



**St. Thomas of Villanova**  
*French Immersion students at the Carnaval de Québec.*



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**Catholic Secondary School**

*“My French Immersion Certificate is beneficial to me because next year I plan on studying International Relations and Law in Ottawa, to eventually practice law. My fluency in French will open many doors in different fields for me in the future.”*

Joe Fiorino, Grade 12 French Immersion student,  
St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School.

*“Acquiring a French Immersion Certificate provides students with a broader range of possibilities for post-secondary education, and increases opportunities for employment in both the public and private sector, as we are a bilingual country.”*

Kathy Furlong, Principal,  
St. Thomas of Villanova 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>

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

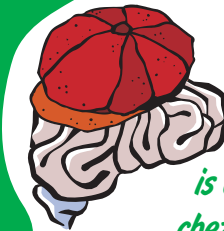
## What are the requirements for studying French Immersion?

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>