

ÉCOLE GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY MEMO



To: GESS Parents and Guardians

From: GESS Admin

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026

Re: GESS Early Dismissal and Open House, Thursday, October 15, 2026

Hello George Elliot Families,

With the newsletter, we wanted to send a reminder about our early dismissal and parent/guardian/teacher Open House on **Thursday, October 15, 2026** at George Elliot.

- Students will have an abbreviated schedule on the day. 'D' block will run from 9:15am-11:15am, lunch will run from 11:15am-11:45am, and 'C' block will run from 11:45am-1:45pm.
- **For the early dismissal, students will be dismissed at 1:45pm (Note: buses will be running to accommodate early dismissal).**
 - We will be reminding students about not going to other school properties when they are dismissed, especially regarding HMS because we share a property with them. We appreciate you passing on this information at home as well.
- **The parent/guardian/teacher Open House runs from 5:00pm-7:00pm**
 - We really look forward to you visiting our building, connecting with staff, and chatting about the year. There will be light treats provided in the foyer.
 - This is meant to be an **informal** open house – teachers will be in their classrooms and parents/guardians/students will be wandering in and out of classrooms over the course of the evening. The goal is for teachers to meet as many families as possible and have some quick check-ins about how your child is doing.
 - If you would like to have a more in-depth, private conversation with a teacher, we ask that you connect with the teacher during the open house, introduce yourself, and set up an alternative time when your conversation can be more confidential.
 - We encourage you to bring your children! We get this question often, and we find that having students with their parents/guardians helps in you touring the school and talking about learning as well as helps keep families connected regarding life at GESS.
 - We will have maps and staff lists in the foyer and will make sure that you know where you're going on Thursday. There will be the odd teacher not present (coaching, illness, etc.); these lists will let you know on the day who is present. If anyone is away, the handouts will have their email addresses to make contact for you easy afterward.
 - We will be ending conversations at 7:00pm so our staff can get home to their families; please plan to arrive with enough time to make your way around the building and see who you want to see before the end of the open house.

We also encourage all families to continue to **check our weekly Coyote Connections newsletter** to stay up to date with what's going on here at École George Elliot Secondary.

Thanks again, and we look forward to welcoming you to GESS.

~ GESS Admin Team