

GERALD MCSHANE SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2026

Message from the Principal

As we prepare to welcome students back for the **2026-2027 school year**, I would like to take a moment to share my excitement for the year ahead. Gerald McShane Elementary continues to flourish, growing not only in size but also in vision. This promises to be a year filled with growth, innovation, and an ongoing commitment to both the academic success and character development of our students.

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to the GMS team. Families will have the opportunity to meet them at our **Orientation Night on Thursday, September 17, 2026**. During the evening, we will also hold elections for one parent representative to serve on the 2026-2027 School Governing Board. Additional information regarding the election process will be shared with families in the coming days.

As we begin another school year together, I would like to thank you for your continued trust, support, and partnership. Gerald McShane is a vibrant and thriving community because of the dedication of our families and staff. I look forward to working alongside you and celebrating all that we will accomplish together throughout the coming year.

Wishing everyone a successful, rewarding, and memorable 2026-2027 school year!

Mr. Vince Timpano
Principal

School Fees

All school fees must be paid in full by Friday, September 4:

- Pre-Kindergarten (K4): \$65
- Kindergarten (K5): \$88
- Grade 1: \$115
- Grade 2: \$105
- Grade 3: \$135 – SC: \$135
- Grade 4: \$130 – SC \$130
- Grade 5: \$155 – SC \$145
- Grade 6: \$155 – SC \$145

Please provide exact amount in cash, or a cheque made out to:
Gerald McShane Elementary School.

Student Agenda

All students will receive their school agenda on the first day. Please sit down with your child(ren) to go over the Code of Conduct that is found in the agenda.

The agenda is an important communication tool between home and school. Important documents, such as permission forms, should be placed in the communication pouch.

Safety and Security

To ensure a safe environment for our students and staff, please note that parents/guardians are not permitted to use the staff parking lot between 7:30 - 3:00 (school day). The school bus lane is never to be used for parking.

Visitors to the school must enter from **the main entrance only** (Maurice-Duplessis Boulevard side). If you have an appointment with a staff member, you must sign in at the office to receive a Visitor's Pass and wait to be accompanied to your meeting.

Parents/Guardians are not permitted to enter the schoolyards at any time. As of **Tuesday, September 1**, parents dropping off their child(ren) in the Junior Yard must remain at the gate.

Dates to Remember

September 1

First Day of School Gr. 1-6
& Daycare

September 1-2-3

Progressive entry K4-K5

September 4

First full day of school for K4-K5
Deadline for School Fee payments

September 7

LABOUR DAY
School & Daycare closed

September 11

High School Presentations
Gr. 6 (Rosemount & John F. Kennedy High School)

September 17

School photo day
Curriculum night/Meet the teachers/
Governing Board elections
6:00-8:30 PM

September 18

Welcome BBQ lunch for students
and staff

September 25

School Wide Trip: Apple Picking

September 30

Attestation Day (mandatory
attendance)

September 30

Attestation Day
&
National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day
Walk around the block

Drop Off and Dismissal

Morning Drop-Off

Supervision begins at 7:50 AM. Please do not leave your child(ren) unattended before that time. Morning entry procedures are as follows:

- K4 – enter from Preschool Yard
- K5 – Gr. 6 enter from Student Entrance (near main office)

All students proceed directly to their lockers to prepare for homeroom.

Dismissal

Walkers/Pick-up students exit the school first. We ask parents/guardians who are picking up their kids to wait at the **TOP** of the stairs on the sidewalk. Please do not approach the building. Please leave the premises once you have your child. Bus students are then escorted to their buses. Daycare students go directly to their educator at dismissal.

Dismissal Routine

If there is a change in your child's daily routine, for example, if your child normally goes to daycare but will instead be picked up, you must write a note in your child's agenda, or call and notify the school secretary **before 11:20 AM, at 514-321-1100.**

If your child is normally a bus or pick-up student, but will instead go to daycare, you must also inform the school in writing or by calling the school secretary. Daycare fees will apply for occasional daycare users.

ATTESTATION DAY – SEPTEMBER 30

Every year, we must declare our school's enrolment by the end of September. This number is critical for our school's funding. Please ensure that your child will be present in school on September 30. If a student is absent on this day, a parent will have to come to the school to sign an attestation form on the day the student returns to class.

WELCOME BACK BBQ LUNCH

We are happy to be welcoming back our students and staff for a new school year with BBQ lunch on **Friday, September 18.** Everyone will be getting:

- Two hot dogs
- Juice
- Cookie for dessert

Only click on the link to let us know if your child has dietary restrictions and if your child will not have the BBQ lunch. You must provide him/her with a lunch from home if you opt out of the BBQ lunch. If you have multiple children with restrictions or will not take the BBQ lunch, kindly enter the information for each child separately before September 4th.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/KUMyYsr2Vn?origin=lprLink>

Breakfast Program & Hot Lunch Program

GMS has a morning breakfast program in partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada. All homerooms will receive a daily morning breakfast bin with food items such as cereal and milk, granola bars, muffins, fruits, etc. It is a student's choice to eat or not, but breakfast is the most important meal of the day for young children. Breakfast will start the week of **September 8.**

GMS uses the EMSB's **Le Mini Bistro** Hot Lunch Program. Information regarding Le Mini Bistro Hot Lunch Service will be shared with parents/guardians in the coming days via school messenger. **Once we receive notice from the EMSB regarding the start date, we will let you know.**

We kindly ask all parents/guardians to provide their children with their own lunches. We do not have microwaves for students to use; therefore, we ask that everyone pack thermos or sandwiches and snacks.

Allergies and Food Restrictions:

Friendly reminder that like all EMSB schools, GMS tries to be an allergen-free environment, but it is impossible. We encourage all families to avoid packing foods that contain peanuts and eggs.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17



Homework and After School Daycare Help

We kindly remind parents/guardians to check their child's school agenda book every evening. It is an important tool for communication between home and school. The agenda will indicate if your child has homework.

If your child attends after-school daycare, educators will begin the homework process with them; however, it is essential that parents/guardians review the completed work at home to ensure it is complete.

Additionally, if your child is assigned to read by their teacher, this should be completed at home in a quiet space free from distractions. Regular reading is critical for your child's development. We strongly encourage you to listen to your child read aloud each evening, as this supports fluency, comprehension, and confidence.

Parking Lot Restricted Area

All Families who drop off or pick up their children at daycare are disallowed to cross the yellow painted with their cars to drop off their children closer to the daycare door.

Please park your car in the first few parking spots available in the parking lot and walk your children to the daycare door. We wish to prevent any child, parent or staff member from being hurt by cars.

Daycare Reminders

1. Daycare Begins First Day of School (Gr. 1-6)
2. No child will be allowed to enter from the daycare door after 7:45 am
3. All family members that pick up their child from daycare must wait in the designated entrance area.
4. Adults cannot enter school for safety reasons. Please, park your cars in the parking spaces facing the arena.

GMS on Social Media

We encourage to follow Gerald McShane School on social media. We use two platforms: Instagram and Facebook.



@geraldmcshane_emsb



www.facebook.com/GeraldMcShaneEMSB/

We also maintain an updated school website, which includes our monthly activity calendar:

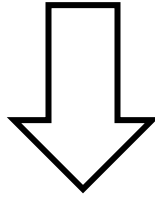


<https://geraldmcshane.emsb.qc.ca>

Sports Concentration Information

Please note that all information regarding the Sports Concentration Program, including the program start dates, will be communicated to parents by email through Ms. Sonia.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 1 K4 & K5 Progressive Entry	2 K4 & K5 Progressive Entry	3 K4 & K5 Progressive Entry	4 First full day of K4 & K5  School Fees Due	5
6	7 Holiday (Daycare Closed)	8	9	10	11 High School Presentations Gr. 6 RHS & JFK	12
13	14	15	16	17  PICTURE DAY Curriculum Night/AGA Meeting 6:00-8:30 pm	18 Welcome Back BBQ Lunch 	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 School Wide Trip Apple Picking 	26
27	28	29	30 Attestation Day National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt)			