Riverside Secondary

French Immersion Information Session January 24th, 2024

French Immersion at Riverside

- By the end of the French Immersion Programs, students should be bilingual (or multilingual) and adequately equipped to work/live in French
- Our goals in the department are to further develop:
 - ▶ Fluency in written and oral capacities
 - Confidence in an additional language
 - Cultural awareness of the Francophone world
 - Passion for the French language and Francophone cultures
 - ▶ Identity as a French language learner

Why French Immersion?

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Benefits:

- More attractive to potential employers
- Career options
 - ▶ Working for the government
- Higher salary
- Travelling opportunities

... but also:

- Cultural tolerance
- New perspectives
- Resilience
- Strong sense of community



French Immersion Classes

- In order to complete the Dual Dogwood Diploma, students will need to complete the following courses:
 - ► Français Langue 10
 - Français Langue 11 (one of two options)
 - ► Français Langue 12
 - ▶ Plus 12 credits in French for Grade 10-12 courses

... as well as 4 provincial numeracy/literacy assessments

- French Immersion students are also expected to take a minimum number of French classes per year.
 - ▶ Grade 9 4
 - ▶ Grade 10 4
 - ▶ Grade 11 2
 - Grade 12 2

Students in FRIM still have access to other enrichment programs offered at the school such as Honours, Hockey Academy, Science Co-Op, Outdoor Ed, and the EPIC Program, athletics!

French Immersion Classes

Grade 9 (50%)	Grade 10 (50%)	Grade 11 (25%)	Grade 12 (25%)
Français Langue 9	Français Langue 10	Français Langue 11*	Français Langue 12
Sciences Humaines 9	Sciences Humaines 10	French Elective	French Elective
Éducation Physique 9	Éducation à la Vie Professionnelle 10		
Conversation 10	French Elective		

^{*}Français Langue 11 credits are completed through:

- Médias et Communication Numérique
- Littérature et Cinéma

French Immersion Classes - Electives

- In order to complete the Dual Dogwood Diploma graduation requirements, French Immersion students are required to choose (at least) 3 of the following electives:
- Home Economics
 - Études des Aliments 10*
 - Études des Aliments 11
- Social Studies
 - ► Histoire 12
 - Cultures Comparées 12

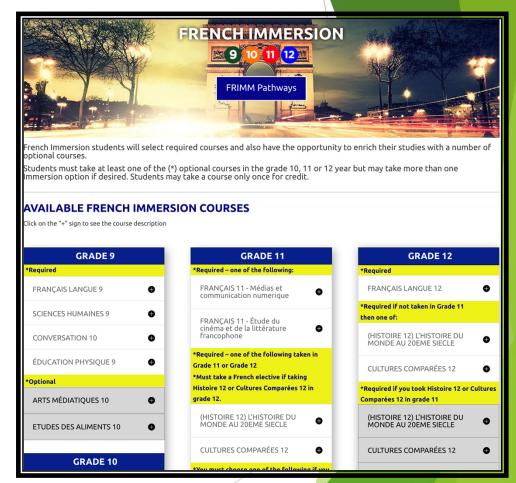
- French (Oral)
 - Communication Orale 11
 - Communication Orale 12
- Art
 - Arts Médiatiques 10*
- Peer Tutoring
 - Peer Tutoring 11 (Immersion)

*Available to Grade 9 students



Course Selection

- Course <u>planning</u> sheet will be given to students in their core classes
- Select one course from each subject area
- One elective course
 - Does not have to be in FRIM
 - ► First elective choice is not guaranteed
- Honours classes require a successful assessment (January 26)
- Course selection to be completed on MyEdBC before February 12



Riverside Course Info Site (accessible on main page)

Opportunities at Riverside

DELF Exam

- Internationally recognized exam measuring communication skills in French
- Graduating students have the option to write the B1 or B2 level exam at the end of Français Langue 12
- Subsidized by the district!

Projet Pont

A collaboration with Vancouver's only Francophone theatre *Théâtre* la Seizième; students will be able to attend shows and discuss with writers/actors/artistic directors

Soirée PIF

► A celebration of our French Immersion Program that includes games, karaoke, a trivia competition, and more

Opportunities Beyond Riverside

- Explore!
 - ► Funded by the federal government
 - Sends students to Quebec for 6 weeks in the summer to study French and discover the culture
- YMCA Summer Work Exchange
 - Students do an exchange to Quebec where they will work and live in French for 6 weeks in the summer

- SFU French Cohort Program
 - Bilingual program that focuses on French and Political Science (BA)
 - Includes the opportunity for a semester abroad at a Francophone university
 - Bursaries available to French learners

Opportunities to Travel

- France (Grade 10)
 - ► Tied in with Communication Orale 11
 - ► History
 - ► Roman Empire
 - ► World War II
 - Culture
 - ▶ 9 cities in 6 departments
 - ▶ 16 days **entirely** in French



Opportunities to Travel

- Quebec (Grade 12)
 - ► Tied in with Communication Orale 12
 - ► Humanitarian trip
 - ▶ Presentation of mini-operas
 - Working in soup kitchens, at senior centres, and with children with developmental disabilities at Cité-Joie





Upcoming Dates

- ▶ January 23: Honours application database closes
- ▶ January 26: Honours assessments (12:30PM at Riverside)
- ▶ January 29: Student course selection process on MyEd opens
- ▶ February 5-6: Riverside counsellors visit middle schools
- ► February 9: Cross-boundary applications open
 - ▶ Applications close on February 14
- ▶ February 12: Student course selections are to be completed on MyEdBC

Questions?

If you have additional questions, please feel free to email:

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