



# L'ACTION FRANÇAISE!



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## High School French Immersion Info Night

Grade 6/7 students and their families recently had the opportunity to attend a High School French Immersion Information Session, and the event saw an excellent turnout with a full classroom of attendees.

During the session, Mme Warren and Mr. Andersen shared valuable insights about the French Immersion program and helped families understand what to expect as students transition to Grade 8 next year. Their presentation covered key aspects of the program, including academic expectations, course options,



and the many benefits of continuing French studies at the high school level. Families who attended appreciated the chance to ask questions and learn more about how the program supports student success both academically and personally.

For those who were unable to attend, helpful information is still available. A detailed pamphlet outlining the program can be found on the school district website, as well as on the Colletville and MSS school websites.

## Grade 1/2

Division 4 participated in a highly successful Bake and Read afternoon with French Immersion students from MSS. It was the first time that Bake and Read was brought to Colletville. Students were able to decorate two cupcakes. They also listened to and/or read stories. All the students enjoyed themselves immensely.



## Grade 10/11



In Sciences humaines we are learning the causes of conflicts, and that causes are complex and interconnected. We are studying the causes of WW1 as an example and then students are studying a current conflict of their choosing to better understand their complexity. In Leadership, we have now started our weekly visits to Colletville to develop their leadership skills. Our first big event was a Bake and Read activity with Mme Anscomb and Mme Bourke's classes.

## Grade 6/7



Mme Guichon visited and explained all about her role as Lieutenant Governor and the Grade 6/7 students from Division 1 and 2 reflected on their recent unit on provincial government.

# FRENCH IMMERSION ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## Jordie Christy

Graduated with bilingual diploma in 2010

### Where are you now (location/career/using your French, etc)?

Currently living in Merritt, working for Rock Solid Industries as a construction supervisor.

### A favourite memory from French Immersion:

My favourite memory from my time at Colletville would be the carnival activities, especially tobogganing at Mrs Mcleod's house.

### What are you most proud of from your French Immersion experience?

Being able to speak French is a skill that not everyone has and sets me apart, especially in a field like construction. I'm also able to support my children through their French Immersion experience.

### How did French Immersion help you?

It taught me to be patient when learning something new, which is a valuable skill on a construction site. I've worked on a variety of projects- some big, some small- and have built a solid reputation for quality work.

### What would be your advice to current French immersion students?

Keep practicing, even if you don't think you will use it every day. Having a second language can open unexpected doors. Learning another language helps you think differently and connect with more people.



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## Julia (Etchart) Christy

Graduated with bilingual diploma in 2014

### Where are you now (location/career/using your French, etc)?

I stayed in Merritt and am working for Interior Health as a nurse; I have the opportunity to use French with patients, when travelling, and with family.

### A favourite memory from French Immersion:

My favourite memory would have to be Carnaval — it was always such a fun way to experience the culture and language outside of the classroom.

### What are you most proud of from your French Immersion experience?

Being able to communicate confidently in French, both with patients and while travelling.

### How did French Immersion help you?

French Immersion helped me develop strong communication skills and cultural awareness. It also gave me the ability to support patients who speak French, making their healthcare experience more comfortable.

### A few accomplishments I have achieved:

I have had the opportunity to be president of a cultural club, Zazpiak Bat Basque Society, since 2019 and being able to speak French has been very important in this role.

### What would be your advice to current French immersion students?

Stick with it, even when it feels challenging! Every bit of practice and exposure helps, and you'll be surprised how often you'll use your French in ways you didn't expect — both at work and in your everyday life

