

PROGRAM & LEARNING SERVICES

November 18, 2021

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

As a parent/guardian of a child in a Dufferin-Peel Year 2 Kindergarten classroom, you may wish to consider the French Immersion program as a possibility for Grade 1 in September 2022. Virtual information sessions will be held in the upcoming weeks for all parents interested in the French Immersion program in Dufferin-Peel. 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 at the following schools. Please note that some schools only offer French Immersion until grade 4 and then the students are moved to another location for grades 5 - 8:

| MISSISSAUGA FRENCH IMMERSION LOCATIONS (2022 - 2023) | |
|---|---|
| French Immersion Centres Grade 1 – 4 | French Immersion Centres Grade 5 – 8 |
| All Saints | St. Margaret of Scotland |
| Divine Mercy | Our Lady of Mercy |
| St. Elizabeth Seton | St. Teresa of Avila |
| St. Pio of Pietrelcina | St. Jude |
| St. Gregory (Grades 1 – 8) | |
| BRAMPTON FRENCH IMMERSION LOCATIONS (2022 - 2023) | |
| French Immersion Centres Grade 1 – 4 | French Immersion Centres Grade 5 – 8 |
| Our Lady of Providence (Grades 1 – 8) | |
| St. Joachim (Grades 1 – 8) | |
| St. Angela Merici | St. Ursula |

Please note that **transportation is NOT provided for students**. It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to transport their children to and from the French Immersion centre during respective school hours.

This program offers an excellent opportunity for becoming functionally bilingual in later years. Students in the French Immersion program receive at least 4510 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 translation service;
- ❖ demonstrate knowledge of cultures, societies, customs, and institutions of French-speaking communities and countries;
- ❖ function well in a French-speaking community.

There will be **French Immersion Parent Information sessions** held online through the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. The session will provide more details about the French Immersion program and the application and registration process for Grade 1.

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education

We ask that you attend one of the two evening information sessions offered by our Board. Use the Microsoft Teams Link, available on the DPCDSB board website, to access the parent session on the appropriate date:

| School Region | Session Date & Time | Meeting Information |
|--|--|--|
| <u>BRAMPTON & MISSISSAUGA</u> Our Lady of Providence St Angela Merici St Joachim St Pio of Pietrelcina | Tuesday December 7, 2021 7:00 p.m. | Microsoft Teams Online Meeting - More information and Meeting Link can also be found on the website (https://www3.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/french-immersion) |
| <u>MISSISSAUGA</u> All Saints Divine Mercy St Elizabeth Seton St Gregory | Thursday December 9, 2021 7:00 p.m. | Microsoft Teams Online Meeting - More information and Meeting Link can also be found on the website (https://www3.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/french-immersion) |

Note about Microsoft Teams: *For optimal access, use a computer device (desktop, laptop or Chromebook) or use the Microsoft Teams App.*

Submitting an Application

The date to submit an application using the French Immersion on-line application website as well as the deadline for the submission of applications will be announced at the French Immersion Parent/Guardian information sessions. Please note: in the case of an application by same-age/same-grade siblings, the parent/guardian shall submit one application per sibling.

Random Selection Process

Should the number of applications exceed the number of spaces available, a centralized, computer-generated random selection process will be held following the application deadline.

Please review the Board website for up-to-date information. You may also contact your child's present school, the principal of the French Immersion School in your area, or the Board's French as a Second Language Consultant, Matthias Ramirez (905) 301-9348 and/or the FSL Program Secretary 905-890-0708 (ext. 24332).

It is recommended that the parent(s)/guardian(s) attend the virtual information meeting to receive more detailed information regarding the 2022 Grade 1 French Immersion application process.

Regards,

Carmel Murphy
 Superintendent of Program
 Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
 CB:mr:nm

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education