



September 11th, 2009

Dear Parents,

Bienvenue! The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill because French is one of Canada's official languages and is widely used around the world. The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board continues to offer French from Grade 1 to Grade 8.

In the Primary years, children are most receptive to and benefit from early second language acquisition. Second language learning enhances cognitive development. French oral language communication skills are developed and reinforced through communicative activities.

In the Junior and Intermediate years, the Core French program is based on the expectations outlined in the Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second Language: Core French.

In all classes, we have units based on specific themes. We commence classes with either the prayer *Je Vous Salue Marie* (Hail Mary) or *Notre Père* (Our Father). Special celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas (just to name two) are part of our course of study. In looking towards 2010, the Junior and Intermediate students will be doing a Theme on the Olympics.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns. The school phone number is 519-291-3000.

 *Merci*

Mrs. D. Ross