

The Franco "files"

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FRENCH CLASS?



Marché de Noël (Strasbourg, France)

Students in the French 1 class have just begun their final unit of study, a unit in which they will explore some common dishes/ingredients from the francophone community. Students in the French 2/2 honors class continue to engage in a unit on volunteerism and the benefits that volunteering can have on a community and those who engage in volunteer work. Students in French 4 are entering their final unit on eco-citizenship, exploring how their individual actions can have an impact on their local community as well as the global environment. Students in all classes recently wrote post cards and contributed to a care package that was sent to their pen pals in France before the Thanksgiving break.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 16 (TENTATIVE)
FRENCH/SPANISH CLUB
GINGERBREAD HOUSE
COMPETITION (2:45-3:45)

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 2:
WINTER BREAK

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: KEYSTONE EXAMS

Keystone exams will be administered in January for students currently enrolled in Keystone courses. BSHS will operate on a two-hour delay schedule on these dates to allow students who are testing to sit for the exams without missing instructional time in their regular classes. Mr. Hain will send additional information via an email in the upcoming weeks.

Testing dates are as follows: January 4&5 (Literature); January 6&7 (Algebra); January 11&12 (Biology).



**Le Bonhomme Carnaval
(Québec, Canada)**

DID YOU KNOW...

✿ Students who are enrolled in or have already completed French 3 or above are eligible to apply for *la Société Honoraire de Français* in January. This honor society is open to students with a 93% average in their French courses, provided they intend to study through at least French 4. Additional details about the honor society are available on Mrs. Bailey's teacher website. ✿

Making headlines in the francophone community

- France is gearing up for its next presidential election. According to current law, French Presidents are elected for a term of five years and can serve no more than two terms. France's current President Emmanuel Macron took office in 2017 and his term expires on May 13, 2022. The first round of elections will take place on April 10 and the final round will take place on April 24, with the winning candidate taking office in May 2022. More than 30 candidates have announced their candidacy and although he has not yet officially announced his bid for reelection, if re-elected, President Macron would begin his second term at a young 44 years of age.

Where will language take you in 2022-2023?

Course selection for the 2022-2023 school year will take place sometime toward the beginning of the second semester. Please read these tips for scheduling language classes.

- Students at BSHS are required to take 2 years of the same language (i.e. French 1 & 2, French 2 & 3) in order to graduate, though courses taken beyond the second year are highly encouraged.
- The prerequisite to move from a regular course to an honors course is 93% and to move from a regular course to a regular course is an 85%. These prerequisites have been set to give students the best chance for success at each level.
- Students in the *Société Honoraire de Français* must complete through at least level 4 to remain an active member of the organization and graduate with distinction.
- Students who plan to take level 4 and AP French Language & Culture are encouraged to try to schedule them in the same academic year if possible in order to maximize their French instruction before sitting for the AP exam.
- Students who have finished their French sequence are encouraged to continue their language studies by trying a course in Spanish. BSHS offers Spanish 1 through Spanish 6. We have even had a handful of students complete the full sequence of courses in both languages.

EXPRESSION OF THE MONTH

«ÊTRE BLANC COMME NEIGE»

Literal Translation: "pure as the driven snow"

Actual Translation: "to be innocent, unblemished, squeaky clean"

Example:

Son record scolaire *était blanc comme neige* jusqu'il a copié une rédaction de son camarade de classe.

(His academic record was squeaky clean until he copied an essay from his classmate.)



Village du Père Noël (Switzerland)