

APPENDIX B



St. Jerome Catholic School

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Dear Families of St. Jerome School

January 25, 2016

The TCDSB and St. Jerome Catholic School are investigating the possibility of starting a dual-track French Immersion program at St. Jerome for the 2016-2017 school year. The program would begin with a blended full day kindergarten class, including both Junior and Senior Kindergarten in 2016, and grow one year at a time alongside the current English stream. Current Junior Kindergarten students would be eligible to register for the new French Immersion program.

We would like to offer current St. Jerome families the opportunity to consult on the process by completing the survey below. Once completed, please return the bottom portion to the school by Friday February 19th, 2016. (See back for more information or visit www.tcdsb.org).

We will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

Rocco Di Domizio
Principal

Ashley Sawh
CSPC Chair



Parent Surname: _____ First Name: _____
(Please print)

Number of children attending the school: _____ Current Grade: _____, _____, _____

Please select 1 (one) of the following options by placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

☐

I DO SUPPORT the inclusion of a French Immersion program (along with a continuing English stream) at St. Jerome Catholic School.

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I DO NOT SUPPORT the inclusion of a French Immersion program at St. Jerome Catholic School.

I understand that this is only the first step in the process of determining the feasibility of a French Immersion program at St. Jerome. Further community information and consultation will take place as required.

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

The French Immersion program is designed to provide non francophone children with a high degree of proficiency in the French language; students should be able to function with ease in both French and English.

The expectations in each grade are those outlined in the English language curriculum policy documents. It is recognized that expectations in these subjects may need to be adapted to meet the needs of students who are studying the subjects in French instead of English.

- **JK to the end of grade 2** French is the language of instruction for 90% of the day; Religion, Family Life and vocal music are in English.
- **In grades 3 and 4** French is the language of instruction for 75% of the day; Music, Religion and Language Arts are in English (25%).
- **In grades 5-8** the day is 50% French 50% English
- Math, Science, Music, Language Arts and Religion are in English
- French/Social studies/Phys.Ed./ Health/Drama/ Dance/ Visual Arts are in French

Positive outcomes for students include:

- knowledge of an additional language strengthens first language skills
- increased mental flexibility;
- improved problem solving skills;
- a better understanding of aspects of a variety of cultures;
- a greater awareness of global issues, including those related to the environment and sustainability;
- expanded career opportunities.

Parent's role;

- read daily to your child at home to enrich their first language
- introduce some French picture/audio books at home; have a French dictionary for reference
- draw attention to French in their environment – food packaging, etc.
- check out local French events – at the library – make French a part of life at home to support the classroom experience whenever possible
- be a positive role model showing interest, support and pride
- communicate with the classroom teacher to support your child's success
- believe in French immersion and your child's success

Children and parents are not expected to know any French prior to beginning French immersion; because literacy skills in one language transfer to another, seeing parents reading in English can motivate children to read on their own.



ST. ROBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

January 13, 2016

The TCDSB and St. Robert Catholic School are investigating the possibility of starting a dual-track French Immersion program at St. Robert for the 2016-2017 school year. The program would begin with a blended full day kindergarten class, including both Junior and Senior Kindergarten in 2016, and grow one year at a time alongside the current English stream. Current Junior Kindergarten students would be eligible to register for the new French Immersion program.

We would like to offer current St. Robert families the opportunity to consult on the process by completing the survey below. Once completed, please return the bottom portion to the school by Friday February 26, 2016.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available. We invite you to attend the Town Hall meeting on February 24 at 7:00 for more information.

Arlene Martin
Principal

Connie Gallo
CSPC



Parent Surname: _____ First Name: _____
(Please print)

Number of children attending the school: _____ Grade(s) for 2015-2016: _____, _____, _____

Please select 1 (one) of the following options by placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

☐

I **DO SUPPORT** the inclusion of a French Immersion program (along with a continuing English stream) at St. Robert Catholic School.

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I **DO NOT SUPPORT** the inclusion of a French Immersion program at St. Robert Catholic School.

I understand that this is only a first step in the process of determining the feasibility of a French Immersion program at St. Robert. Further community information and consultation will take place in the future.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Dear Parent/Guardian,

February 2, 2016

The TCDSB and St. Robert Catholic School are investigating the possible introduction of a new French program at St. Robert starting in September 2016. We would like to survey the current St. Robert families on their support of the introduction of either a French Immersion stream or an Extended French stream, along with the current English stream (①CORE FRENCH). **Please note that the English stream will not be affected, so all students can choose to continue with Core French.**

The ②EXTENDED FRENCH program starts in grade 5 and would grow one grade per year to grade 8. All current students in grades JK, SK, 1, 2, 3 and 4 would have the option to start the program in grade 5 or continue in Core French.

The ③FRENCH IMMERSION program would begin with a single full day kindergarten class with both Junior and Senior Kindergarten students and also grow one grade per year to grade 8. Only current Junior Kindergarten and those entering JK in 2016 would be eligible for this Immersion program. All other students must continue in Core French.

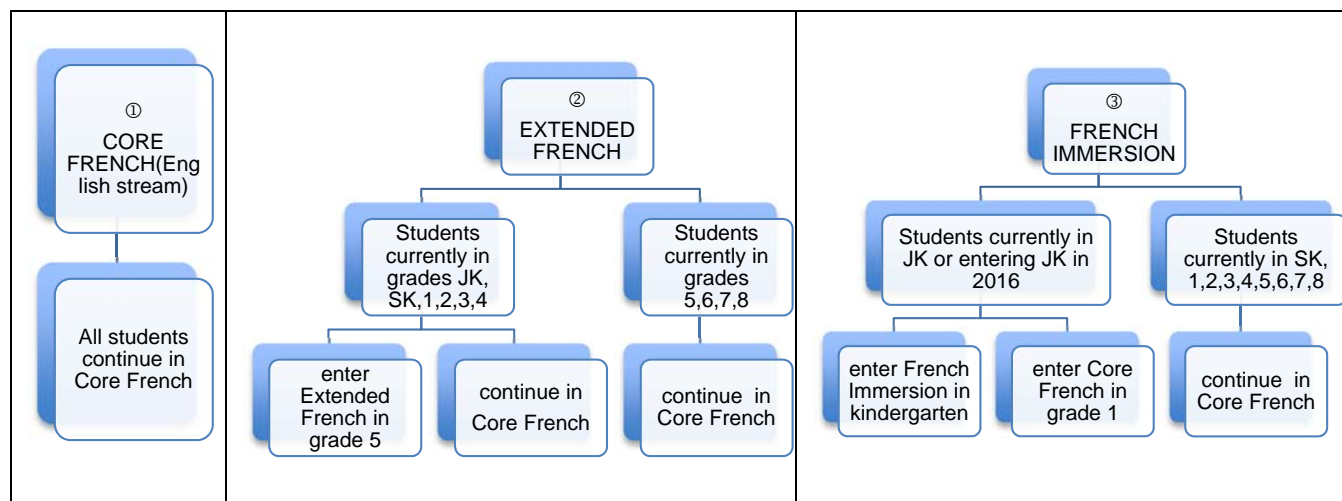
*We also invite you to attend the information meeting on **Wednesday, February 24 at 7 pm.**
Please complete the survey below, **one PER student** and return it before **Friday, February 26.***

Gina Iuliano Marrello
Superintendent of Education

Arlene Martin
Principal

Connie Gallo
CSAC Chair

Roseangela DiNoto
CSAC Vice Chair



Student's Full Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Please select **only 1 (one)** of the following options with a check mark (☒):

- ☐ ① I support continuing with **ONLY Core French** (English Stream)
- ☐ ② I support the inclusion of an **Extended French program, along with the current Core French** (English Stream) at St. Robert Catholic School
- ☐ ③ I support the inclusion of a **French Immersion program, along with the current Core French** (English Stream) at St. Robert Catholic School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

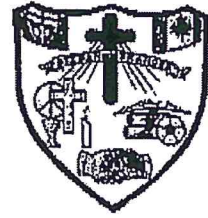
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	GRADE IT BEGINS	LENGTH OF INSTRUCTION IN FRENCH / % OF FRENCH	SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN FRENCH	FRENCH FLUENCY BY END OF HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOLS OFFERING PROGRAM IN TCDSB	POTENTIAL DIPLOMA AT THE END OF HIGHSCHOOL
① CORE FRENCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic French program • what the students currently receive 	1	30 minutes/day	French Language	NO	ALL HIGH SCHOOLS	Ontario Secondary School Diploma
② EXTENDED FRENCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • middle ground between Core and Immersion • students gain a comfort in French rarely achieved in Core program • possible for extended French students who are motivated to become as fluent as students in the Immersion program 	5	GR 5 – GR 8: 50% of school day	French Language + (depending on grade, a combination of) History Geography Social Studies Phys Ed / Health Art	YES	11 Bishop Allen Cardinal Newman Brebeuf College Loretto Abbey Marshall McLuhan Mary Ward Michael Power/St. Joe's Msgr. Percy Johnson Senator O'Connor St. Joseph's College St. Michael's Choir	Ontario Secondary School Diploma + Extended French Certificate
③ FRENCH IMMERSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intense French program • allows for the most French fluency 	JK	JK – GR2: 100% of school day GR5 – GR8: 50% of school day	French Language + All Subjects French Language + at least 2 subjects	YES	2 Bishop Allen Academy Senator O'Connor	Ontario Secondary School Diploma + French Immersion Certificate



**SAINT JANE FRANCES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
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February 8, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

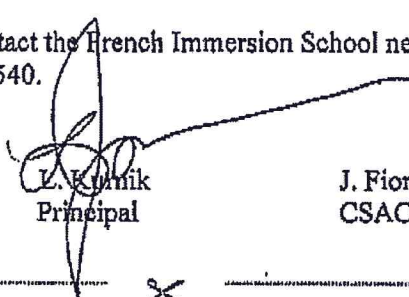
The TCDSB and St. Jane Frances Catholic School are investigating the possibility of starting a dual-track French Immersion program at St. Jane Frances for the 2016-2017 school year. The program would begin in 2016 with a single full day kindergarten class comprised of both Junior and Senior Kindergarten. The program will grow one grade per year alongside the current English stream. Current Junior Kindergarten students would be eligible to register for the new optional French Immersion program. **Please note that the English stream will not be affected in any way and will continue in its current state.** This is the first time French Immersion has been offered by the TCDSB in the North West Quadrant. The purpose is to offer Catholic families the **OPTION** for French Immersion and to re-engage Catholic families who have sought out the program in the Public Board.

We would like to offer current St. Jane Frances families the opportunity to consult on the process by completing the survey below. Once completed, please return the bottom portion to the school by Friday, February 19th, 2016.

More information about TCDSB's kindergarten program, French Immersion and Extended French programs can be found online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/Pages/default.aspx>

For further information, please contact the French Immersion School nearest you or contact French as a Second Language at (416) 222-8282 ext. 2540.

Gina Iuliano Marrello
Superintendent of Education


L. Kurnik
Principal

J. Fiorante
CSAC Chair

Parent Surname: _____ First Name: _____
(Please print)

As a Catholic Parent residing in Toronto:

Please select 1 (one) of the following options by placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

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YES, I DO SUPPORT the inclusion of a French Immersion program at St. Jane Frances Catholic School.

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NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT the inclusion of a French Immersion program at St. Jane Frances Catholic School.

I understand that this is only a first step in the process of determining the feasibility of a French Immersion program at St. Jane Frances. Further community information and consultation will take place in the future.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

*** Please return this survey to the school by Friday February 19, 2016.**