



September Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents,

We are happy to greet our new and returning students for the 2025-2026 academic school year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful school year.



WELCOMING DAY

Friday, September 12th, 2025 will be our official welcoming day. Numerous fun activities have been planned for the students to make their back to school as fun as ever. Please be sure to send your child to school with a lunch that day. We will be supplying students with fresh corn on the cob!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will take place on October 3rd, 2025. Information will be sent to you at a later date.



DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Dismissal for PK and K students will take place at **3:47pm**. Dismissal for grades 1-6 will take place every day at **3:52 p.m.** No student will be allowed to be removed from the bus by any adult other than a staff member. Please do not change your child's routine without written notification. **Calling at the last minute (after 12:00pm on the day of) cannot guarantee that your child will receive the correct message in a timely manner.** Please help us avoid a dangerous situation by writing in your child's agenda any changes made to your child's daily routine.

*Please note that as of **September 4th**, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten parents can no longer enter the school yard to pick up their child.

STUDENT DISMISSAL

To ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all our students, please take note of the rules regarding student drop off and pick up.

- **No parents are allowed in the school yard at any time:** Parents picking up their children must wait at the gate. Please **do not block the gate entrance** as the students need to have a clear path to leave the yard.
- **Using the daycare door:** Only students who are boarding the busses at the end of the day are to exit from the daycare door. This is necessary to alleviate the congested sidewalk traffic and to ensure the safe boarding of the buses by all the students in a timely manner.
- **Please do not pick up your child at the daycare door before ALL busses are gone.** We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- **School buses:** Please do not use the sidewalk while students are boarding the school buses. Kindly wait until the buses have departed to cross the school bus loading area to access the school yard gates where students are dismissed. Reminder that it is **against the law to pass a school bus when the flashing red lights and/or STOP sign are activated.** The penalty is a fine and demerit points.



Our children's safety is our 1st priority.



DROP OFF ZONE/NO PARKING ZONE/NO STOPPING ZONES(S) REMINDER

Please note that the section of the street that runs all along the front side of the school yard is designated as a bus drop off zone during morning arrival. Parking in the drop off zone forces a slowdown in traffic, and forces other parents to drop off their child in the middle of the street. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.





MORNING/LATE ENTRANCE

Michelangelo International daycare service is available from 7:00 a.m.

The school bell rings at **8:47 a.m** and the second bell rings at **8:52 a.m**. Since it is important for children to learn the value of being punctual, therefore, students are expected to be at school on time to allow for the smooth running of their day and to avoid class disruptions.

Please note that no students will be admitted via the front door unless a student is late, where the secretary will therefore administer a late slip.

EMAILS

In order to respect everyone's right to a work-life balance we ask that parents not send any emails to any staff member (secretaries, teachers, daycare, administration) between **4 pm and 8:30 am and on weekends**. We understand that most emails are written in the evening, and we please ask that you simply schedule your email to be delivered as of 8:30 am the following morning.

MOZAIK

Please remember that parents can enter their child(ren)'s absence(s) on the Mozaik portal instead of calling the school. Please check adjoined attachment on steps to access Mozaik.



MORNING ENTRANCE

All students, grades PK-6, must enter the school by one of the four entrances mentioned below.

- **ENTRANCE 1** (Daycare Doors)
 - For bus students & daycare drop-offs
- **ENTRANCE 4** (Kindergarten Doors)
 - For Pre-K and Kindergarten students
- **ENTRANCE 3** (Regular school entrance via schoolyard)
 - For grades 1, 2 & 3
- **ENTRANCE 5** (Back school yard Doors)
 - Grades 4, 5 and 6

SCHOOL LUNCH DELIVERIES



Students should come to school every day with a **healthy and nut free lunch** that includes a beverage and snack. Our hot meal provider is Le Doral. **Please understand that we do not accept daily deliveries from parents.** This includes parents delivering daily lunches to the office or using Uber Eats to send food to school for their child. This is very disruptive to the school routine and that of your child. Therefore, make sure your child leaves home with his lunch and snack for the day. Please take note that we do not have a cafeteria and we do not have extra hot lunches; thus, it is entirely the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children have a lunch and snack. A reminder that every child should come to school with a refillable water bottle.

SNACKS

Please remember that it is important to send your child(ren) to school with healthy snacks. We encourage you to prioritize fruits and vegetables as snacks. Please see our nutrition policy in our school agenda for more information. Although an allergy free environment cannot be guaranteed, we ask that students refrain from bringing nuts and nut products to school. As always, student safety is our main priority.

REFLECTIONS

As per school protocol, teachers, supervisors and administration issue a reflection when a student behaves in a way that requires them to think about their actions. The purpose of a reflection is not to punish a student, rather it provides for an opportunity for students to reflect on their actions, and what they can do differently in the future when faced with a similar situation. As per our mandate, it is our responsibility to educate students both academically & socially.

ORIENTATION NIGHT

We will be holding our Curriculum night on September 4th, 2025. Your child's teacher will be sending you an email with details for the evening. We hope to see you all there as important information will be given and explained.

PARENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY /GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

On **Thursday September 11^h, 2025** we will be holding our **Annual General Parent Assembly** to elect our parent representatives who will be elected to serve on the Governing Board. The election will take place in the **Gym at 6:00 pm.**

If you wish to bring forward your name to be a member on the Governing Board, please use the link below to fill out all required information. If you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to bring forward your name, you can use the same link to fill out the proxy section. Our Governing Board meets on average once a month. Our **first meeting** will take place **directly after** the General Assembly on **September 11th, 2025.**

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PPO ELECTIONS

Upon approval of our Governing Board, we will hold a PPO meeting to elect our 2025-2026 Chairperson. The election and first meeting will be held at school on **Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.** We will send more info via email as the date approaches.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Planning of extra-curricular activities are underway. Angelo Di Bella (karate) will begin Thursday, September 18th and guitar club will start on Monday, September 15th. Please return all registration forms to the main office. As the year progresses, we will keep you up to date with other after school activities that will begin. Be sure to look out for memos.



Parents picking up their children (non-daycare) after an extra-curricular activity, are asked to do so outside the main schoolyard gates. The activity monitor will bring the students directly to this entrance.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Depending on the availability of the teachers, we offer many extra-curricular activities. They take place during the morning recess, lunch recess or after school. When an ECA begins, a letter will be sent home. If the activity is for a specific level, only that level will get the letter. We offer many different activities to ensure that all the students are happy. Here are some of the ECA’s we offer:

- Intramurals
- Chess (also offered in conjunction with the math program taught in class aside from extra-curricular)
- Choir
- Karate
- Guitar
- Hockey
- And much more...



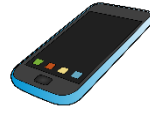
REMIND APP

To help facilitate keeping on top of everyone’s busy schedules, we are using the Remind app to keep you up to date concerning important upcoming events, and to send you pictures and clips of your children. Please note that this app is a **one-way communication**. Attached you will find the remind app steps to help you download it. Please make sure to sign up according to your child’s grade level. Your child’s teacher(s) may also have their own Remind App and they will send you the information so you can see what is taking place in their specific classroom. Remember, when posting on social media, we try to keep our written messages as short as possible. We also like to post pictures and/or videos, however, understand that we can’t post everything from one event.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Michelangelo International Elementary School is on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook! You can follow us by going to:

X (Twitter): www.twitter.com/michelangeloint
Facebook: [michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca](https://www.facebook.com/michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca)
Instagram: [michelangelointernational](https://www.instagram.com/michelangelointernational).



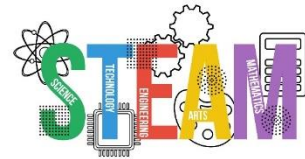
We suggest that all parents create an account and follow our school as well as @English MTL for the most up to date news. Please refrain from sending messages via Facebook Messenger and call the school instead. The feature has been left available in case of an exceptional circumstance. The messenger option should not be the means of communication between parents and the school. Also, please be careful what you comment on social media. We love to promote our school, but if you have any concerns, you should NOT be using social media to do so.

*Please note that all messaging on Instagram has been disabled.



SOME OF THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL:

IB Programme
Quebec Educational program
Music Program
Physical Education Program & 60 min physical activity
Technology (coding, robotics, scratch, Microsoft programs)
Art Program
STEAM School
Chess program



IB PROGRAMME

Welcome back Michelangelo International community! We hope that you are all rested and ready for another wonder-filled year at Michelangelo International Elementary School. We are happy to see that you are continuing to embrace the programme by staying involved in your child's PYP journey. Please remember to read all of the Unit of Inquiry introductory letters that your child brings home throughout the year. This is a good way to stay in touch with the concepts that your child is exploring in class. You can be an active participant in your child's learning by showing an interest and asking questions related to the theme.

We are excited to start a new year and we are looking forward to all the great things to come.

Have a great start to a new school year. Stay tuned for more IB news!

Ms. Elisa Di Genova and Mme Suzanne Fortin
IB PYP Coordinators



WHAT IS STEAM IN SCHOOLS?

STEM **education** refers to the areas of **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering** and **Mathematics**. **STEAM education** incorporates the **"A"** for the **Arts** – recognizing that to be successful in technical fields, individuals must also be creative and use critical thinking skills which are best developed through exposure to the arts. **STEAM** is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

ALL MEMOS WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL, if you are not on our mailing list, please make sure to let the office know or if you wish to receive a paper copy, please advise the office. We want to waste as little paper as possible.



Sincerely,
Marisa Mineiro & Stefanie Fuoco
Principal Interim Vice-Principal