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in "C'était la Nuit avant Noël"
in the French Immersion Christmas special
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St. Joseph's Catholic High School

*"Le cadeau d'une deuxième langue
est utile pour toute la vie"*

"The gift of a second language is valuable
for a lifetime"

Madame Renée Saad,
Modern Languages Department Head
St. Joseph's Catholic High School

*"At St. Joseph's Catholic High School, we fully
support the benefits provided by a French
immersion program. Students who learn in two
languages improve their critical thinking,
reasoning and their English language skills are
also enhanced."*

*The St. Joseph's community is very proud of the
outstanding contribution that the French
Immersion program makes to our school and the
participating students."*

*"We look forward to continuing this excellent
program and we extend an invitation to anyone
who wishes to benefit from this meaningful and
diverse programming."*

Tish Hedderson, Principal,
St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School

What help is available to students?

Students will be given strategies to improve
their writing skills but can also benefit from
accessing the following websites for further
help.

<http://bonpatron.com/>

A program that will edit 250 word
documents at a time at no charge

<http://www.leconjugueur.com/>

An online verb "bescherelle" with
exercises to practice verb
conjugation

<http://www.cpf.ca/>

An extensive website offering
information for parents and students
regarding French language

[http://www.lexilogos.com/francais
languedictionnaires.htm](http://www.lexilogos.com/francais
languedictionnaires.htm)

A website which offers online
dictionaries and thesaurus



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Why Study French Immersion?

Ontario schools must enable students to build a basic foundation for later learning and successful adult life.

Learning a second language is part of this foundation. It is part of being Canadian. French is the mother tongue of one-quarter of all Canadians and one of Canada's two official languages.

French is also one of the International languages of the world and one of the six international official languages of the United Nations.

Research has shown that through learning a second language:

- ✓ *students can strengthen their first language skills*
- ✓ *students can enhance their critical and creative thinking abilities*
- ✓ *students are more respectful and tolerant of other cultures*
- ✓ *a second language increases job opportunities in many careers*
- ✓ *students receive higher salaries on the job market*
- ✓ *students have a higher self-esteem*

What are the requirements for studying French Immersion?

Students are required to complete a minimum of 3800 hours in French instruction or equivalent.

French Immersion Courses Offered:

Grade 9-12	Français, Religion
Grade 9	Géographie, Art Dramatique
Grade 10	Histoire, La Citoyenneté et Les Carrières

Did you know...



that la maladie D'Alzheimer is delayed by quatre years chez les personnes bilingues?



there are over 200 million francophones on 5 continents?

L'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

How does studying French Immersion at secondary school help prepare my student for the future?

The aim of the French Immersion program is to develop and refine students' language through the study of francophone literature. By the end of the four-year program, students:

- will participate easily in conversations and discussions
- will be able to take courses at the college or university level in which French is the language of instruction
- will be able to accept employment in which French is the working language

What other opportunities are available to French Immersion students?

If you would like your son or daughter to experience French culture we will be offering a trip to Quebec and Europe.

There are also six week language bursary grants or summer work exchanges available to students enrolled in the French Immersion program.

Please visit the following websites for more details:

<http://www.myexplore.ca/>

<http://jobs-emploi.gc.ca/fswep-pfete/index-eng.htm>