



## Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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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 2011. French Immersion is a program in which 90% of the Grade 1 instruction is delivered in French.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board presently offers the French Immersion program as follows:

-- **IN MISSISSAUGA:** at St Margaret of Scotland / St Gertrude / Divine Mercy

-- **IN BRAMPTON:** at St Joachim / Our Lady of Providence / St. Angela Merici

Expansion of the French Immersion program to St Pio of Pietrelcina, St Elizabeth Seton and St Peter has been approved. 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 students' 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(s)/guardian(s) meetings to be held at the three new French Immersion locations. **Please mark the date for the appropriate French Immersion centre on your calendar:**

- **St Pio of Pietrelcina: 7:00 pm -Tuesday, February 22, 2011**
- **St Peter: 7:00 pm - Wednesday, February 23, 2011**
- **St Elizabeth Seton: 7:00 pm – Thursday, February 24, 2011**

**Submitting an Application:**

Completed applications will be accepted at the French Immersion school office from ***February 28, 2011 up to a deadline of 2:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 2011.***

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. It is recommended that parent(s)/guardian(s) attend the information meeting at the applicable French Immersion centre for more details.

Sincerely,



Marianne Mazzorato  
Superintendent of Program

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