



To the parents of Barthélemy-Vimont - June 2020

Dear parents,

Here is some information before the start of the summer holidays.

Distance learning

Distance learning with your child ends no later than Friday, June 19. It is possible that your child's teacher may decide to have a final meeting on TEAMS next week (June 22 or 23). We thank you for all the support and encouragement offered to your child.

This form of teaching was not perfect, but we have made many improvements to the way we do things. Training has been offered to the staff and will continue next year. We do our best.

We know that some children would have needed a device (computer or tablet) but the school and the School Service Centre were not able to provide all of these children with what they needed. We really regret that. About 100 computers from the school were loaned to families at the end of April and we will be purchasing new equipment next year.

If we ever have to use distance education again, we believe we will be even better prepared.



Laptop Computers

Children who received a laptop computer during the school closure will be able to keep it for the summer. We ask that you take good care of it. You will receive information about this next fall.

For students who are moving to another province or country, we ask that you bring the computer back to your child's current school (Head Office or Annex) between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by June 30. Barthélemy-Vimont students will be able to take advantage of these laptops next year.

Delayed learning due to school closures

By closing the schools in March and taking into account the distance learning that was variable from one child to another, we know that children will start school with some delays in learning.

The teachers will try to see with the children at the beginning of the year the notions that have been little or not touched upon. Remedial teachers will also have the opportunity to identify students with difficulties in order to provide the support required. This is a concern of the school team.

We hope that these three months of closure will not have too great an impact on the entire school career of the children in primary school. Without in any way minimizing the situation, it is three months without the services usually offered at the school throughout the 7 or 8 years of preschool and elementary school.

Psychosocial support

All school staff will be attentive to the psychosocial needs of the children when they return to school. The confinement of the children at home, isolation without seeing other children, lack of interaction and group games, all of this has had a variable impact on many children. Attendants, psychoeducators, special educators and other staff will be on the lookout. **So it will be important for your child to have fun with other children this summer and to be able to play outside!**



Back to school next fall

The Minister of Education, Jean-François Roberge, anticipates that the next school year will be full time for elementary schools. This is very good news. However, we ask you to listen to the news bulletins a little before the start of the new school year next fall. We do not know if there will be any changes because of COVID-19.

Note that school will be obligatory. Our school will put in place all the measures required by public health, and even more.

Back to school dates

Grade	Date of entry to school
Grade 1 to 6	Thursday, August 27th
Welcome classes	Friday, August 28th
Language class students	Tuesday, September 1st



School transportation

Since there will be one child per bench only, the number of places will be limited in school transportation. Therefore, we invite parents to transport their child to school themselves as much as possible. Information will be sent to you in August.

Intervention plans

The intervention plans for students with learning or behavioural difficulties were for the most part revised last February. Because of school closures, the objectives of the intervention plans will not be evaluated at the end of the year, with a few exceptions, and will be renewed next fall.

The new teachers of these students will have the opportunity to review the objectives to be worked on next fall based on the needs of the children and will be able to discuss them with the parents at the parents' meeting of the November newsletter.

School Calendar 2020-2021

You have next year's school calendar attached. This and other information related to the new school year will be on the school website.

Cost charged to parents for workbooks

Next fall, the maximum cost to parents will not exceed \$50 for the purchase of the workbooks and agenda. This decision of the School Council aims to keep the fees charged to parents as low as possible. Considering the precarious financial situation of many families in the context of the pandemic, it will still be possible to make payment agreements with the school and the daycare service.



Bulletin

You will receive your child's bulletin in early July. There will be no numerical results for Stage 3 or the final grade for each subject. At Stage 3 (March to June), you will find one of the following grades:

R (Pass): Your child has demonstrated success from March to June, using the work completed at a distance, and you will receive one of the following marks: R (Pass): Your child has demonstrated success from March to June, using the work completed at a distance.

NR (not successful): your child has demonstrated from March to June, using the work completed at a distance, that he or she was not successful.

NE (Not Evaluated): Your child's work and the number of meetings and discussions between your child and the teacher in March and June do not allow the teacher to judge your child's success or failure.

For the final "grade" for each subject, you will find one of the following statements:

R (pass): Your child's results in the first two stages (September to February) and your child's work from March to June show that he or she is successful.

NR (not successful): your child's results in the first two stages (September to February) and your child's work from March to June show that he or she is not successful.

Opening of the secretariat during the summer

The Secretariat of the Annex (630 St. Roch Street) will be open from 8:00 a.m. to noon until June 30. Reopening on August 17.

The secretariat of the head office (415 rue Saint-Roch) will be open from 8 a.m. to noon until July 10. Reopening on August 17.

General meeting of parents and parents' meeting

Next year, the parents' meeting at the annex (630 Saint-Roch Street) will be held on Thursday, September 3rd. The time is to be specified.

The general parents' meeting for all parents in the annex and the parent house will be held at the parent house at 415 rue Saint-Roch on Thursday, September 10. The parents' meeting for parents of the parent house will also be held on September 10. The time is to be specified.



Daycare closed on August 24, 25 and 26

Please note that the daycare will be closed on August 24, 25 and 26. The daycare service will begin on Thursday, August 27th.

Parental Involvement

We would like to warmly thank all the parents on the school council, the Parent Involvement Organization (OPP) and all the parents who helped the teachers with class outings and projects.

Your help is greatly appreciated by all. We know that parent involvement makes a difference in our school.

Gifts to Graduates

We would like to thank the members of the Governing Board who have agreed to fund a gift for all our graduates.



Departure

We would like to acknowledge the departure of some staff members. Retirement, change of school, change of career plan, maternity, sick and unpaid leave cause many changes. We would like to thank these people for their support and kindness to our young people. Thanks to : Annie Reumont after many years at Barthélemy-Vimont, Céline Benoit who will become Assistant Director, François Pichette who is retiring, Lise Marsolais who was

secretary at the annex, Mélanie Picard, 4th grade teacher. Many thanks also to : Érik Ampleman, Arsène Caron-Leblanc, Sarah Labiede, Neven Fathallah, Nabila Kachebi, Blandine Guillmett, Martine Lemieux, Céline Proulx, Sonia Sobreira, Nancy Arvisais, Nicolas Hébert, Dominique Balthazar, Feleeshia Ulysse, Angelica Lazarensu, Marie-Laurence Perron, Samira Amrani, Roxane Fortin, Marc-Élie Mansour.

Arrival

We welcome Ms. Emmanuella Loppe, Special Educator in the Annex; Jolyan Chagnon, Grade 6 teacher; Sambra Coutin Yisel, English teacher; Jean-François Charrette-Turcot, Physical Education teacher; Emmanuelle Giguère, Grade 5 teacher; Martine Paul-Hus, Merline Verdier and Christophe Parola, language support teachers; Isabelle Coutu and Caroline Guindon, Grade 1 teachers; Cyrille Pelletier-Lemay, art teacher. We are certain that these people will be successful with your children.



Video

Next week you will receive a video produced by the entire staff. It will be a small gift from us for your family. In the meantime, here is a video on sport by teacher Didier:

<https://youtu.be/jiqSYS9vaLE>

Thank you all and see you again!

The management team and the whole school team