

# The Franco "files"



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

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## WELCOME AND MEET THE TEACHER



Bonjour and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that you and your family were able to spend some quality time together and find some ways to have fun and relax this summer.

For those who don't know me, please allow me to introduce myself. While I'm listed as Mrs. Bailey on the student schedules, most of my students call me *Madame* or *Madame Bailey*. (Sometimes "Mom" even slips out and I'll answer to that too!) I have been married to Mr. Bailey (or *Monsieur Madame* as I sometimes refer to him in the classroom) since 2006. We have two active boys, Cooper (age 10) and Parker (age 8) who are eager to return to school as they have spent far too much time with mom this summer! We also have a cat named Jack and a very energetic 3-year old labradoodle named Izzy.

2022-2023 marks my 19th year teaching at BSHS, where I will again be teaching all levels of French. This semester I am excited to be working with the students in our French 1, Honors French 2, and Honors French 4 classes. I also serve as the advisor of *Le Cercle Français* and *La Société Honoraire de Français* (which you will learn more about in future newsletters) and I am a faculty co-advisor for the students in the Class of 2024. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy being with my family, traveling, exercising, doing brain teasers and puzzles, and reading a good book on a warm beach.

I am excited to begin what will hopefully be the most normal school year since 2020 and look forward to sharing with you my love of the French language and the cultures of the francophone world. As we move through the semester, please don't hesitate to reach out to me using district email ([clb2@smsd.us](mailto:clb2@smsd.us)) with any questions or concerns and I will do my best to respond within 24 hours.

Kindly,  
*Madame (Cindy) Bailey*

### Important Dates:

August 25

First student day

August 30

BSHS Back-to-School Night  
(6 pm)

September 5

Labor Day (No school)

September 13

Fall Picture Day

September 14

Early Dismissal



# BSHS Daily Schedule

**7:45-8:00 – Student arrival**

**8:00-9:22 – Block 1**

**9:26-10:43 – Block 2**

**10:47-11:27 – Resource/Club meetings**

1A = Block 1 class, days 1/3/5

1B = Block 1 class, days 2/4/6

2A = Block 2 class, days 1/3/5

2B = Block 2 class, days 2/4/6

3A = Block 3 class, days 1/3/5

3B = Block 3 class, days 2/4/6

4A = Block 4 class, days 1/3/5

4B = Block 4 class, days 2/4/6

5 = Club/study hall period (student selected)

HR = Homeroom (study hall/report to club meeting)

**11:31-1:20 -- Block 3/Lunch**

**11:31-12:01 (1st lunch)**

**12:05-12:35 (2<sup>nd</sup> lunch)**

**12:46-1:20 (3<sup>rd</sup> lunch)**

**1:24-2:43 -- Block 4**

**2:43 -- Student dismissal**



## What is language? How are languages used for communication?

Language is defined as *a body of words and the systems for their use common to a people who are of the same community or nation, the same geographical area, or the same cultural tradition*. There are three modes of communication which can occur within a language.

**Interpretive communication** is defined as one-way communication with no possibility for active negotiation of meaning with the writer, speaker, or producer. Some examples include listening to a song or television show, reading a book or advertisement.

**Interpersonal communication** is defined as two-way communication with active negotiation of meaning among individuals. Some examples include having a conversation and sending a text message or an email.

**Presentational communication** is defined as one-way communication intended for an audience of readers, listeners, or viewers. Examples include telling a story, creating a brochure, writing an article, etc.

All three modes of communication are practiced and assessed in all SMSD World Language classes.

# Connecting to Canvas – A Guide for Students

Students at BSHS use Canvas, our school-wide learning management system, to access course resources and assignments. The screenshots below will help new students understand how to access their Canvas pages. We will review this information during the first few days of class as well.

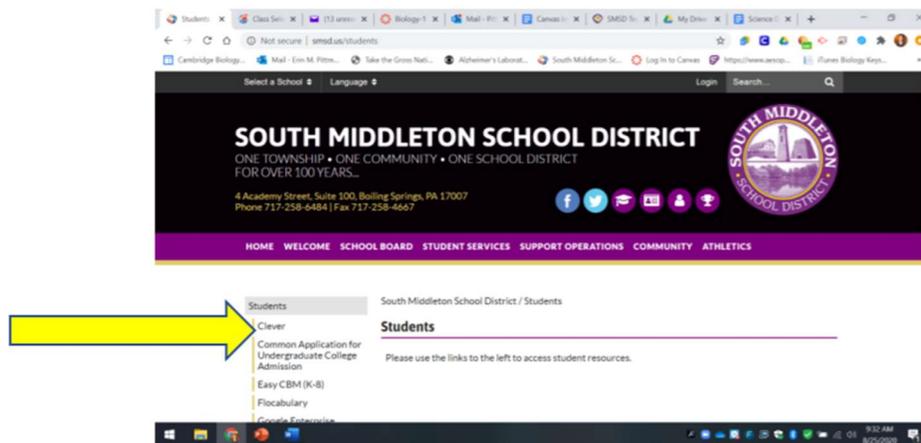
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From the District website, click on the Students bubble



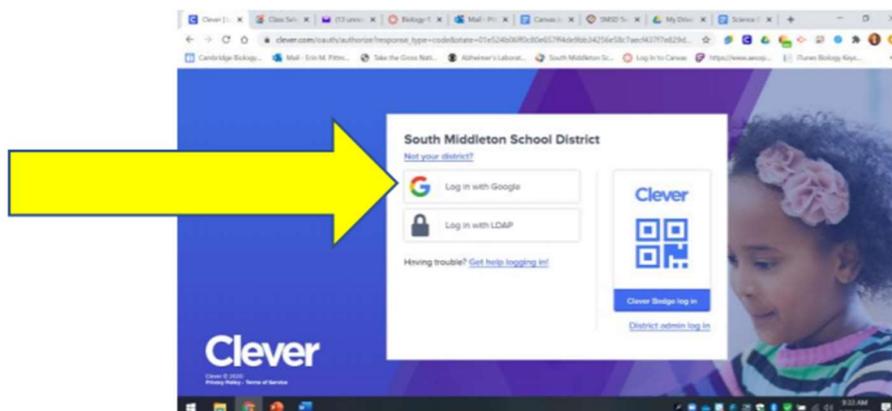
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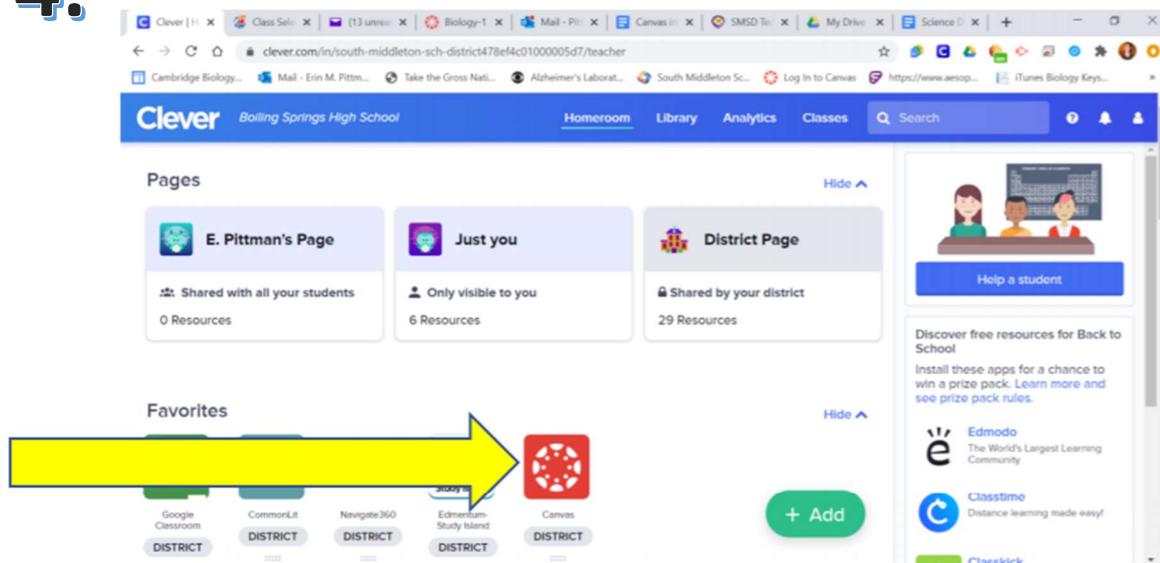
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Click on "Log-in Using Google"

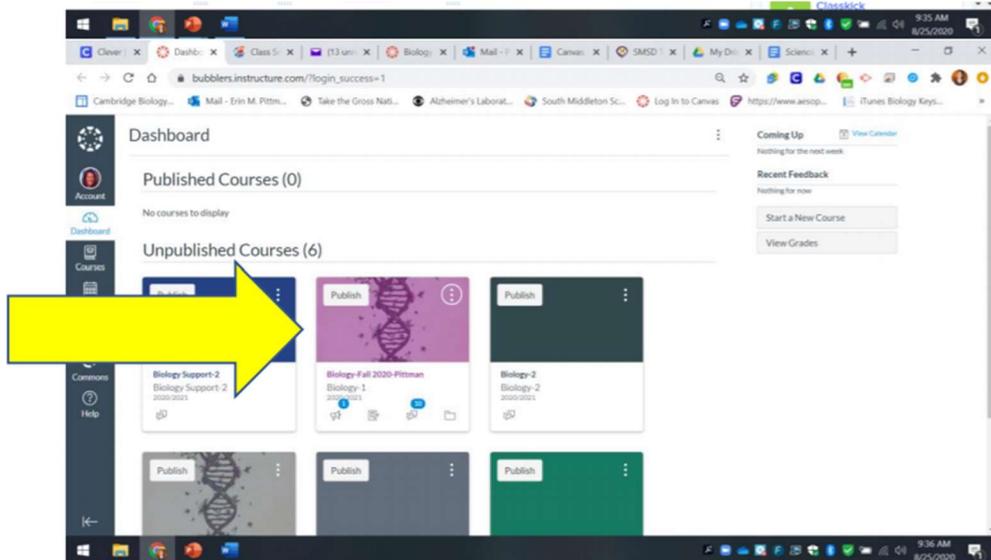


4.

Click on the Canvas button to see your courses and choose the specific class you are looking for. 😊



5.



## Important Information for Students

- Students will report to their homeroom during the first week of school. After a brief meeting with their homeroom teacher, students will report to a slightly shortened first block. In addition, students will report to HR resource for the first four days of school to accommodate class meetings.
- BSHS has three lunch periods. Student lunch periods are determined by their 3<sup>rd</sup> block course. Students can check the lunch schedule posted in their homeroom to see what lunch they eat. Students in Honors French 2 with me this semester will be eating 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch.
- Lockers are issued to each student at BSHS. Lockers can be used to hold supplies for classes as well as personal belongings, but it is important to remember that lockers are the property of the school district and can be searched at any time.
- The BSHS dress code was recently revised and can be reviewed by visiting the Student Handbook posted on the BSHS website (For Students → Student Handbook → p. 30-32).

## COURSE SYLLABUS

Students/parents will be able to access the syllabus for their French course by visiting the course Canvas page and clicking on the syllabus link in the COMMON RESOURCES FOR THE SEMESTER module. Students should read the syllabus in depth and complete the [Syllabus Review Verification Form](#) when instructed to do so for homework.



## BSHS GRADING SCALE

- A = 93-100%
- B = 85-92%
- C = 77-84%
- D = 70-76%
- F = less than 70%



## PEN PAL EXCHANGE

Students in all of Mrs. Bailey's French classes this semester will have the opportunity to participate in a pen pal exchange with students learning English in a middle school in Toulouse, France. During the exchange, students will use Google docs and Flipgrid to exchange messages, photos, and videos on a variety of topics. We will also send (and hopefully receive) one care package full of American snacks, literature, and other cultural items to our French friends.

**Parents:** Please use this [Parental Consent Form](#) to indicate the degree to which you give permission for your child to participate in this exchange. Students who do not have consent to participate in all aspects of the exchange (including photo/video sharing) will be excused from the task or given alternative an alternate assignment as appropriate.

