

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?

Students in the French 1 class are close to concluding their third unit of study in which they have been learning how to describe their home and their family. Students in the Honors French 2 class are engaged in a unit on volunteerism and the benefits that volunteering can have on a community and those who engage in volunteer work. Students in Honors French 4 have recently started a 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 13
EARLY DISMISSAL &
FRENCH/SPANISH CLUB GINGERBREAD
HOUSE COMPETITION (12:15-1:15)

DECEMBER 22
EARLY DISMISSAL (NOON)

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. Dr. Hain will send additional information via email in the upcoming weeks.

Testing dates are as follows: January 5&6 (Literature); January 10&11 (Biology); January 12&13 (Algebra).

Le Bonhomme Carnaval
(Québec, Canada)



DID YOU KNOW...

✿ Students who are enrolled in or have already completed (Honors) 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 Honors French 4. Additional details about the honor society are available on Mrs. Bailey's website.



Making headlines in the francophone community

An Iranian man named Mehran Karimi Nasseri who lived in the Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport for eighteen years and inspired the 2004 film *The Terminal* passed away in mid-November at the age of 77. Known by airport employees as "Sir Alfred", Nasseri's story was one of immigration challenges and confusion.

To learn more, check out this NPR [article](#).



Where will language take you in 2023-2024?

Course selection for the 2023-2024 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 Honors French 4 to remain an active member of the organization and graduate with the SHF honor cord.
- Students who plan to take Honors French 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.



Village du Père Noël (Switzerland)



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.)



ENGLAND/FRANCE/SPAIN 2024

There's still plenty of time to sign up to travel to England, France, and Spain with Madame Bailey and Señora Slentz in the summer of 2024. For more information, visit the tour website and reach out with any questions.

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