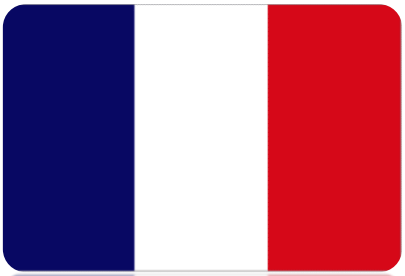
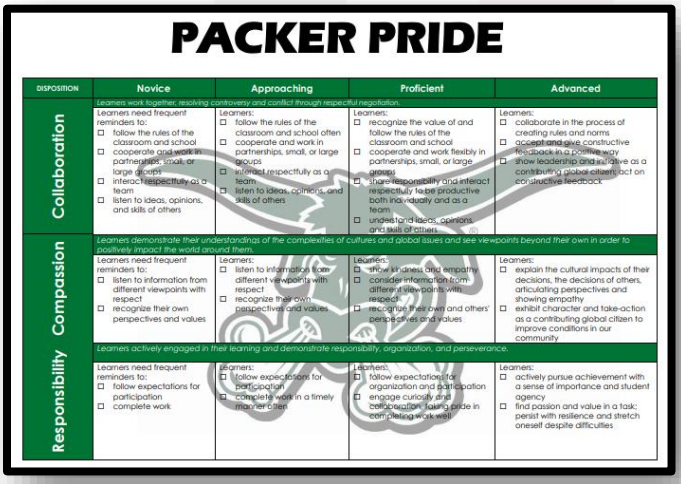
FRENCH 1,2,3,4



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Classroom 116E

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Direct e-mail or an e-mail through Schoology is the best form of communication!



You will be speaking French day 1 in French class! The best advice to become a good speaker is to not be afraid to make mistakes and have fun with the language!

Curriculum and Resources:
French 1: T'es Branché 1, CI strategies from Nous Sommes
French 2: Pauvre Anne and T'es Branché1, 2 and CI strategies.
French 3: T'es Branché 2, Au Coeur de la Guyane, Les Zombies Attaquent Québec
French 4 : T'es Branché 3, Trésors du Temps, le Petit Prince

Students need:

- Passport or passport card or green card with passport from country of origin to travel to Winnipeg Canada (for eligible students levels 1-4) for the French Festival each February (please apply now for travel this year- it can take up to 4 months to get passports/passport cards)
- Separate Binder for French Class for notes, handouts, reference sheets for Cornell notes.
- Keep a set of earbuds/air pods in your backpack for use. World Language has headsets that can be used as well.

Grading: Students grades are based on skills in the 5 C's (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, Communities)
Proficiency scales are used to grade listening, speaking, reading, and writing performance for each lesson/unit. Homework is for practice for these assessments. It is expected that students complete the practice opportunities given.

Semester grades are based on the following percentages:
Sem 1 =Q1: 50%, Q2: 50% Semester Assessment at the end of Q2 and Q4: There are no exceptions for final grades. An 89.4 remains a B. A 79.4 remains a C.

WIN sessions: What I Need sessions are for make-up work due to absences or for extra tutoring. You should sign up for WIN sessions for courses in which you are struggling or have questions. I will require you to attend if you have missing work or assessments.

Classroom design: Seating charts are used in every level of French to get to know you and for all of our communication activities! They are changed every three weeks. Sometimes you will be with a partner, sometimes a quad, and sometimes you will work independently around the room.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones/smart watches and other personal devices that can send and receive messages must be out of sight and out of use from 8:25 am -3:35 pm. They may not be in a pocket. The only place you may have it in the classroom is in a CLOSED backpack pocket. You cannot have them out during passing time, lunch time or open campus if you choose to stay on campus for open campus. If you go to the bathroom or see the nurse, the cellphone is left IN THE BACKPACK in the classroom.

Taking notes is REQUIRED in class. It is crucial you hand write your notes while learning new material. Studies have shown that you retain the material better with pen to paper note-taking. I will be reviewing Cornell notes with you as the strategies align perfectly with our question/answering communication activities.
https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200910-the-benefits-of-note-taking-by-hand

Schoology will be your go-to platform for your class: Check the Weekly folder (be sure to double-check the dates) lesson plans found on the Schoology web page for details. Please be aware that plans may change often so check it on a daily basis! You will see homework assignments on the lesson plans highlighted in yellow.

Homework not done on the due date? Unfinished homework in the allotted time results in a one-level proficiency decrease of the grade. Be sure to communicate with me should you have difficulty completing homework because of technology issues or family/sport/activity scenarios that arise. Once the unit test is complete, no more homework/projects/assessments may be handed in for that unit.

Absences: After 8 absences per class (does not include medical note or school sanctioned Activity) you will be put on an attendance contract. On the 11th and 12th absence, you will not receive credit for any assignments or assessments done that day. You will be removed from the course with the loss of credit on the 13th day of absence with loss of credit. (medical notes must be turned in within two weeks of the absence!)

When possible, join the class live on Teams when you are absent! It is so easy to fall behind in class with just one day absence. You don't have to turn on your camera, just follow along and try to participate and take notes. You will be so thankful you did! The link is located on your Schoology page!

Tardies: A UT is given for students tardy after the bell but after 20 minutes into the class, this changes . For every 5 tardies, 90 minutes of detention will be given from the office. Don't miss the

beginning of class! Crucial reviews/practice happens in the first 10 minutes. This is when I review all announcements for French classes!

Show off your competency! Seal of Biliteracy (optional for level 4) each spring.

No food allowed in the classroom. Spill lids only for beverages. If you need to fill your water bottle, please do so only at the beginning and end of class <u>from the back sink</u>.



You're smart and you're a good person! If your goal is to learn a new language and be able to communicate using it, cheating is not your answer. I recognize internet-translated sentences. They contain tenses we have not learned and phrases that we have not practiced. Use what you know!

Why shouldn't I use an AI tool like ChatGPT for my coursework?

AI tools like ChatGPT have the potential to do your work for you just like Google Translate. Doing so would be cheating. AI tools also have the potential to be very useful tools to help us learn and practice. We'll get to explore them together in class this year. Unless you've been given specific directions about how and when to use them, do not use AI tools or Google for your coursework.

Using an online translator is considered cheating. I am aware of the weaknesses and pitfalls of such translators as Google Translator and can spot them easily. Do your best work using what you know! Your writing will be much more comprehensible than what a web-based translator can produce.

French Club! Join this exciting club to learn more about the Francophone world, speak more French, and offer services to the community. I will announce meeting dates and events in class.



February Trip to Winnipeg for the French Festival.
<u>*You must have a passport or passport card*</u> to go on this trip.
If you hope to go, please start this process now.

Hosting a student from France!
Please let me know if you are interested in hosting a student from France for three weeks in February! Traditionally, there is an informational meeting for the host families in the fall.

Biannual Trip to France!
The trip is tentatively scheduled for June 2028. You have to have three years of French to be eligible for the trip. You are not guaranteed a spot on the trip. It is for students meeting the following criteria: At least a C for all 4 quarters of French, mature classroom behavior, no pattern of tardies or frequent absences, makes an effort to speak French on a daily basis.
Listen for announcements about the initial meeting! The trip includes an individual 5-7 night stay with a host family.