

Bienvenue!



FRENCH IMMERSION IN TVDSB

PARENT/CAREGIVER
INFORMATION SESSION

Agenda



- French Immersion at TVDSB: Guiding Principals and Program Overview
- How can I support my child who is in FI at home?
- Transportation for FI
- How can I get involved at the school?
- Registration Information

Guiding Principles of FSL



- FSL programs are for all students
- FSL education serves as a bridge between languages and cultures
- Learning FSL strengthens literacy skills, as well as cognitive and metacognitive development
- Learning FSL is a lifelong journey

Benefits of Language Learning



Reasons to Learn French!

- Communicate with French speakers around the world
- The richest source of vocabulary in English actually derives not directly from Latin, but French
- Travel opportunities
- Students studying French will improve their overall comprehension skills as 1 out of 3 words in English has been borrowed from French
- Knowledge of French can improve creative and critical thinking skills
- Researchers in science, technology, medicine, and business have an edge on their competitors when they can read studies in the original language
- Job opportunities

Program Overview



Please visit our website for more information about our FSL programs:

www.tvdsb.ca/fsl

This program is available at 12 elementary schools across our region. French Immersion programming begins in Grade 1 and continues until Grade 12.

French Immersion meets the needs of non-Francophone families, and gives students the opportunity to learn French while still developing their English language skills.

TVDSB'S VISION FOR FRENCH IMMERSION

VISION AND GOALS OF THE FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

All programs in the French as a second language curriculum at the elementary and secondary levels share a common vision, as follows:

Vision and Goals for French as a Second Language – Core, Extended, and Immersion, Grades 1 to 12

Vision

Students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada's official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.

Goals

In all French as a second language programs, students realize the vision of the FSL curriculum as they strive to:

- use French to communicate and interact effectively in a variety of social settings;
- learn about Canada, its two official languages, and other cultures;
- appreciate and acknowledge the interconnectedness and interdependence of the global community;
- be responsible for their own learning, as they work independently and in groups;
- use effective language learning strategies;
- become lifelong language learners for personal growth and for active participation as world citizens.

PATHWAYS FOR FRENCH IMMERSION

ELEMENTARY IMMERSION

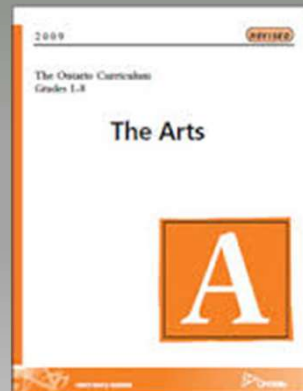
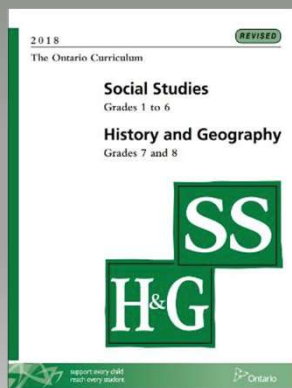
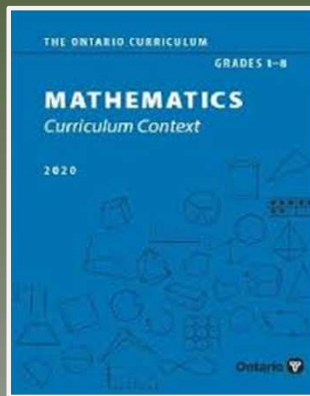
- Students **enter at Grade 1 only**
- Transportation is provided (> 1.6 km)
- Students wishing to enter the FI program after Grade 1, must arrive from another program where at least 50% of the instructional time was French
- If a student chooses to leave French Immersion, parents/caregivers will receive an Exit Letter explaining that **re-entry will be not permitted**
- Students are encouraged to **continue in French Immersion at the Secondary level**

SECONDARY IMMERSION

- French Immersion is offered at **5 of our Secondary Schools**
- Transportation is provided (>3.2 km)
- Students who obtain a MINIMUM of **10 credits in FI courses will graduate with a French Immersion Certificate**
- Of the 10 French Immersion credits, **4 of them must be French Language credits** (FIF 9-12); for the remaining 6 credits, the language of instruction must be French



SAME CURRICULA ARE TAUGHT IN FI!



Math
Social Studies (Grades 1-6)
History/Geography (Grades 7-8)
Physical Education
Music
Health
French
Dance
Drama
Visual Arts
Science & Technology



Students will receive 60 minutes of English Language instruction each day

HOW MUCH FRENCH IS PROVIDED?

GRADES 1-6: 80:20 ratio

- **All subjects, except for English, are to be delivered in French.**
- Out of the 300-minute instructional day:
 - **100 minutes of French** language/literacy instruction;
 - **60 minutes of English** language/literacy instruction;
 - **60 minutes of Mathematics** instruction in French;
 - Remaining minutes for **other subject areas delivered in French** (art, drama, science, social studies, etc. which are also often integrated into the 100-minute French block).



GRADES 7-8: 70-80:30-20 ratio

- **All subjects, except for English, are to be delivered in French; however, Music or Physical Education may be delivered in English** in the event that qualified FSL staff are not available to fill the assignment.

MUST PARENTS/CAREGIVERS SPEAK FRENCH FOR FI?

Parents/Caregivers **are not expected to know French** in order to send their child to a French Immersion school. In fact, French Immersion education is intended for students and families who do not speak French at home.

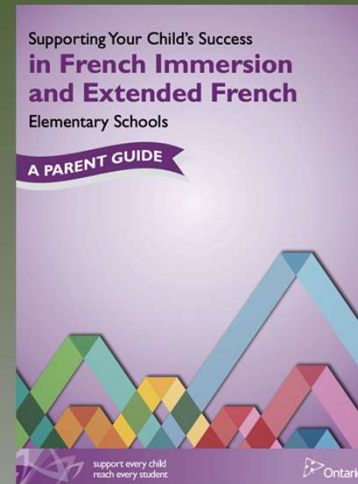
Parent/Caregiver-Educator **interviews, communication, and Ministry report cards are in English.**

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



Not-for-profit organization by and for parents/caregivers of children in French Immersion and Core French programs in Ontario; variety of programs and supports are available such as **virtual tutoring, reading clubs, enrichment competitions**, etc. for students in both elementary and secondary.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

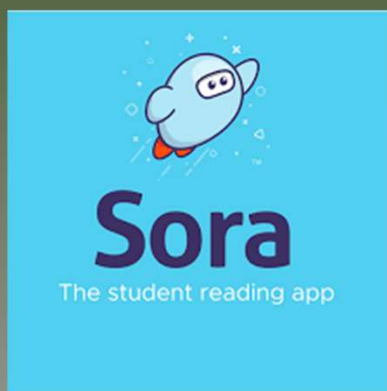


Resource developed by OME **specifically for parents/caregivers of children in French Immersion** programs. Variety of **practical ways, resources, and strategies to support your child** at home included.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



Free, **e-book and audiobook library** for all TVDSB students and staff. Over **300+ French titles available** at the elementary and secondary levels. **Available 24/7**, including in the **summer**.

Click [HERE](#) to access (TVDSB credentials required)

Free online, easy-to-navigate French language learning platform. There are 4 different levels with 6 modules, each including a variety of **entertaining and educational songs, books, activities, and authentic dialogue scenarios**. Parents/caregivers can download the activities to a tablet or can have their children complete activities in a browser on a device.

Click [HERE](#) for free access

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



French Street is a website developed by CPF that promotes various in-person camps, exchanges, cultural events, etc. for parents/caregivers of French Immersion students.

Click [HERE](#) to access.



IDÉLLO offers thousands of free French media videos and lessons for students. It also has developed activities and resources specifically for parents/caregivers to complete with their children at home.

Click [HERE](#) to access the French Immersion section for parents/caregivers.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



Virtual FSL Toolbox for Homework and Parents/Caregivers, including a variety of easy-to-navigate activities to work on everyday language in French, with audio-recorded examples of pronunciation.

Click [HERE](#) to access.



Mini TFO offers a variety of educational French games, activities, and series for children in the primary division.

Click [HERE](#) to access.



HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?

The logo for Boukili, featuring the word "Boukili" in a colorful, rounded font. The letters are: B (red), o (orange), u (green), k (blue), i (light blue), l (purple), i (pink).

YOU!

Boukili offers free access to hundreds of simple, but engaging, books, games and activities in French for children 4 years of age and up.

Click [HERE](#) to access.

Oral language is the foundation of literacy skills. **Parents/guardians are encouraged to speak with their children and read to (and be read to by) their children daily in their home language of their choice (does NOT have to be English nor French).** Research shows that this is very valuable and that many important skills will transfer over and even enhance your child's ability to learn French.

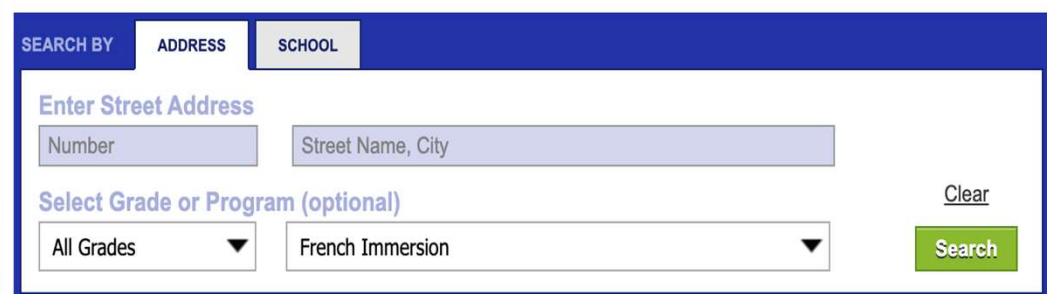
HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?

- Share your expertise in a particular field
- Classroom Assistance
- Reading Support
- Library Learning Commons
- Lunchroom Helper
- Volunteer Coaching
- Class/School Field Trips
- Fundraising
- Hot Lunch Days
- Snack Program
- School Council
- Open Houses
- Other? Speak to your Principal!



IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

- **BUSSING** IS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS **LIVING FARTHER THAN 1.6 km** FROM THE DESIGNATED ELEMENTARY FI SCHOOL OR FARTHER THAN **3.2 KM** FROM THE DESIGNATED SECONDARY FI SCHOOL
- YOUR **DESIGNATED FI SCHOOL** IS DETERMINED **BY YOUR HOME ADDRESS**
- GO TO THE TVDSB WEBSITE UNDER **“Find a School”**, **“French Immersion program”** AND INPUT YOUR ADDRESS: [CLICK HERE](#)
- NEW STUDENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF BUS ROUTES DURING THE SUMMER



The screenshot shows a search interface with a blue header. Under 'SEARCH BY', 'ADDRESS' is selected. The form includes a section for 'Enter Street Address' with two input fields: 'Number' and 'Street Name, City'. Below this is a section for 'Select Grade or Program (optional)' with two dropdown menus: 'All Grades' and 'French Immersion'. A 'Clear' link is located to the right of the dropdowns, and a green 'Search' button is at the bottom right.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

ON TVDSB WEBSITE: [CLICK HERE](#)

In-person registration is required at all schools. Please follow the steps below to ensure you have all of the necessary information and documentation to register your student at their school.

Step 1: Find your school



Step 2: Begin the pre-registration process



Step 3: Collect required original documentation



Step 4: Contact your school



ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES

JAN 13–31, 2025



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ELIGIBILITY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024


- Students entering Grade 1 French Immersion **must be 6 years old by December 31, 2025.**
- When registering your child, you must produce **proof of age and address** (birth or baptismal certificate, registration of birth, passport, copy of lease agreement or utility bill).
- The final deadline to register for Grade 1 French Immersion is by **September 30th of the school year.** However, we ask that you please register during the registration window listed above to ensure adequate staffing.



Parent Communication

- Classroom Newsletters
- School Messenger
- School Website
- Facebook page
- Bengal Blitz



 **BENGAL BLITZ**
J.S. BUCHANAN FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SCHOOL
FEB 5, 2023

NEWS!

Happy Sunday! I hope everyone was able to stay warm last week! It looks like we are getting some warmer weather in the next couple of weeks!

As you may know, two of our teachers are expanding their families! Mme DiLallo is now of resting and getting ready for her new arrival and Mme Moar's last day is this coming Friday. We welcome Mme Baker and Mme Veenvliet who will be with us for the remainder of the year!

Please note the couple of reminders below!

Mme Buchanan

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those of you who supported our Cinnabon fundraiser! We can't wait until they are distributed on the 14th. The school is going to smell amazing that day!

GRADE 1 REGISTRATION

Please note that registration for Grade 1 for next year is now open. If you know anyone who would like to register their child for French Immersion for next year, please let them know they can access the link through the TVDSB website. We'd like to get our registrations in as soon as possible so we can start our planning for next year. Please also let them know that there will be a virtual information night for J.S. Buchanan, this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The link to the presentation is on the French Immersion Registration page on the board website.

SCHOOL TIMES



- School starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 3:30 pm

Grade 1 is full-day, every day

Transportation is provided by Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services. Information on eligibility, routes, cancellations, etc. can be found on mybigyellowbus.ca





BREAKS AND LUNCH ...



- **Balance Day Schedule:**
 - 9:00 start of First Instructional Block
 - 10:40 First nutrition break/recess
 - 11:20 Second Instructional Block
 - 1:00 Second nutrition break/recess
 - 1:50 Third Instructional Block
 - 3:30 School ends
- (1st break will be 40 mins, the 2nd will be 50 mins)
- School Council runs a Hot Lunch Program every week



Extra-curriculars...

- Spirit Days and school-wide events (Carnaval, Play Day)
- Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, and Track and Field
- Clubs: Robotics, Dance, Forest of Reading, music (band and choirs), art



Past fun in Grade 1 has included things such as...

- Park walks
- Skating trips
- Maple Syrup Farm
- Turkey lunch
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Glowstick Party
- Nature Field Trips



According to students...
What do you like most about going to a French
Immersion school?

- Learning another language
- Something you could put on your resume
- Meeting new people
- French sounds prettier
- You know a secret language that your parents don't know
- Fun to use when on vacation

ANY
FURTHER
QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
DESIGNATED FRENCH
IMMERSION SCHOOL BY
PHONE OR VISIT THE
SCHOOL'S WEBSITE
(NEXT SLIDE)



TVDSB FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS

<u>Éva Circé-Côté</u>	45885 SPARTA LINE, ST. THOMAS 519-775-2541	<u>Oliver Stephens</u>	164 FYFE AVE, WOODSTOCK 519-539-2068
<u>Jeanne Sauvé</u>	215 WHARNCLIFFE RD, LONDON 519-452-8250	<u>Pierre Elliott Trudeau</u>	112 CHURCHILL CR, ST. THOMAS 519-631-7820
<u>J.S. Buchanan</u>	248 KEEFER STREET, STRATHROY 519-245-0473	<u>Princess Anne</u>	191 DAWN DRIVE, LONDON 519-452-8480
<u>Kensal Park</u>	328 SPRINGBANK RD, LONDON 519-452-8280	<u>Princess Elizabeth</u>	247 THOMPSON RD, LONDON 519-452-8490
<u>Lord Roberts</u>	440 PRINCESS AVE, LONDON 519-452-8330	<u>Roch Carrier</u>	840 SLOANE ST, WOODSTOCK 519-537-7321
<u>Louise Arbour</u>	365 BELFIELD STREET, LONDON 519-452-2820	<u>West Oaks</u>	1050 PLANTATION ROAD, LONDON 519-452-8650