

H.M. Newsletter

September 2025



Dear Honoré Mercier Families,

I hope your summer was filled with special moments, plenty of laughter, and well-deserved rest. With the first day of school just around the corner, we are eager to welcome our students back for a year filled with curiosity, collaboration, and growth.

Over the past several days, our dedicated staff have been busy preparing classrooms, planning engaging learning experiences, and creating warm, welcoming spaces so that every child feels at home the moment they walk through our doors. The energy and excitement in the building are truly contagious!

To help the first week run smoothly, please ensure your child arrives on the first day with all the items from their school supply list. Labelling these materials will help us keep things organized and make sure everything finds its way back to its owner.

This year, our new catering company will be Le Mini Bistro. Until the meal service begins, please provide your child with snacks and lunch each day. We will share more details about the start date very soon. Throughout the year, you can expect regular updates about events, important dates, and any changes that may arise. My priority is to keep our families informed and connected so we can work together to ensure every child's success.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Let's make the 2025-2026 school year one where our students not only excel academically, but also grow in confidence, kindness, and creativity.

Respectfully,
Cynthia Canale
Principal - Honoré Mercier Elementary School

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025

LOCATION: MAIN SCHOOLYARD

We are excited to welcome everyone to the new school year!

Parents of K4 and K5 students will receive a separate letter regarding Progressive Entry, For all students in grades 1-6, we will be welcoming our students in the main schoolyard. Teachers will have visible signs with grade numbers.

Students should find their respective grades and join their teachers. Students of the same grade will group together, and teachers will escort them into the school building and assign them to their classes.

Please note that if the weather does not cooperate on that day, we will gather all the students in the school gymnasium.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

SEPTEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2025

- First Day of School
- Progressive Entry Day 1 for Preschool Students (K4 and K5)
- Bus Services and Daycare Services will be available to Grade 1 to Grade 6 students!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2025

- First Full Day for K4 and K5 students
- Bus and Daycare Services will now be available to Pre-School Students (K4 and K5)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2025

- Welcome Back Activities

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11th, 2025

- Curriculum Night
- A formal memo will be sent to all parents with pertinent information.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12th, 2025

- Pedagogical Day

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025

- Dress Down Day (2\$)
- Welcome Night Event (H&S)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2025

- Laurier Macdonald High School Presentation to Cycle 3 students

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25th, 2025

- Lester B. Pearson Presentation to Cycle 3 students

PICTURE DAY

Thursday September 18th

Class photos and individual photos.

Sibling photos will be taken on Friday September 19th, 2025

ATTESTATION DAY

Tuesday September 30th

Attestation Day in Quebec, specifically September 30th, is the day when school boards take official attendance. Therefore, it's important for students to be present at school on this day.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Tuesday September 30th

Orange Shirt Day is a day of remembrance to honour the Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools and to acknowledge the lasting impacts of this system. This day is an opportunity to learn about the history of residential schools and to commit to reconciliation.

SCHOOL SCOOP

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School Agenda

We kindly ask that you read through our School Code of Conduct 2025-2026 in the school agenda with your child. Once reviewed, please sign the designated section to acknowledge that you have done so.

We also encourage you to check the agenda daily. Students will use it to record their assignments, and staff will use it to share important reminders and information. Your cooperation helps us maintain clear communication between home and school.

Attendance on Mozaik

To avoid multiple back-and-forth phone calls with the office, please communicate any absences by 8:00 a.m. through Mozaik.

For early dismissals, kindly input the information before 10:00 a.m. to ensure the staff is informed accordingly and your child is ready to be dismissed at the requested time.



Daycare

The Honoré Mercier Daycare Services will be available from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Should you require daycare services, please email Mr. De Cresentis at: mdecrescentis@emsb.qc.ca or call the school at 514-323-4023.



DROP-OFF ZONES

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Drop-Off & Bus Zone Information

If you are a new parent enrolling your child at Honoré Mercier Elementary School, please take note of the following important traffic and safety procedures. These changes have been in effect since the last academic school year.

Bus Drop-Off Zone

- Location: Honfleur Street (schoolyard side)
- Purpose: Reserved exclusively for our school buses.

Parent Drop-Off Zone

- Location: Nantes Street (schoolyard side)
- Boundaries: From opposite 8345 Nantes to opposite 8265 Nantes.
- Purpose: For student drop-off only.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Times

- Morning: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- Afternoon: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Please note

Please do not double park when dropping off or picking up your child for everyone's safety.

Please note that the staff parking lot is reserved for staff and is not a drop-off zone.



IMPORTANT INFO

LATE ARRIVAL

If your child arrives late to school, please have them enter through the main entrance of the building. Upon arrival, we kindly ask that your child stop by the office to inform our secretary of their arrival.

This procedure ensures that your child is properly checked in and directed to their class without unnecessary delays. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping us maintain a safe, organized, and smooth school environment.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If your child requires an early dismissal, please inform either your child's teacher or the school secretary directly. This will allow us to ensure that your child is ready and waiting for you at the office at the requested time. We thank you for helping us keep our dismissal process smooth and organized.

IMPORTANT for 1st DAY

Kindly return the student dismissal form and the waiver to walk home (if applicable) with your child on September 2nd, 2025, as the teacher must organize the dismissal routine.

Ensuring the safety and security of our students during after-school dismissal is our top priority, and they must head in the right direction at the end of the day.

Your cooperation in keeping us informed of any changes will greatly help us in maintaining a safe and organized dismissal process for all students.



Forms

Your child will be receiving important forms to take home.

Please complete all forms and return them with your child by Wednesday, September 10th, 2025.

FORMS TO RETURN

- Student Registration Form
- Emergency Health Form
- Consent to Photograph
- Local field trip waiver

Contact Info

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