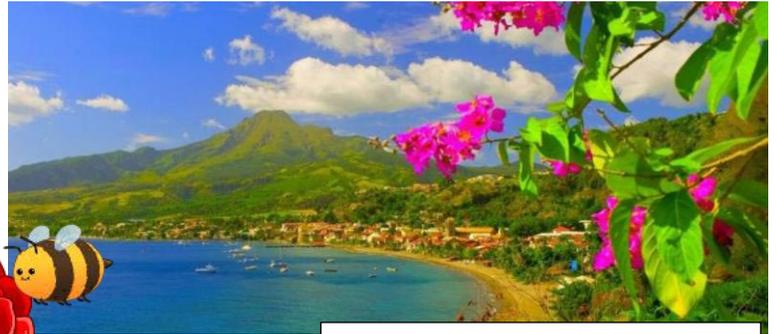


The Franco "files"

A newsletter published by Madame Bailey for the students and parents of BSHS classroom 400

APRIL 2022

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FRENCH CLASSROOM?



Asnes, La Martinique

How quickly time flies! We wrapped up the third marking period on Monday and are now in the second half of the second semester! While warmer temperatures (fingers crossed!) and an official change of season have finally arrived, there is still a lot to be accomplished in the French classroom before the end of the school year.

So what *is* happening in the French classroom? Students in the French 3 and Honors French 3 classes are currently engaged in a unit in which they are learning how to describe the habits that they have which contribute to a healthy lifestyle. They are acquiring the vocabulary needed to discuss their healthy/unhealthy habits, their daily routine, and common symptoms of everyday ailments. They will soon be ready to take their end-of-unit IPA (Integrated Performance Assessment). The AP French class has just concluded the fourth unit of study (Science & Technology) in which they investigated the impact of technology on our everyday lives while continuing to practice the tasks of the AP exam which they will take in May. All students continue to engage in our pen pal exchange with ninth grade students from a French middle school not far from Toulouse, France.

As we move into the final marking period of the school year and battle the distractions of more comfortable weather, Keystone and AP testing, field trips, and the general hustle and bustle of the spring season, I would encourage all students to continue to make it a priority to hold themselves accountable to complete assignments on time and to the best of their ability. Keeping an eye on the Sapphire gradebook and checking in with the *daily slides* that we use in class following an absence are two ways to work toward doing that! As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Madame Bailey

Paris, France



EXPRESSION OF THE MONTH

"PEDALER DANS LA CHOUCROUTE"

LITERAL MEANING:
TO PEDAL IN SAUERKRAUT

FIGURATIVE MEANING:
TO BE SPINNING ONE'S WHEELS,
TO BE GETTING NOWHERE FAST

EXAMPLE:
Ce n'est pas la peine de continuer à chercher – tu pédales dans la choucroute !



Did you know...?



- There are approximately 220 million French speakers world-wide, 80 million of whom are native speakers. By 2050, this number is expected to rise to nearly 700 million!
- French is an official language in 29 countries across five continents.
- Approximately 45% of the English language is derived from French.
- The French language has the greatest number of homophones (words with the same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings). You might recognize some of these examples from French class:
ou / où est / et vert / vers / verre c'est / ces / ses / sait
- French wasn't always spoken in France. French is a derivative of Latin which was used in the country we now know as France for thousands of years.
- The *Académie Française*, a prestigious organization composed of 40 members known as *les Immortels*, was established in 1634 and continues to oversee the French standards of language and literacy.
- The letter “e” is the most common letter in the French language. And while some American words beginning with the letter “w” have found their way into the French language (*le wagon, un western*), there are no genuinely French words which use this letter.

Sources: <https://www.languagecoursesuk.co.uk/french-language-facts/>
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/French-Academy>
<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/french/french-language-fun-facts/>

APRIL 1-2 – MAN PAGEANT/MINI-THON (7PM-7AM)

APRIL 6 – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (3-6:45 PM)

APRIL 12 – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (3-6:45 PM)

*TO SCHEDULE A CONFERENCE

WITH MRS. BAILEY, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#).

APRIL 15/18 – SCHOOLS CLOSED (SPRING BREAK)

IMPORTANT DATES

Have a technology problem?
Contact the SMSD Technology
Department at
familytechhelp@smsd.us.



🌟 Félicitations! 🌟

Congratulations to the newest members of the BSHS chapter of *La Société Honoraire de Français*!

Robbie Ansley	Ella Kilko
Addison Conner	Shaylee Kish
Conner Dieck	Katlyn Long
Olivia Durbin	Emily O'Brien
Kathryn Felix	Emma Surkosky

These students have maintained a French GPA of 93% or higher, an overall GPA of 85% or higher, and have pledged to continue their study of French through French 4 (and possibly beyond)! The SMSD World Language Department is proud to celebrate their accomplishment!

Current happenings in the francophone community



As part of an ongoing effort to reduce its impact on the environment, France is one of the first countries within the European Union to work towards reducing carbon emissions by encouraging its citizens to travel using more eco-friendly modes of transportation.

Beginning this month, France will limit “short-haul” flights. Short-haul flights are flights to destinations which can be reached via TGV (*le train à grande-vitesse*, France’s high-speed train) within an approximately two and a half hour

journey. An example of a common short-haul flight would be a trip from Paris to Bordeaux, a city on the western coast, or from Paris to Lyon, a culinary city and popular tourist destination in the Alps. The limit on short-haul flights would not include trips from Paris to Toulouse or from Paris to Nice, which take about four hours and six hours respectively. International short-haul flights from Paris to larger cities like London, Frankfurt, and Amsterdam will continue to operate despite the nearly 2,800 kilometers of high-speed train tracks which connect them. France’s Minister of Transport, Jean-Baptiste Djebbari noted that “France has a specific railway network with many high-speed trains, making it suitable for travelers.”



Additional efforts to reduce carbon emissions are being taken by major airline carriers such as *AirFrance*, which in January became the first major airline to apply biofuel tariffs.



Source: [France to suspend short-haul flights from April](#)



Leaders in Canada are working hard to save families money by signing country-wide early learning and child-care agreements with multiple provinces. This new initiative will help families to save \$2,000-\$6,000 dollars annually by providing parents with access to child-care services that will average a cost of only \$10 per day for pre-school aged children by the end of 2022. This \$30 billion investment by the Canadian government will not only return money to Canadian households, but it will also create new jobs and allow many Canadian mothers to return to the work force.

Source: [A Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan](#)