



# Memo from the Administration

<https://souvenir.schoolqc.ca/>

Souvenir Elementary School

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Heading into



The month of September is over soon and Fall has set in. Our students continue to familiarize themselves quickly with their new normal and the school year is in full swing!

### September 30<sup>th</sup> = Attestation Day

It's really important your child is present in school this Wednesday. On this day, the Ministry of Education takes a 'snapshot' of the attendance in schools across the province and then centers funding based on that day's attendance. Being present at school is always important, but presence on that particular day is crucial. Please make sure your child is in school and attends daycare if registered on September 30<sup>th</sup>. More students in class = more money for our school.

### Progress Report - Distribution

The distribution of your child's progress report will be available on Mozaïk on October 9<sup>th</sup>. A progress report is based on preliminary observations and uses the following rating scale for learning and behaviour in class: Highly Satisfactory, Satisfactory, With Difficulty and With Great Difficulty.

### Cafeteria Service

As mentioned in last month's memo, Souvenir does not have a cafeteria service presently available. 'Soup-er Lunch' will not be returning. Our Home & School is actively researching potential companies and will be bringing forth options to our school's Governing Board in the near future. In the meantime, a reminder to supply your child(ren) with a full lunch and snacks on a daily basis.

### Cooler weather; Be prepared

Covid protocols promote students taking advantage of the outdoors. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and sent to school with warmer clothes for the outdoors. This includes coming to school on rainy days with the suitable accessories and garments (jacket, rain boots, umbrella). In addition, to minimize mud or outside dirt from entering classrooms, students must always have an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes available daily. Thank you for your understanding.

### Monthly Calendar

Please note that the monthly calendar for the month of October attached to this memo.

### Clothing back-up

We highly recommend your child always has an extra set of clothes. Regardless of age, accidents still happen (food spills, outside puddles, mud, etc.). Please provide your child with back-up clothing in a well-identified bag as we do not have extra clothing available at school.

### Terry Fox Foundation Fundraiser

Thank you to all families who supported last week's annual Terry Fox fundraising effort by contributing a minimum of a toonie and by wearing a yellow shirt. Our school raised \$805 for the foundation.



### Dress Down Day - Cerebral Palsy Awareness

October 6<sup>th</sup> is World Cerebral Palsy Day. On this day, Souvenir Elementary's students & staff will shine a light on CP awareness and come together to recognize the 17 million people living with CP by wearing a **GREEN top**. To wear the green top, students must **donate a minimum of a toonie (\$2)** to the Canadian Cerebral Palsy Registry (an organization leading the way in Cerebral Palsy research, working to improve the lives of children with CP). Thank you in advance for your contribution and support.



### Dismissal Info Update

Dismissal at the pick-up gate begins as of 2:30pm for Pre-K and Kindergarten students **only**. All other students are dismissed between 2:37 and 2:52pm by class bubble. Parents are requested to approach the gate for pick-up as no staff member will allow children to cross the street or come to a parked car without having made eye contact and ensuring child safety. As per government regulations, parents are requested to be wearing a mask when approaching the gate and in the presence of many other parents and students. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Indoor space & transportation

All students in grades 5 and 6 must wear a mask during transportation to and from school as well as in common areas outside the classroom. Although the wearing of the mask is not compulsory for students in younger grade levels, it is strongly recommended.

### Mozaïk Portal

The Mozaïk Parent Portal is a tool allowing parents to access various information about their child (report card, schedule, messages, homework, bus routes, etc.). Please click on this [invitation link](#) for additional info. Two training sessions for parents will be held on Zoom on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Should you wish to attend, the zoom link to do so is:

<https://swlauriersb.zoom.us/j/97780583744?pwd=KzNSaXBhZW9qWTRERUZnL2RHcTREZz09>

### Following through with Covid19 Symptoms

We are extremely grateful to parents/guardians who are protecting our school's staff & students by keeping students who show one or more symptoms home in order to avoid possible spread of the virus. As we are not medical professionals, we recommend following the government's [COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#) to evaluate your child's situation and contacting Public Health at 1-877-644-4545 when in doubt. Since September 1<sup>st</sup>, many parents have opted to have their child tested and return to school only after being medically cleared as negative from Covid-19. Upon return, please ensure the letter of permission to return is duly completed & signed. It is sent with this memo.

### Fire Drill

The Laval Fire Department continues to contribute to the safety of occupants in Laval schools. In order to minimize the spread of the virus this year, we have been informed that evacuation exercises will not take place as usual. Please note that although a formal school wide fire drill will not take place at this time, a review of the procedure will take place in every homeroom.

### Keeping Behaviour Positive

Please review the school code of conduct with your children, as well as the school Anti Bullying and Anti Violence Plan. Students are expected to behave within these codes of conduct. In the event they do not, appropriate restorative practices and disciplinary measures will ensue. Students are explicitly being reminded and/or taught the expectations via class discussions with teachers and administration. Please feel free to have discussions at home with your child to encourage positive behaviour. In addition, we remain cautious to ensure your child's behaviour remains confidential between the appropriate staff members and you as a family. Please respect that confidentiality with others as well. We appreciate you working in collaboration with us.

### Governing Board

At the SES Governing Board meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, the following members were elected to the following posts:

<b>Mr. Krikor Bijian</b>	Chairperson
<b>Mr. Darren Lisak</b>	Vice-Chairperson
<b>Mrs. Cheryl Smith</b>	Secretary
<b>Mr. Gary Ersan</b>	Treasurer

The following dates were also selected and set aside for GB meetings beginning at 7pm:

Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020*	February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021*
November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020*	April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021*
January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020*	June 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

While Governing Board meets every month, starred dates are fixed. Please put them on your calendar. All meetings are open to the public and will be held via Zoom until further notice.


### Home & School

Parent participation during Souvenir's first Home & School Zoom meeting of 2020-2021 was gratefully welcomed. Elections for a new 2020-2021 executive were held. Congratulations to the members of this year's executive:

<b>Mr. Gary Ersan</b>	President
<b>Mrs. Liza Michailidis</b>	Vice-President
<b>Mrs. Natasha Gamsaragan</b>	Treasurer
<b>Mrs. Melanie Chranowsky</b>	Co-Treasurer

<b>Mrs. Martine Williams</b>	Secretary
<b>Mrs. Andrea Petschner</b>	Co-Secretary
<b>Mr. Costa Tsirbas</b>	Fundraising
<b>Mrs. Franca Folino &amp; Mrs. Rachel Primiani</b>	Volunteer Organizers
<b>Mrs. Andrea Petschner</b>	Newsletter Coordinator
<b>Mr. Costa Tsirbas &amp; Mrs. Maysa Samara</b>	Social Media/Publicity Coordinators
<b>Mrs. Amanda Ragone</b>	Membership

Home & School members actively support a balanced school life for students throughout the year. Meetings are scheduled once a month. Please consult Souvenir's monthly calendar for specific dates. Souvenir staff thank members for their dedication in fundraising and volunteering throughout the year. Your devotion to the students of our school is very much appreciated.

**Souvenir Home and School Facebook group -**   
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2549077811868795>  
**Email for Souvenir Elementary's Home & School -**  
[souvenir.homeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:souvenir.homeandschool@gmail.com)

### Cause for Celebration

Great news!! With its latest graduation and qualification rate at 87.7%, unveiled by the Ministry of Education last week, the SWLSB ranks 1st in the LLL region and in the top 5 out of 72 school boards across the province - This type of excellent result is not one in isolation; it is founded by seeding solid roots from elementary to high school. We all certainly have lots to be proud of!



### Laval Junior Academy Open House



**Laval Junior Academy OPEN HOUSE**  
2323, Boul. Daniel-Johnson, Laval

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020**

<b>Thursday, October 15, 2020</b> Session A - 6 p.m. Session B - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Friday, October 16, 2020</b> Session A - 12 p.m. Session B - 1:30 p.m.
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More information on their [website](#).



*from Souvenir to you!*

Yours in Education,  
**Ms. Kalipolidis, M. Ed.** **Mrs. Antonacci, M. Ed**  
Principal (Interim) Vice-Principal  
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