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Dear Parent(s),

As we enter this exciting phase of the school year, it's clear that our students have settled into their routines, both academically and socially. Their trust in us has grown, and they approach their work with confidence, knowing that we have their best interests at heart. The longer days and warmer weather only add to the positive atmosphere!

With final exams on the horizon, it's crucial for students to be present and engaged in their learning. At EdPlus, our approach emphasizes community and discussion, which are integral parts of the learning experience. Missing school days means missing out on these valuable interactions, so we ask that you schedule appointments and crises on PED days!

After the Easter weekend, we will be teaching the Ministry of Education's Sexuality Education course, which we refer to as human development. This course covers topics ranging from biology to relationships and healthy choices. While our approach is positive, we also address more serious topics such as STIs, unexpected pregnancies, and heartbreak. The course spans a week, with one-hour sessions each day. It's always a hit with students as many are already self-professed experts! For more information, please visit the <u>Ministry of Education's website</u>.

On April 8th, weather permitting, Montreal will experience a solar eclipse, a rare event that we plan to commemorate as a school. The day will begin at noon with a lunch. Each class will focus on the eclipse through the lens of their respective subjects. During key moments, students will be indoors with a live video feed of the eclipse projected onto the main classroom screen. We hope to make this event a lasting memory for all. In the event of the sun's return, students will be dismissed at 4 PM!

Our annual Year End Party will be held on Tuesday, June 18th, at 6PM! More details will follow.

We appreciate your encouraging messages and observations about the positive changes you see in your children. We feel privileged to be part of their educational journeys.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

James, Kim, and Olivia