

GERALD MCSHANE SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2025

Message from the Principal

As we prepare to welcome students back for a new school year, I want to take a moment to share my excitement for what lies ahead. Gerald McShane Elementary continues to grow in remarkable ways, both in size and in vision. This year promises to be one of progress, innovation, and continued dedication to our students' education and character development.

We have many new staff members joining the GMS Team. You will get to meet them on our Orientation Night, **Thursday, September 25**. That same evening, we will need to elect 4 members for our 2025-2026 School Governing Board. You will be emailed more information about this in the coming days.

As we embark on another school year together, I want to thank you for your trust and partnership. Gerald McShane is a thriving community because of the dedication of our families, staff, and I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the year ahead.

A big thank you to **Antonio Petosa**, GMS parent, who came by the school before the start of the year and helped get our schoolyard ready! It was much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a wonderful 2025-2026 school year!

Mr. Vince Timpano
Principal

School Fees

All school fees must be paid in full by Friday September 6:

- Pre-Kindergarten: \$60
- Kindergarten: \$85
- Grade 1: \$130
- Grade 2: \$115
- Grade 3 and 4: \$125
- Grade 5 and 6: \$155

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. Blue communication pouches will be available for purchase for all new students (\$10.00). 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 7:45 - 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 2**, parents dropping off their child(ren) in the Junior Yard must remain at the gate.

Dates to Remember

September 1

Labour Day Holiday
School & daycare closed

September 2

Gr. 1-6 return to school

September 2-3-4

Progressive entry K4-K5

September 5

First full day of school for K4-K5
Welcome BBQ lunch for students and staff
Deadline for School Fee payments

September 8

Le Mini Bistro starts

September 12

Rosemount High School
G.6 Visit

September 15

Breakfast Program begins

September 25

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

September 25

School photo day

September 26

PED DAY
School closed, Daycare open

September 30

Attestation Day (mandatory attendance)

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day
March 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. 1 to 3 – enter from Junior Yard
- Gr. 4 to 6 – enter from main entrance

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

Dismissal

Walkers/Pick-up students exit the school first. We ask that 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 premise once you have your child. Bus students are then escorted out to their busses. Daycare students go directly to their educator at dismissal.

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 important meal of the day for young children. The breakfast will start the week of **September 15**.

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.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25



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 5**. Everyone will be getting:

- Two all-beef hotdogs
- Juice or water
- Cookie for dessert

Information was sent home by email to fill the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/t0sk5EJuRz>

Please fill the form for every child before September 3rd.



Change in 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.

GMS on Social Media

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



@geraldmcshane_emsb



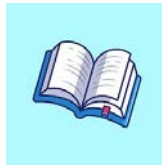
www.facebook.com/GeraldMcShaneEMSB/

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



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

Homework and After School Daycare Help



We kindly remind parents/guardians to check their child's agenda book every evening.

This 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 reading 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.

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.



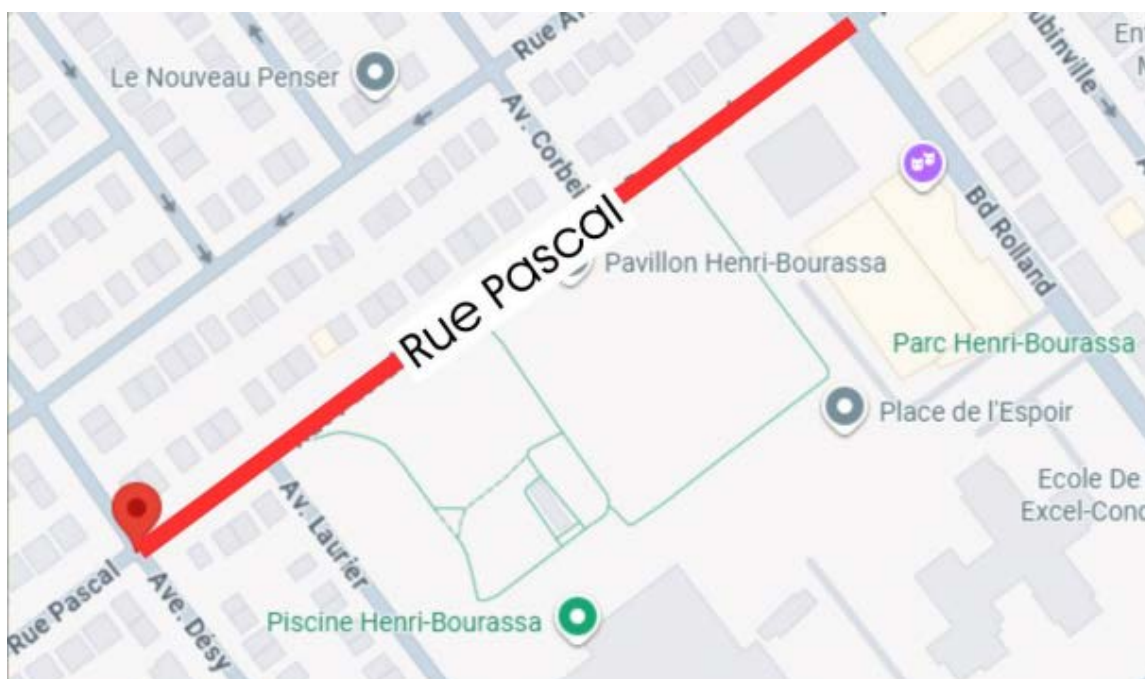
Construction Near GMS

Please note that the City of Montreal and the Borough of Montreal North will soon be carrying out roadway resurfacing work, including sidewalk repairs at Pascal Street, between Déry Avenue and Rolland Boulevard. This work should begin around September 2nd and last approximately 5 to 6 weeks. The work will take place between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

See Map Below:





Daycare Reminders

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





SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Holiday 	2 Progressive Entry K4 & K5 First Day Grade 1 to 6	3 Progressive Entry K4 & K5	4 Progressive Entry K4 & K5	5 First Full Day K4 & K5 Welcome Back BBQ Lunch	6
7	8	9	10 Sports Concentration Meeting 6:15	11	12 Rosemount High School Visit Gr. 6	13
14	15 Breakfast Program Begins 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 *SCHOOL* PICTURE *DAY*  Curriculum Night AGA Meeting 6:00 pm	26 Ped Day (Daycare Open)	27
28	29	30 Attestation Day 	1	2	3	4