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Ms. K. Kumar, Principal

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Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Here are some updates:

Extended Remote/Virtual Learning

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced that **elementary schools across Ontario, including those at the TDSB, will remain closed to students and staff until at least Monday, January 25, 2021.** We know that this extended shift to remote learning presents challenges for a number of families, we have been working with families to ensure that learning can continue as best as possible given the circumstances. To ensure every student has a working device at home, Sam B. Steele staff members have been connecting with families and we have been providing them with a chrome book from our classrooms.

Important Information for Families of Grade 3 Students (NEW Middle French Immersion Program – Grade 4 Entry)

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide NEW Middle French Immersion Program (begins in Grade 4), we offer an online process to apply. Please see the attached file for an important information package. To apply for the Middle French Immersion Program (Grade 4 entry) for September 2021, applications must be completed online between **January 4 and January 29, 2021.**

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 a 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 the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4) application process, please join us for a **Virtual Information Session** on one of the following dates:

- January 14, 2021 – 10 am
- January 21, 2021 – 7 pm
- January 27, 2021 – 7 pm

For more information about Middle French Immersion Program, available in multiple languages, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs>.

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

Important Information for Families of Grade 6 students (Grade 7 Extended French at Sir Ernest MacMillan Senior Public School)

Sir Ernest MacMillan Senior Public School will be having a virtual Grade 7 Extended French Parent Information Night on January 12th at 6:30 pm. Please see the attached file for the flyer with additional details.

Thank you and have a great weekend 😊

Krisha Kumar