

June 2026

Dear parents/guardians,

We are happy to share some important information regarding the 2026–2027 school year, which may be helpful for new and returning students. As we look ahead to another year of engaging and enjoyable learning opportunities with our students, please don't hesitate to [send any questions](#) to our office team before the school closes for the summer on June 30th, or after it reopens again on August 24th.

EGM SCHOOL FEES 2026-27

The following school fees are required for all ÉGM students as listed below.

- LUNCH FEES (*Required for all students who stay for lunch*) \$90
 - Please advise the school office if your child does not stay at school for lunch.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES FEES (*Required for all students*) \$40

LRSD school supplies program assists families by providing most of the required school supplies for the classroom with an annual fee of \$40 per student.

Please see the supplies list at the end of this letter and take note of the supplies that parents are required to provide at the beginning of the school year.

The following school fees are applicable to certain students, as described.

- CLASS OPTION FEES (*Required for all grade 7 & 8 students*) \$20
- SPORT FEES (*One payment required for any Grade 7 & 8 students who participate in one or more extracurricular sports*) \$20
 - Participating students must also [order a jersey](#) either before June 22nd or when the store reopens in September.
 - Any sports in addition to the LRSD leagues typically require additional fees to cover tournament and facilities cost.
- ESPORT FEES (*One payment required for any student who participates in the esports program*) \$10

SCHOOLCASH

- School fees can be paid on the SchoolCash system after September 1, 2026.
- For any financial support needed, please [contact Tyler Milloy](#)
- Directions on how to create your SchoolCash Account can be found [here](#)
- To pay student fees please Sign in to the [Parent Portal](#)

STUDENT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

September Opening Day Conferences will be held on:

- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 (12:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026 (12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- Conference Manager opens on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and closes on Monday, September 7, 2026, at 11:30 p.m.
- Each student, accompanied by a parent or guardian, is expected to attend a 15-minute conference with their *homeroom teacher*.

CONFERENCE MANAGER INFORMATION

- Go to our school's website homepage, <https://www.lrsd.net/mcdowell> and scroll down to the box titled **Conference Manager**
- **OR** click [this link to go directly to the Conference Manager](#)
- If you haven't yet registered for a parent account, you can do so by clicking the REGISTER NOW button.
- We ask that only one parent registers for an account. *Please keep your username and password as it will be used in the future.*
- If your child is new to our school, login to your account and EDIT your child's profile to select ÉCOLE GEORGE-McDOWELL.

TO BOOK YOUR CONFERENCE

- Login.
- Click the BOOK NOW button and follow the prompts.
- If you have more than one child in the school, select the homeroom teacher for each child by placing a checkmark beside each teacher's name as this will make it easier for you to coordinate your schedule.
- When you have finished booking, click the log off button located at the top right of the browser window.

TRANSPORTATION

- The Louis Riel School Division will confirm transportation arrangements by email near the end of August, for those students who qualify.
- Transportation at EGM is provided for students in Grade 6 who *live more than 1.6 km* from the school.
- Students in grades 7 & 8 may [apply for a paid seat](#) in the spring and will likely only hear back from Transportation in early September.
- Additional information about transportation, can be found [here](#)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Regular classes for students at ÉGM begin on Thursday, September 10th, 2026, school day 3.

SCHOOL HOURS

- First Bell 8:20 a.m.
- Second Bell and announcements at 8:28 a.m.

LUNCH HOURS

- Grade 6: recess 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and lunch 12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.
- Grades 7/8: lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and recess 12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.
- Last bell 3:03 p.m.

Early dismissal is at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except in December and June. The [online school calendar](#) is updated throughout the year.

SAFE ARRIVAL

All student absences must be reported to the school office using the Safe Arrival system prior to 9:00 a.m.

- Please see [Safe Arrival Instructions](#)
- If the school office is aware that your child will be leaving early, we will do our best to have them waiting at the front door for your arrival.
- For any absences longer than 5 days, please use the [Contact Us page](#)

PRACTICAL ARTS CLASSES

- Students in grades 7 & 8 attend Practical Arts classes one morning per cycle at Highbury School, 99 Highbury Road. Students begin this day at Highbury and travel to ÉGM for lunch hour and/or afternoon classes.
- Information regarding Practical Arts will be provided to students in September.



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- If your young person will not be at Practical Arts classes, use the Safe Arrival system to report their absence/late arrival, or contact the École George-McDowell school office (*not the Highbury School office*).

SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE

We encourage all ÉGM families to please put SAFETY over CONVENIENCE to ensure that all our students remain safe! Here are ways you can help:

- Reduce your speed to 30 km per hour in school zones
- Avoid using or blocking neighbors' driveways, and lengthy stops in the back lanes
- Encourage students to use the supervised crosswalk
- Do not stop vehicles in/near the crosswalk and follow the crossing guard's instructions
- Obey all school bus signs and avoid getting between school buses
- Drop off on neighboring streets or using the designated zone in front of the play structure on Paddington
- ***DO NOT use the staff parking lot during peak pick-up and drop-off times.***

UNIVERSAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

- The Universal Nutrition Program was launched to ensure that children have access to healthy food choices
- ÉGM students have access to free, healthy snacks throughout the day
- Students are encouraged to first eat any food they bring from home to avoid unnecessary food waste and ensure food is available to those most in need

SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL	Tyler Milloy	tyler.milloy@lrsd.net
VICE PRINCIPAL	Shannon Baxter	shannon.baxter@lrsd.net
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CONTACT US LINK	https://www.lrsd.net/mcdowell/contact-us	
OFFICE HOURS	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	

STUDENT SUPPLIES LIST

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

ALL STUDENTS:

- 1 backpack
- 1 reusable water bottle
- 1 calculator with exponents and square root
- 1 pair of corded audio jack earbuds (not USB or lightning connection)
- 1 combination lock
- 1 pencil box or case
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Bescherelle l'art de conjuguer
- 1 Deck of Playing Cards

ALL STUDENTS - For Physical Education:

- 1 bag for Physical Education items
- 1 pair of clean, indoor runners
- 1 pair of shorts, 1 T-shirt, 1 pair of socks
- 1 deodorant

GRADE 7 & 8 STUDENTS

- 1 zipper cloth binder, 3 inches, with a handle
 - Students are encouraged to transport their binder to class rather than backpacks to maximize space in classrooms