

Burnaby South Secondary School – French 12/H/AP
Program Overview



Bienvenue à French 12, French 12 Honours, and AP French! We will have all three classes running concurrently and there will be modifications throughout the year based on which level you are taking. For those registered in AP French, you will be expected to do independent study using resources found on the AP website (we will go over this together) and I will be there to support you.

This course contains a variety of activities to help students develop their skills in all language areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing. At times, we will be going at a relatively quick pace, so be prepared to use your time well, ask questions when you don't understand, work hard and have some fun while we're at it! One of the areas in which students are often most hesitant is with speaking in French. I cannot encourage you enough to be brave and always try! Unless we take risks and practice, it's pretty hard to get better! As humans, we all make mistakes, but that's ok because it provides opportunities to grow and develop our skills.

In addition to working on communication skills, we will be doing many activities that focus on francophone culture from a variety of countries (not just France). We will use authentic documents from texts to songs to videos to enrich our cultural understanding.

Here are some tips to help you be successful this year in French class:

1. Ask questions! I am so happy to answer your questions and help you out. We have **flex time** each Wednesday & Thursday (10:37am -11:49am) for you to come and get extra help if you need it (and I'm often available after school too). If ever you feel that you don't quite understand, please come ask for help!!
2. Be respectful! This seems so obvious, but it's easy to forget how valuable this is in creating and maintaining positive relationships with others!
3. Come to class on time!
4. Practice, practice, practice!
 - Complete and hand in your work on time
 - Assignments are always due at the **beginning** of class, and you must bring any typed assignments already printed (you will not be able to go to the library to print it once class has started). Assignments that are not handed in at the beginning of class will not be accepted; instead the assignment will be excused.
 - Electronic assignments are always to be submitted through TEAMS.
 - Speak in French as much as you can! (Yes, I'm saying it again!)
5. If you miss a class, make sure to find out what you missed. You should check my website (sd41blogs.ca/romaina) for homework and dates of upcoming assignments and assessments. We will also be using Microsoft Teams for class work.
6. As per the Ministry cell phone policy, electronics such as cell phones are only to be used for educational purposes. If your device is helping you with your learning, great! However, there's an issue if it is distracting you and keeping you from learning.

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