



A WORD FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back, everyone, and a warm welcome to our new families.

At DDO, we establish a student-centered environment that encourages our students to attain their fullest potential while acquiring the necessary skills to become well-rounded individuals who are literate in the English language. This environment will meet our students' present needs and help them be happy, creative, productive, and caring members of society.

To sum it up, our values include responsibility, respect and effort.

We are optimistic that this school year will bring great opportunities for our students to learn and enjoy school life and offer opportunities to families to get involved in school.

The staff is eager to work with our students. We are excited to meet them on August 30.

I would also like to welcome our new colleague, Mr. Etienne Pitre. Mr. Pitre is our Elementary Vice-Principal. He comes with a lot of experience, and great innovative ideas.



We wish you a wonderful school year.

Warmest Regards,

YOUR PRINCIPAL

Julie Carpentier



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September 4 – Labour Day (no school).
- September 12 (18:00 – Meet-the-team night, see p. 2)
- September 22 – Ped Day (no school).
- September 28 – School Picture Day

September 29
Official Ministry
Attendance Day. Make sure
your child is present! Avoid
appointments, late arrivals or
early dismissals.

GETTING INVOLVED

The Governing Board is a significant part of the school community. It is an excellent way for parents to have a voice and contribute to positive changes at DDO. As a member of Governing Board, you can impact many aspects of school life, including policies, rules and regulations, outings and extra-curricular activities, and most importantly, the educational project, etc.

In 2023-2024, Ms. Mélanie Boily and Mr. James Henry will complete their second-year mandate. We are therefore looking for two parent representatives to begin a 2-year mandate.

The Governing Board is also looking for two replacement parent representatives. If you are interested in filling in for an absent elected parent, we will gladly invite you to join our meeting. Furthermore, the School Board is looking for a Parent Representative on its committee.

Complete and return this page to the front office before September 15, 2023. Ms. Carpentier will go through nominations during the General Assembly and will call an election.

Your name:

Child(ren)'s name(s):

- I wish to nominate a parent on Governing Board
 I wish to be a replacement parent on Governing Board

- I wish to submit my nomination on Governing Board
 I wish to be a parent representative on the
CQSB Parents Committee

Signature:

Email:



THE PARENT PORTAL

www.parentportal.ca

**Make sure you register
on this website!**

You'll need your child's ID number and the email you provided us to register.

Your email is the link to our system. Therefore make sure it's accurate. If you change your email address make sure you inform the DDO office as soon as possible at ddo@cgsb.qc.ca.

We highly recommend you use your personal email address and not a work address, especially for our military parents.

The Parent Portal enables you to view your child's report cards, financial statements and tax slips. This site is also used to renew both school and daycare registrations, and soon to confirm course selection in high school!

GSA News!
Genders and Sexualities Alliance
DDO's GSA is proud to be starting up again for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be meeting at lunch time in room 202 for discussions and activities.

Let's have a wonderful year!

MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHT

Thursday, September 12, 2022, at 18:00 in the DDO Gymnasium.

Word of Welcome, Presentation of Staff, School Updates and Governing Board elections from 18:00 to 18:25.

Teacher-Led Presentations will be held in their respective classrooms from 18:30 to 19:30. Teachers will discuss class routines, the calendar, course curriculum outlines, etc. We do not encourage discussions about individual cases but invite parents to make an appointment with the teacher.

Please park at the front of the school or on the surrounding streets while respecting our neighbours' driveways. Thank you!

TRANSPORTATION

To make a change to your **transportation stop** (bus stop location or adding a 2nd address) you need to contact the Transportation Department at the School Board. Changes can take between 48 and 72 hours to go into effect and some bus routes currently have wait lists, so plan accordingly.

transportation@cgsb.qc.ca

Phone: (418) 688-8730, ext. 6667

To inform us of a **change of home address** please contact the school directly at ddo@cgsb.qc.ca and we will inform the Transportation Department. This information must be received **at least one week prior to your move** to allow for changes to be confirmed.

DAYCARE

It is **important** that students dress according to the weather every day since all daycare students will enjoy the outdoors from 7:10 to 8:15 and 15:15 to 16:30, or as early as 14:30 for **Kindergarten** students.

Parents can no longer request that their child in Elementary be sent to Daycare directly after dismissal at 15:15. Your child will be called when you arrive at the puzzle door via the Kouloo App, and will meet you there.

Early Dismissals

Parents must report to the front door, ring and we will respond as quickly as possible. As of 2:50 p.m., your child will follow their usual dismissal routine. No early dismissals can be accepted as students are in transition or getting ready to leave.

For safety reasons, after school all daycare students will go through the glassed Multi Function Room (Puzzle Door) and meet their parents until 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m. parents must meet their children at daycare. **Parents are not allowed in school. They must use the Daycare doorbell to ask for their child.**

We are always looking for parents and community members to get involved. If you are interested in working in our daycare or supervising a group over lunch, please get in touch with ddodaycare@cgsb.qc.ca.

LUNCH PERIOD



During lunch only those students walking home for lunch are allowed off school grounds. Secondary students can leave school grounds without parental consent, but are expected back in time for afternoon classes. If returning late they must report to the front office where they will be given a late slip to return to class. Please note that parents are responsible for their children when they are off school grounds during school hours. Walkers are allowed to return to school **5 minutes before the end of lunch** (Elementary Grades 4 to 6: 12:05 / Kindergarten: 12:10 / Secondary : 12:30 / Elementary Grades 1 to 3: 13:05)

Parents are reminded that there are no microwave ovens for Kindergarten and Elementary students. Students must bring a cold lunch or use a thermos. Secondary students have access to a microwave in the student lounge.

Misbehaviour Pyramid of Interventions

We encourage parents to remind their children of the importance of playing safely and respecting everyone's personal space.

Guidelines students must respect from the Hands-off Policy:

- * No student is to touch another student in a manner judged inappropriate by staff.
- * No student uses any form of physical restraint against other students, even in "fun" or as a "practical joke."
- * Roughhousing and play-fighting will not be tolerated.

Based on age, students can redeem themselves after a determined time. Homeroom teachers will inform parents when students have behaved well.

Implemented

DDO staff included disrespectful slurs and verbal aggressions in the Pyramid of Interventions.

Students and parents will get more information from the school team and you will be asked to sign the Common Expectations sheet. We are convinced that respectful language will significantly impact our students' overall growth.

MABEL'S LABELS

Purchase Mabel's Labels to support our fundraiser!

Every year hats, mittens, shoes, coats, sweaters, lunch containers, etc. are left behind. The best way to avoid losing items is to clearly identify them. **MABEL'S LABELS** are a great solution to this problem.

The labels are personalized, peel & stick, super-durable that safely go in the laundry, dishwasher and microwave. They're loved by parents and children alike. Perfect for all sorts of items from shoes and clothes to water bottles, lunch boxes, backpacks and more! They also have iron-on labels inside clothes for those who prefer something a little more discreet.

How it works

mabelslabels.ca

Choose Dollard-des-Ormeaux School (Shannon) in Support a Fundraiser (top) and shop for your labels.


Payment is made online and delivery is free. The merchandise goes directly to your address. DDO then receives a percentage of all sales that we use for school activities. Feel free to share the link with friends and family; there are labels for everyone and every activity. Anyone is welcome to buy labels to help support our school.

mabel's labels



IMPORTANT FORMS TO RETURN

Your child will be given important forms during the first few days of school for you to complete. Please return them promptly!

- * Health Information
- * Email Verification
-  * Common Expectations

We will be emailing online forms for the following documents. Keep an eye on your inbox over the next few days.

- * Publication Rights
- * Digital Rights



School Yard Project – Moving Forward

Great news! DDO School is about to have 2 new installations in its back yard. A new 24' x 50' basketball court with 2 baskets and lines will be completed by the end of August. A new 36' x 62' synthetic soccer field will also be completed by mid-September. Both installations will be used for other sports and various activities. Nearly \$70,000 has been invested in our yard for the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to seeing the smiles on the students' faces when everything is completed.

Go Vikings!

For questions about this project, or to inquire about our sports teams or fundraising ideas, contact our Sports Coordinator, Mr. Phil Gallese.

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Reporting your child's absence

Reminder!

Inform us online

Via email: ddo@cqsbc.qc.ca
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