ca

At last...

On behalf of the entire management team and the entire Vanguard school team ... I hope you enjoy the last moments of summer with your child.

Tell them we're looking forward to seeing them. We can't wait to have them back!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Lamarre', written in a cursive style.

Annie Lamarre

Director General