



Being in the French Immersion program has truly opened me up to a world of possibilities and a wide range of diverse opportunities. Due to the close community atmosphere as well as the experience of learning and studying a new language and culture, I am so glad I have kept with it through grade 12. It is definitely a very enriching program that I believe has helped me in all areas of my life.

— Krystin Thibault

Choosing to continue with French Immersion not only has helped me to enrich my writing in other language classes, but has opened so many doors of opportunity for me. Putting me in French Immersion was probably the best decision my parents ever made; because of their decision, I will always enter a welcoming classroom full of people who have the same love of French that I do.

— Stephanie Vojvodin

French Immersion is the password to an enriched world. Students in the program grow and develop in a caring, family like environment which builds their confidence and self-esteem. They become independent learners who strive to achieve excellence. The skills they acquire in the program are seen as valuable assets by post-secondary schools who offer them many bursaries to continue in the program.

— Amelia Vilaranda, FI teacher (15 years)

French Immersion Sites	
Elementary	Level
<b>Gregory A. Hogan</b> 1825 Hogan Dr. Sarnia, Ontario N7S 6G9 (519) 543 8190	K-8
<b>Monsignor Uyen</b> 255 Lark St. Chatham, Ontario (519) 352 1880	3-8
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> 545 Baldoon Rd. Chatham, Ontario N7L5A9	K-2
<b>St. Anne Blenheim</b> 183 Snow Ave., Box 2038 Blenheim, Ontario N0P 1A0	K-8
Secondary Schools	Level
<b>Ursuline College Catholic Secondary School</b> 85 Grand Ave. West Chatham, Ontario N7L 1B6	9-12
<b>St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School</b> 1001 The Rapids Parkway Sarnia, Ontario N7S 6K2	

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# Why Take French?

“Learning a second language is part of our Canadian heritage and foundation... 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 official languages of the United Nations.” There are over 200 million francophones in 5 continents. “If we want young people to mature into well-rounded and responsible adults, it is important that they be given opportunities to learn about their nation and to broaden their horizons by exploring French language and culture.”

## Fire-Up Your Brain Power What the research says...



### Second language learners:

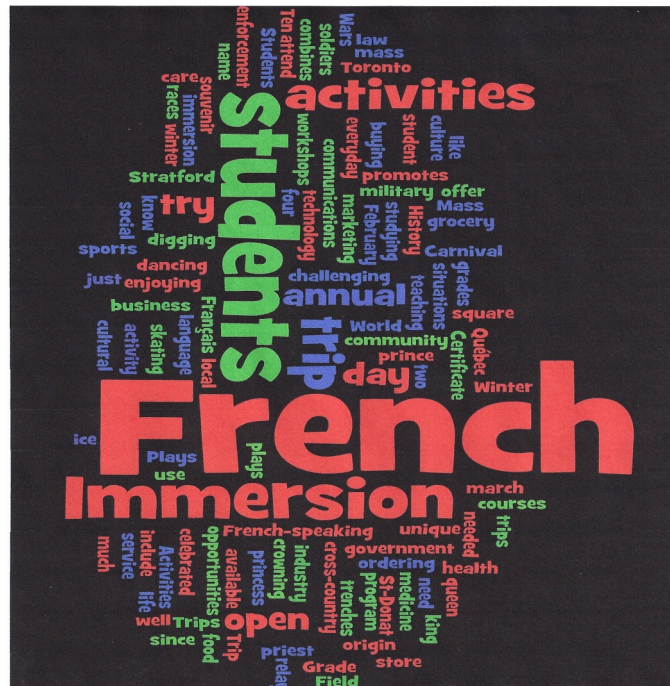
- ★ demonstrate increased skills in divergent thinking tasks and in memory ability and attention span
- ★ increase neurological pathways in the brain and can transfer skills from their second language to their first and visa versa
- ★ develop cross-cultural skills and can adapt to varying cultural contexts demonstrating greater cultural sensitivity
- ★ increase their opportunities to gain employment in a global market, especially in the areas of science, technology, medicine and global commerce
- ★ have increased opportunities to pursue jobs with higher paid salaries

## How does studying French Immersion at secondary school help prepare my son/daughter for the future?

The aim of the French Immersion Program at St. Clair Catholic D.S.B. is to provide a rich educational experience in which students can grow in their Catholic faith as well as develop a high level of proficiency in French. By the end of the four-year program, successful graduates will:

- \* have developed an appreciation for cultural diversity through the study of French literature and participation in various cultural events
- \* be able to speak with a high degree of fluency on a variety of topics ranging from personal experiences to global issues
- \* think critically and creatively in both English and French - skills which are high in demand for employment in the 21st century.
- \* be able to further their studies at the college or university level where French is the language of instruction

## Opportunities Abound...



## Course Requirements to Receive a French Immersion Certification



Students are required to complete a minimum of 10 credits in French instruction

Grade 9	Français, Religion, Géographie
Grade 10	Français, Religion, Histoire, La Citoyenneté et Les Carrières
Grade 11 & 12	Français, Religion, **Sociologie

\*\*Course offered subject to student enrolment

## Useful Web Links

<http://www.myexplore.ca/>

- Offers six week language bursary grants or summer work exchanges available to students enrolled in a French Immersion Program.

<http://jobs-emploi.gc.ca/fswep-pfete/index-fra.htm>

- The Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) is the primary vehicle through which federal organizations recruit students. It provides some 10 000 students a year with temporary jobs in different federal organizations.

<http://www.xpresslab.com/>

- A web 2.0 software that enables students to practice their oral pronunciation, fluency and comprehension both at school and at home. Students can also upload images, videos and create presentations using this software.

<http://www.cpf.ca/>

- Canadian parents for French(CPF) provides information and resources for parents to support their children’s French Second Language education.