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Special UPCOMING Presentation for Parents:

SNAC is *very excited* to share the news that the Student Services Department has organized an AMAZING Parent Information Night ! Registration information will be released soon.

UPCOMING PARENT PRESENTATION ... SAVE THE DATE !!!

Dr. Isabelle Hénault

will present on

**Sexuality Education & Teens
with Autism Spectrum Disorder**


Wednesday November 25th, 2020 at 7pm on ZOOM

Dr. Isabelle Hénault is a world renowned sexologist and psychologist. Her book Asperger's Syndrome and Sexuality : from Adolescence through Adulthood is used worldwide and has been translated in 8 languages. She also co - authored with Tony Attwood The Autism Spectrum, Sexuality and the Law: What Every Parent and Professional Needs to Know.

****Please note that this Special Presentation will replace our SNAC November meeting.**

SNAC Rules of Internal Management

SNAC has updated and approved their internal rules of management. They can be found here:
<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/356ApprovedSNACRulesofInternalManagementOct212020FINAL.pdf>

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Report Card Change for 2020-2021

The Government recently announced that they have changed the report card periods for the 2020-2021 academic year. You will receive an interim, anecdotal report card in November. There will only be two official report cards this year. They removed the term 1 official report card. Report cards periods: parents will now receive one in January and one at the end of the year in June. Each report card will be worth 50% of the final year. The goal of this recommendation is to alleviate the pressure on assessment and pressures of grading and adaptations for the current reality. For any students in difficulty, teachers will be calling meetings (in person or online). As a parent you can also ask for a phone call or meeting if you have questions or concerns.


Does this change I.E.P.s? Since I.E.P.'s follow report card periods, they are now officially due for January and then updated for June. However, due to the I.E.P. release day that LBPSB had prior to the government announcing the change, some I.E.P.s are ready and have already been sent out. Not to worry, I.E.P.s are already being followed. Also, don't forget that there are at least 10 communications per year on or surrounding the I.E.P. that need to take place. This can take the form of an email, phone call, the report card itself or a meeting.

Online Academy Update

There are now 675 students registered in the online academy, including some from the new frontiers school board. This is available to students in K4 to Grade 11 who have received an approved medical exemption from a medical doctor to attend the online academy. They have 60 teachers and 7 resource teachers and professionals assigned to support the teams in a virtual world. The resource teachers in the online academy are an ASD professional, an occupational therapist and others on preventative leave. There are students with special needs in the online academy and they do have I.E.P.s that are also being followed for the online teaching.

SNAC Parent Member Resignation

Angela Berryman has resigned her parent position from SNAC. She did so as she put forth her name for nomination as a Ward Commissioner. Our deepest thanks to Angela for her years of support, help and guidance on SNAC, including the years she spent at Parent Commissioner - Special Needs.

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Questions / Correspondence that have come in this month:

- **I.E.P.s**
 - What are the rights of the parents? Will meetings take place this year and in what format? Who is able to contribute to the creation of an I.E.P.? Will I.E.P.s still exist for students in the online academy?
- **Outside Professionals to observe and / or work in schools**
 - Are outside professionals (private or public - CROM/ MacKay Centre /SRSOR) able to come observe students within schools or work with students within schools? Is it a school board policy or a principal's choice? Is it a no due to it being a COVID year ? What can be done so the outside professional who does the therapy with the student can get an accurate observation to help support the conversation for the I.E.P. for the school resource team and teachers? Is there some collaboration?
- **Special Transportation / Busing Issues**
 - Is there anything that states the maximum amount of time a student, especially a student with special needs, can be on a school bus?
 - Can a van / bus driver force a child with special needs who is 7 years old to wear a mask?
- **Technology for students with special needs**
 - If a student with special needs has paperwork stating that they would benefit from the use of technology such as a laptop, google read and write etc, to help them in class is this available this year?
- **Where is the policy on the services for students with special needs?**
 - http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/policies/Special_Needs_Policy_3_5_sept2013.pdf
 - http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/policies/Special_Needs_Policy_3_5_sept2013_QA.pdf

Respectfully submitted,

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