

## Special Events – En français!

It is crucial that your child be provided opportunities outside the classroom to develop their French language skills. At École St. Joseph School we believe that participating in community events, especially with the Francophone community, and learning about French culture is an integral component of a dynamic French Immersion program. Here are some activities your child can look forward to:

- Cultural activities for all grade levels
- Camp de Neige
- Visits from performing artists & authors
- Participation in French contests such as Dicterie PGL
- French penpals
- French exchanges
- Jouons en français / Playing in French



**Yellowknife Catholic Schools** has been providing quality education to Northern students for over fifty years. Our vision, beliefs and values strive to promote the holistic development of each child with their individual talents and cultural diversity.

**École St. Joseph School** has over 500 students attending each year. Its progressive teaching methodologies and collective school spirit reflect the commitment of administration, staff, students and parents.



Learning and Growing in the Spirit

Dans un même Esprit, apprenons  
et grandissons ensemble

## Supports in French Immersion

At École St. Joseph School, we provide a wide variety of supports that help ensure that your son/daughter has a positive experience. These include such things as:

- Early Intervention Program
- Literacy Support
- French Program Support Teacher
- French Monitor
- French Coordinator

If you have any questions about French Immersion, please contact the school administration at 920-2112. Visits to our school are welcome at any time. Simply contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to having your child join our school community.

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# Opening Doors for your Child through French Language Development

## École St. Joseph School

French Immersion K-8  
Immersion français de la  
maternelle à la 8E année



Over 25 years of success in Early French  
Immersion programming!

At École St. Joseph School, students are provided the option to enroll in French Immersion, which allows them an opportunity to become functionally bilingual. Studies have shown that it is easier and more “natural” for a child to learn another language at a very early age.



### How does it work?

**Entry Point** – Kindergarten or Grade 1  
Previous French experience is not required and parents do not need to know the language.

### Students fully immersed

Students from K-2 will receive 100% instruction in French. This is the optimal situation for a child to learn a second language.



### Programming at École St. Patrick School

Our French Immersion students have the opportunity to continue their French programming at ESPHS from Grade 9 through 12. All students successfully completing 50% of their course offerings in French will receive a bilingual certificate.



### English Instruction

Students will begin their formal instruction in English Language Arts in Grade 3. By this time many students are ready to transfer some of the reading strategies they have learned in French to reading in English.

As students move through Grade 4-8, there may be some other specialty subject areas taught in English such as Band and *Exploratories*.



### Benefits of Learning French

- Expands the intellect
- Teaches responsible citizenship
- Develops enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride in having acquired a second language
- Strengthens English literacy skills
- Encourages the joy of life-long learning
- Allows students to compete internationally
- Provides students with more choices for advanced education and career options
- Broadens students' cultural life

### How do I help my child if I don't speak French?

As a parent, who does not speak French, there are many things that you can do to help your child in the learning of a second language. Some examples are:

- Communicate regularly with the teacher;
- Read to your child in English or your mother tongue;
- Provide access to verb books, visual dictionaries, and online resources;
- Have your child read for pleasure in French or English and ask them to share with you what they have read;
- Provide access to French media such as books, videos, DVDs, music, t.v., radio and the Internet;
- Provide encouragement and support for their academic efforts;
- Provide encouragement for them to complete homework.