

Friday, November 20, 2020

Good morning Sir Samuel B. Steele Families,

Hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe.

Here are some updates:

Spirit Days

We are very excited about having spirit days on every Friday until the winter break. Big thanks to Ms. Weiss' class for organizing these spirit days by brainstorming themes, creating posters and making the announcements. Our first spirit day for this year will take place on Friday, November 27th and it will be a Pajama Day. Looking forward to a fun filled spirit day!



Important Information for Families about the Changes to the FSL programs

In June 2019, the Board of Trustees approved the changes to Intensive FSL programs, that is, to restructure the Board's intensive FSL programs leading to a single program model with two entry points and the elimination of all other entry points. Therefore, Junior Kindergarten (beginning 2022) and Grade 4 (beginning 2021) were identified as the two immersion entry points.

Important Information for Families of Grade 3 Students

(Middle French Immersion Application Process – Grade 4 Entry)

The Middle French Immersion program is slated to open at currently existing Junior Extended French sites. The application process will remain a central one and the French Department will be managed promoting and communicating with families of Grade 3 students about the application process.

Here is some important information:

- Application dates **January 4, 2021 to January 29, 2021**
- Communication and promotion about the application process will take place in December 2020
- Virtual Information sessions will be held centrally in January. The dates are to be determined but will be posted here <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions>

- Please find here information about the Middle French Immersion program <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs> (this includes a Q and A about MFI)
- Please find here information (and a Q and A) specific to the recommended changes (i.e. the phase out/phase in of programs) <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/FSL-Review-Recommendations-and-Implementation-Plans>

Important Information for Families of JK Students

(Early French Immersion Application Process – SK Entry)

Early French Immersion Program - Application Information

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's **Early French Immersion** Program (begins in Senior Kindergarten), we offer an online process to apply. Please see the attached file for an important information package. To apply for the Early French Immersion Program (SK entry) for September 2021, applications must be completed online between **November 2 and November 27, 2020**. An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in the same French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Start-of-the Year Forms

Thank you for completing the Start-of-the-Year Forms. If you have not had the opportunity to complete them, please do so as soon as possible. These forms provide us with critical information about your children that can impact their well-being and safety. In addition to the electronic packages, we also sent out hard copies for any families, who required them. If you need support in completing them, please contact the school office.

Transitions Dates (Virtual/In-School Learning)

To maintain stability in our schools, the next opportunity for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning will be in January. Students will no longer be able to switch in November.

Opportunity to Change	Deadline for Requesting a Change	Dates the Change of Class Would Take Effect
Following the First Report Card	January 29th	February 16 th (day after the Family Day holiday)

Please call the school to request a change before the deadline.

Thank you and have a great weekend☺

Krishna Kumar

