

Why French ?



Firstly, as a citizen of a bilingual country, you should know BOTH official languages. It is a huge advantage in a competitive job market. It also opens up your options on an international scale. Haiti, France, Belgium, Niger, Togo, Vanuatu, Switzerland, Madagascar are just a few of the 50 countries in the world that have French as their national language.

In learning French you also use essential skills for other classes. Research has proven that students who take a second/multiple languages tend to be better problems solvers. In addition, the Latin origins of French can help with the terminology of other classes. For example the periodic table in science uses several French words for abbreviations.

The largest reason why you should take French is because it's fun!! There are so many topics to explore and activities to do. Not to mention the fact that French is the "Language of Love".

Culture

A large part of learning a language also means learning about other cultures. French students will participate in a wide variety of real French experiences.

Every few years we will have a trip to Quebec City and Montreal or even France.

French performers are at the school almost every year to display their talents as well as expose the students to French culture. Last year, we were lucky to have the band “Ya Ketchose”.

Students are also taken to the St. Boniface area to practice speaking French in real life situations (restaurants, libraries or stores).



Academic

French is an excellent class for students who like variety. The course focuses on four areas.

Speaking



A section of each class is reserved specifically to speaking French. Oral presentations will vary from simple questions like "How are you?" to skits on the environment or fashion shows.

Listening

Being able to understand French is just as important as speaking it. Students will be exposed regularly to French news broadcasts, music, weather reports and French conversations, podcasts movies and cartoons.



Writing/Reading

Students will create and read a variety of texts such as food labels, pamphlets, recipes, movie posters, music lyrics, newspaper articles and stories. It is also important that they learn basic grammatical structures to enhance their speaking and listening skills.

