



Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga, Ontario, L5R 1C5 • Tel: (905) 890-1221 • Fax: (905) 890-7610

November, 2011

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

As a parent/guardian of a child in a Dufferin-Peel Senior Kindergarten classroom, you may wish to consider the French Immersion program as a possibility for Grade 1 in September 2012. French Immersion is a program in which 90% of the Grade 1 instruction is delivered in French. Instruction in English is added in later years.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board presently offers the French Immersion program at St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Divine Mercy, St Elizabeth Seton and St Pio of Pietrelcina in Mississauga, and St. Joachim, Our Lady of Providence and St Angela Merici in Brampton. Transportation is NOT provided for students. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to transport their children to and from the French Immersion centre.

This program offers an excellent opportunity for becoming functionally bilingual in later years and has been found to be very successful. Over 300,000 students are enrolled in Extended French or French Immersion annually across Canada.

Students in the Dufferin-Peel French Immersion program attain a high level of proficiency in French at no cost to the student's English proficiency or achievement in other academic subjects, such as science and mathematics. Students in the French Immersion program receive at least 3800 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8 and can:

- communicate effectively in French, by selecting the correct words and nuances, and adapting language in order to be understood;
- understand radio, television, newspapers and books, with the occasional help of a dictionary;
- demonstrate knowledge of the culture, society, customs, economy, government and institutions of a French-speaking community;
- function well in a French-speaking community.

More detailed information will be available at parent/guardian meetings to be held at three French Immersion locations. **Please mark the date for the appropriate French Immersion centre on your calendar:**

French Immersion centres	Session location	Date and time
Our Lady of Providence St Angela Merici St Joachim	St Joachim	Tuesday January 10 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy St Elizabeth Seton St Margaret of Scotland	St Margaret of Scotland	Wednesday January 11 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.
St Gertrude St Pio of Pietrelcina	St Gertrude	Thursday January 12 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.

Submitting an Application

*Completed applications will be accepted at the French Immersion school office over a period of two weeks following the parent/guardian information meeting up to a **deadline of 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.***

A copy of the application will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s) at the time of submission. There will be no numbering of applications.

Lottery Process

A lottery will be held on a pre-determined and advertised date if, and only if, the number of applications received at the school exceeds the places available.

We trust that this letter provides you with sufficient information. However, if more details are required, please contact your child's present school, the principal of the French Immersion centre in your area, or the board's French as a Second Language Consultant, Micheline Goguen (905-890-0708 ext. 24307). It is recommended that parents/guardians attend the information meeting at the applicable French Immersion centre for more details.

Sincerely,

Sheila McWatters
Superintendent of Program

SW:MG:dd