

Parent Information Night

Vancouver Technical Secondary

January 13, 2026

(Grads of 2031)



INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



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(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



welcome

bienvenue



Roberto Moro
Principal
Grade 12



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal
Grade 9 and 11



David Cacchioni
Vice Principal
Grade 8 and 10



PAC Chair

Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair) (chairvt@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/parent-advisory-council>



Agenda

Important Dates

Grade 8 Registration Process

Grade 8 Program

Role of the School Counsellor

Additional Grade 8 Supports

Upcoming Events - Gr 7 to Gr 8

Questions?



Important Dates

(Please see website for more details)

Feb 2-27

- Cross Boundary Application (English online; French Immersion paper)

Feb 13

- Paper Applications due to Van Tech (Gr 7 teachers will set an earlier deadline)

Feb 11

- Mini School **First Offers** go out to students (must be accepted by Feb 13 @ noon)

Feb 18

- Mini School **Second Offers** go out to students (must be accepted by Feb 19 @noon)

May 7

- Family Information Night @ Van Tech

May 22

- French Placement Assessments (students moving to English from French Immersion Elementary Programs)

Vancouver Technical Grade 8 Registration Process



Packages sent to elementary schools

ALL STUDENTS

- Gr 8 Verification and Course Selection Form, *pre-filled*
- Proof of address required

SOME STUDENTS

- Learning HUB support block - *Parent Permission Letter*
- *Learning HUB French Immersion support block - Parent Permission Letter*
- *French Immersion support block - Parent Permission Letter*
- French Assessment - *Placement Letter* (for students *leaving French Immersion*)
- ELL assessment

Links to forms on the Van Tech website

Due to Van Tech by Feb 13, 2026

Cross Boundary Process



Cross Boundary Application open Monday, February 2 to Friday, February 27: [VSB Cross Boundary Link](#)

Cross Boundary Process - English

- English program XB applications ONLY through the District online XB app (desktop, mobile)
- XB applications are not first-come-first-served, there are *priority groups* (see website for more information)

Cross Boundary Process – French Immersion

- Secondary French Immersion XB applications are PAPER [on the Van Tech Website](#)
- Return to the Van Tech Main Office

Cross Boundary offers are sent out in waves, expecting to start early March.



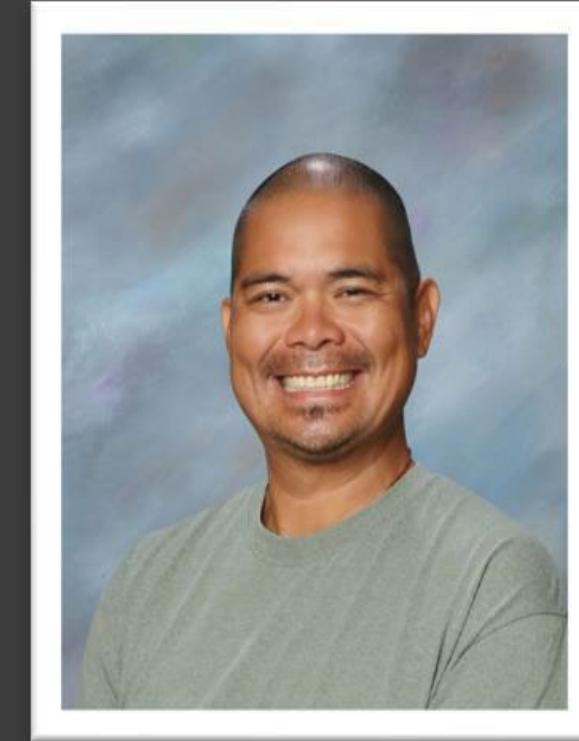
Grade 8 Supports



Mr Nick van Iersel

School Counsellor

nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca



Mr Rod Ofreneo

School Based Resource

Role of the School Counsellor



- A consistent and supportive adult who helps students navigate through the entirety of high school.
- The person responsible for supporting a student's **social-emotional** wellbeing, **academic** success, and acts as a giant information desk.
- A student's advocate.

Contact Points:

- Email – nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca
- YouTube –
<https://www.youtube.com/@mrnickvan>
- Website – www.mrvan.org

Grade 8 Program (Mainstream)



- English 8
- Math 8
- Social Studies 8
- Science 8
- Physical and Health Education 8
- French 8
- **Applied Skills 8 Rotation** (Woodworking/ Business Ed/ Textiles)
- **ONE Elective**
 - Art/Drama
 - Art/Theatre Company Drama
 - Beginner Band
 - Intermediate Band
 - OPTIONAL Off-Timetable courses:
 - Beginner Strings: M,W 3:20-4:50pm
 - Intermediate Strings: M,W 3:20-4:50pm
 - Choir: M,Th @ lunch

Mini School Programs

FLEX HUMANITIES

FLEX HISTORY 8 (Socials 8)

FLEX CLASSICAL STUDIES 8 (English 8)

FLEX VISUAL ARTS 8

FLEX INTERACTIVE ARTS & DESIGN TECH 8

MATH 8

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 8

SCIENCE 8

ONE OF:

BEGINNER BAND

INTERMEDIATE BAND

FRENCH 8

OFFTIMETABLE OPTIONS: Beginner Strings, Intermediate Strings, Choir 8

SUMMIT

SUMMIT MATHEMATICS 8/9

SUMMIT SCIENCE 8/9

SUMMIT ENGLISH 8

SUMMIT SOCIALS STUDIES 8

FRENCH 8

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 8

TWO OF:

APPLIED SKILLS ROTATION

ART/DRAMA

ART/THEATRE COMPANY DRAMA

BEGINNER BAND

INTERMEDIATE BAND

OFFTIMETABLE OPTIONS: Beginner Strings, Intermediate Strings, Choir 8

ELL Program

ELL Program

ELL READING 8 (Level 1, 2 or 3)

ELL WRITING 8 (Level 1, 2 or 3)

ELL SOCIAL STUDIES 8 (Level 1, 2 or 3)

ELL SCIENCE (Level 1, 2)

MATH 8

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 8

APPLIED SKILLS ROTATION 8

ONE OF:

- BEGINNER BAND
- INTERMEDIATE BAND
- ART/DRAMA ROTATION
- OFF TIMETABLE OPTIONS:
 - Beginner Strings,
 - Intermediate Strings,
 - Choir 8

Student Support Programs



Mr. Roderick Ofreneo
Diverse Learners
Department Head

LSP Application due
Feb 14

LAC & Life Skills
Application due
Nov 29

LSP

A two-year secondary program offering an adapted/core curriculum, remediation and regulation strategies for Grade 8 and 9 students identified as learning disabled

INCLUSION MODEL

LAC - District Program

Designed for students who have mild intellectual disabilities.

Every attempt is made for inclusion opportunities into elective classes. Students are provided with instructional tasks at the appropriate level in an individualized program

SEMI-INCLUSION MODEL

SECONDARY LIFE SKILLS - District Program

Small supportive classes for students with Autism, Physical Disabilities, Deaf/Blind, Chronic Health and a Moderate to Severe Intellectual Disability.



Learning Hub Support



Learning HUB Support Block

Provides: targeted support, help students build skills, work on their IEP goals and promote success in school.

Case Managers, Counsellors and Admin will determine which recommended students will receive a Learning HUB Support Block.

Parents will have to agree to this support block in lieu of an elective, please ask families to complete form.

Send completed forms through email/blue bag to Nick Van Iersel by Feb. 13.

Learning Hub Support

- Students have access to various learning supports, from full-time enrollment in the Learning Hub's competency-based curriculum to "drop-in-as-needed" assistance for immediate help with courses.
- The Learning Hub has a team of teachers available to support students in every subject.
- Teachers are available throughout the day, providing targeted and individualized support tailored to each student's specific learning needs.



Grade 8 Courses- Learning HUB Support block

English

Math

French

Applied Skills
Rotation

Social Studies

Science

PHE

Fine Arts
Rotation



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English

Math

**Learning HUB
Support BLOCK**

Applied Skills
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Typical School Day for Grade 8 Student (Semester Model)

- 4 courses for half the year
- Each class occurs everyday
- Attend 4 different classrooms
- Work with 4 different teachers
- We do our best to balance academics over the two semesters

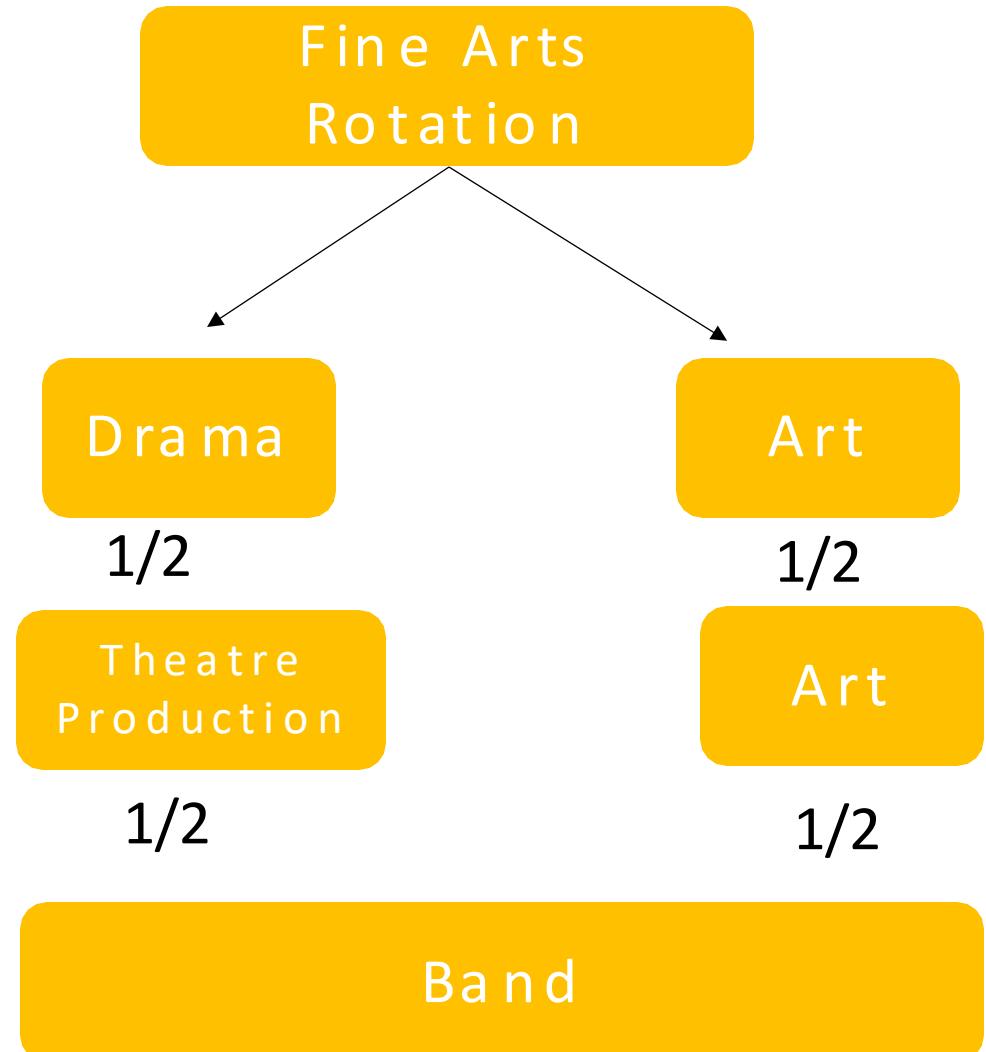
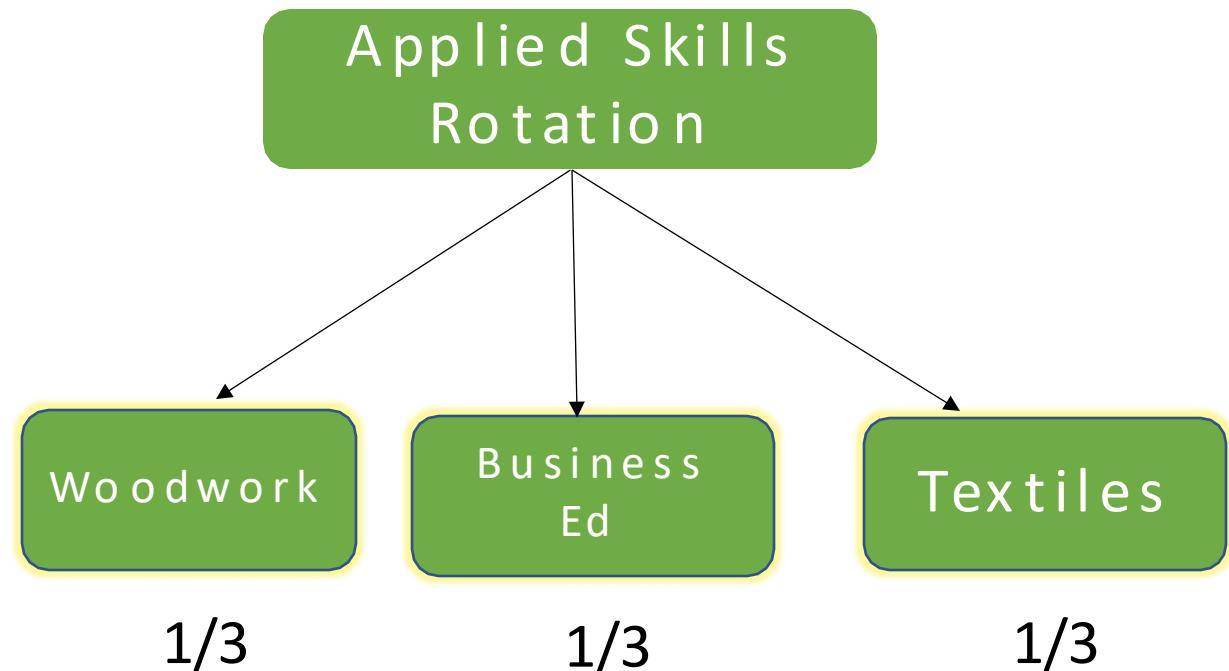
For Example....

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Math 8	Science 8
English 8	PHE 8
Fine Arts Rotation	Social Studies
French 8	Applied Skills Rotation



Grade 8 Courses- ELECTIVES

(Semester)



VAN TECH GRADE 8 ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION

Select from the Mainstream program **AND** the program you have applied for:

<input type="radio"/>	Mainstream: Core Courses English 8 Math 8 Science 8 Socials 8 French 8 Physical Health Ed 8 Applied Skill 8 Rotation	Elective: Please choose <u>ONE</u> of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Theatre Company Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner Band (no experience) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Band (1+yr experience) Note: Students may be suggested for a Learning Hub Support block in place of French, in which case families will be contacted.	Optional Off-Timetable Courses (select any of interest) <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner Strings (No experience) (M,W 3:20-4:50pm) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Strings (1 yr+ experience) (M,W 3:20-4:50pm) <input type="checkbox"/> Choir 8 (M,Th @ lunch)
<input type="radio"/>	French Immersion: Core Courses Francais Langue 8 Sciences Naturelles 8 Sciences Humaines 8 FI Communications 8 Physical Health Ed 8 Math 8 English 8	Elective: Please choose <u>ONE</u> of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Theatre Company Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Skills Rotation <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner Band (no experience) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Band (1+yr experience) <input type="checkbox"/> French Immersion Skills (Referred) Note: Students may be suggested for a Learning Hub Support block, in which case families will be contacted, and in which case the above elective will be replaced with Learning Strategies	Optional Off-Timetable Courses (select any of interest) <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner Strings (No experience) (M,W 3:20-4:50pm) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Strings (1 yr+ experience) (M,W 3:20-4:50pm) <input type="checkbox"/> Choir 8 (M,Th @ lunch)
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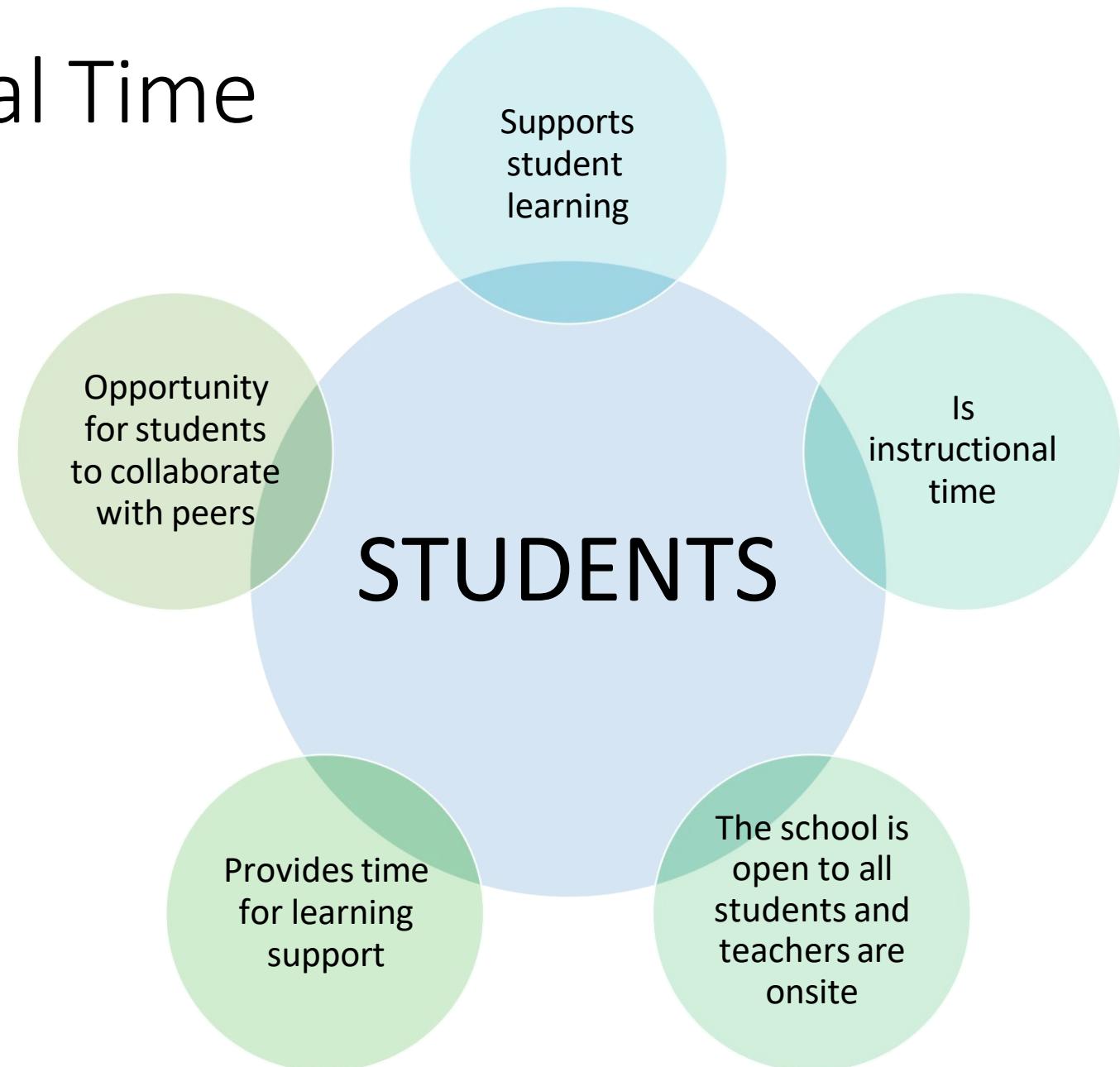
 I am leaving French Immersion and will continue taking French 9,10 or 11 (subject to placement test in the Spring) I am leaving Mandarin Immersion and will continue taking Mandarin 9,10 or 11 (subject to placement test in the Spring)

Grade 9 ELECTIVES – just to preview

Video Production 9	Entrepreneurship and Marketing 9	Beginner Strings 9 (OTT)	French 9	Drafting 9
Visual Art 9: Ceramics and Sculpture	Beginner Band 9	Intermediate Strings 9 (OTT)	Spanish 9	Graphics and Media Design 9
Visual Art 9: General Art	Intermediate Band 9 Senior Band 9	Senior Strings 9 (OTT)	Mandarin 9	Metalwork 9
Drama 9	Chamber Choir 9 (OTT)	Food Studies 9	Automotive Technology 9	Robotics, Electronics and Engineering 9
Theatre Company 9	Concert Choir 9 (OTT)	Textiles 9	Computer Studies 9	Woodwork 9

FIT- Flexible Instructional Time

- Currently, there is 160 minutes of FIT per week
- 4 days x 40 minute periods
- Monday & Friday morning
- Tuesday & Thursday afternoon





BELL SCHEDULE (YEAR AT A GLANCE)

& IMPORTANT DATES

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY: 2025-2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
BREAK	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
PERIOD 1	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM
BREAK	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM
PERIOD 2	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
PERIOD 3	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM
BREAK	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM
FIT		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
BREAK		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
PERIOD 4	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM
SEMESTER 1	September 2 - October 6 (AB CD) October 7 - November 12 (BA DC) November 13 - December 15 (AB CD) December 16 - January 27 (BA DC)		SEMESTER 2	January 28 - February 27 (AB CD) March 1 - April 14 (BA DC) April 15 - May 19 (AB CD) May 20 - June 25 (BA DC)	
COLLABORATIVE DAYS SEMESTER 1	Monday, September 16 (AM) Tuesday, November 12 (PM) Monday, December 9 (AM) Tuesday, January 14 (PM)		COLLABORATIVE DAYS SEMESTER 2	Tuesday, February 11 (PM) Monday, April 7 (AM) Monday, May 12 (AM) Tuesday, June 10 (PM)	



ADDITIONAL GRADE 8 SUPPORTS

Athletic Director



Ken Li

Community Schools Team



Heidi Benson



Kelsey McCready

Indigenous Education Team



Kristen Quesnelle



Robin Roberts

Supporting & Connecting Youth (SACY)



Nevena Vojic

Leadership & Resiliency Program (LRP)



Murray Anderson

School Liaison Office (SLO)



Cst. Michelle Rajtschan

ATHLETICS

Fall (Sept – Nov)

- Swimming
- Cross Country
- eSports (Year-round)
- Field Hockey (Girls)
- Rugby (Boys)
- Soccer (Boys)
- Volleyball (Girls)

Winter (Nov – Feb)

- Basketball
- Curling
- Ice Hockey (Girls)
- Table Tennis

Spring (Feb – May)

- Badminton
- Golf
- Ice Hockey (Boys)
- Soccer (Girls)
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Ultimate
- Volleyball (Boys)

- Please check the Van Tech website (EXTRACURRICULAR → ATHLETICS) for more details
- Instagram: @vantechathletics and TEAMS->VanTech Student Hub->Athletics
- Questions: e-mail Mr. Li (klli@vsb.bc.ca)



Other Events



May 7

Family Information
Night (In person)



May 22

Grads 2030 Mixer



September 2

Orientation
(At Van Tech)

STAY CONNECTED!

The screenshot shows the Vancouver Technical Secondary School website. A red box highlights the URL in the browser's address bar: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical>. A red arrow points from this box to the 'FAMILIES' menu item in the top navigation bar, which is also highlighted with a red box. Another red box highlights the 'Grade 8 Registration & Information' link in the 'FAMILIES' menu, and a red arrow points from this link to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' link in the main content area.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical

Vancouver Technical
Secondary School

ABOUT US ▾ **FAMILIES ▾** GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT ▾ CURRICULUM ▾ TEACHING AND LEARNING ▾ DISTRICT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

My Education BC Family Portal Workshops
Fees Communicating Student Learning
Forms Parent Bulletin
How to Register Parent Advisory Council
Grade 8 Registration & Information **Frequently Asked Questions**
Volunteer
Fundraisers and Donation Parent & Guardian Teacher Conferences
Microsoft 365 Access and Support (Teams & Student Email)

13-8215 (then select option #1) and leave a message OR email to:...

Announcements

After the Bell (ep. 25) Matter of the Month: Inclement Weather

Grade 12 Indigenous Leadership Retreat helps students connect to the past and build for the future



Families 

[My Education BC Family Portal](#)

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FIT Planner

About Us 

Grade 8 Registration & Information

Jan 8, 2026

Please visit the VSB District "[Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year" website](#) for information pertaining to all Grade 7 students preparing for Grade 8.

[Contact Information for Grade 8 Families: 2026-2027 Contact for Grade 8 Families.pdf](#)

Map of Vancouver Technical: [Van Tech Map](#)

[Grade 8 Registration Information for the 2026-2027 school year :](#)

Catchment students will receive their enrolment packages from their Grade 7 teacher.

Parents and Caregivers, please return all required forms to the Grade 7 by the deadline set by the elementary school. Schools will complete and send the student packages to Vancouver Technical Secondary no later than February 13, 2026 - 3:30 PM.

- [Grade 8 Verification and Course Selection - for Sep 2026.pdf](#)

If you are requesting for a **Learning Hub Support Block**, please complete the applicable form:

Link: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/grade-8-registration-information>



Upcoming Family Night: Save the Date

- **Date:** Thursday, February 26th
- **Location:** Van Tech Secondary
- **Time:** 7–9 pm
- **Invitation:** To be emailed shortly





STAY CONNECTED!



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PARENT/STUDENT EMAIL



@vantechsec



QUESTIONS?

THANK
YOU





Bienvenue à Tech!

Welcome to Van Tech's French Immersion Program



Agenda



Introductions

Information about grade 8

Advice from the experts

Questions

Mme. Soumeya Boucetta – French Language Art

M. Alana Ryan - Science

M. Curtis Collier – French Language Art, Indigenous Contemporary Studies

M. Patrick Delorme – Social Studies

Mme. Lisa Edwards - Science

Mme. Marie-Christine Michel - French

Language Art , Social Studies

Mme Katarzyna Przystupa- CLE, French

Language Art, Communication (Drama)

Mme. Marie Rolland - Teacher Librarian



Who We Are



Mme. Boucetta



M. Collier



M. Delorme



Mme. Edwards



Mme. Michel



Mme. Pryzstupa



Mme. Rolland

Grade 8 Program

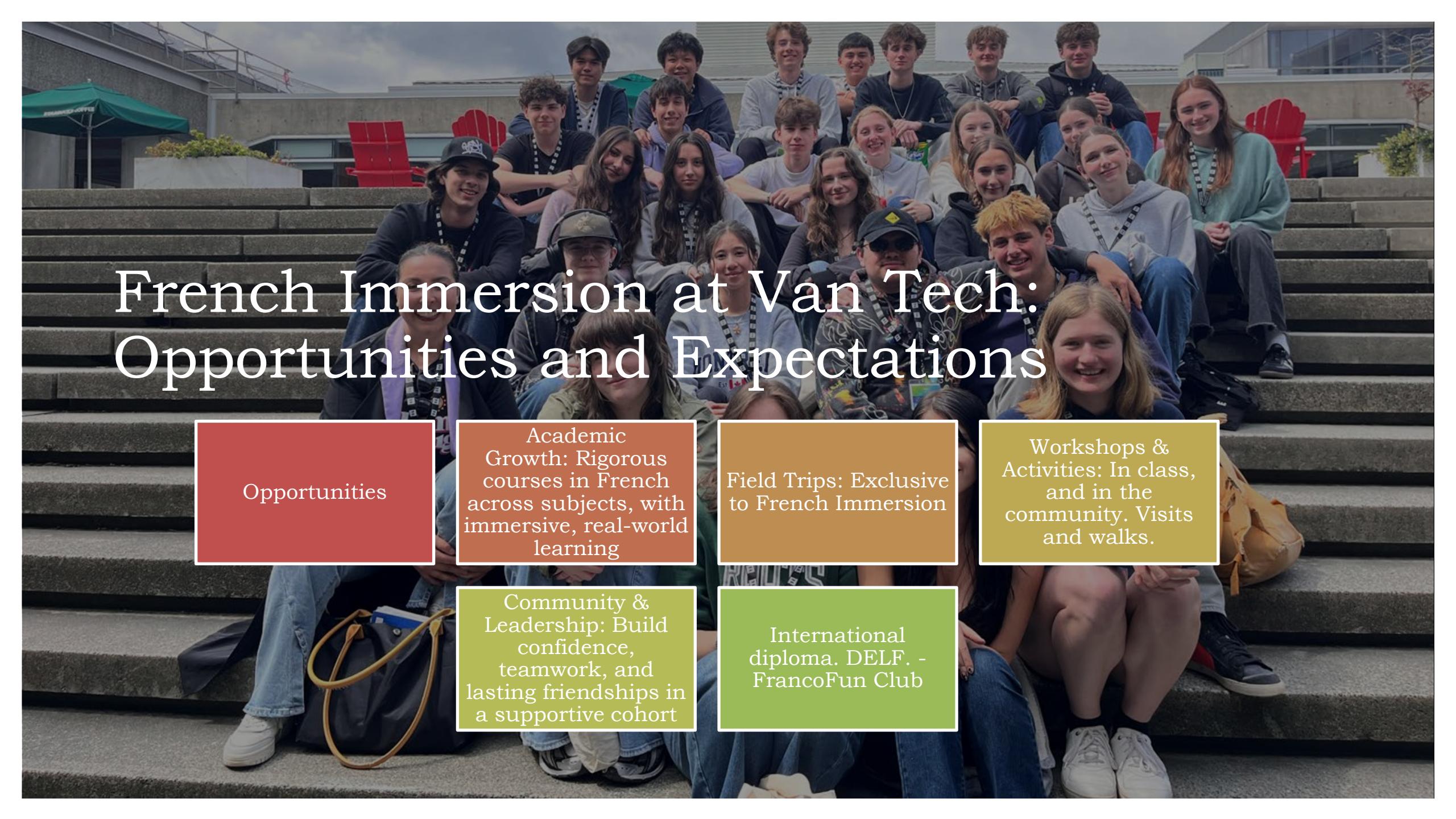
French Immersion



- **FRAL 8**
- **English 8**
- **Math 8**
- **Science 8**
- **Socials 8**
- **French Immersion Communications 8**
- **Physical and Health Education 8**
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Mme. Soumeya Boucetta
French
Immersion
Coordinator



French Immersion at Van Tech: Opportunities and Expectations

Opportunities

Academic Growth: Rigorous courses in French across subjects, with immersive, real-world learning

Community & Leadership: Build confidence, teamwork, and lasting friendships in a supportive cohort

Field Trips: Exclusive to French Immersion

International diploma. DELF. - FrancoFun Club

Workshops & Activities: In class, and in the community. Visits and walks.



- **Strathcona Park Lodge Outdoor Education Trip**
- **Grade 8 Potluck**
- **Cultural Trip to France**
- **Macaron-Making Workshop at Granville Island (grade 8 and 11)**
- **French Speech Contest (Concours d'art oratoire)**
- **Francophone Forum at SFU (workshops and meet French Immersion students from different schools in Vancouver)**
- **Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF) Multiple field trips.**
- **French Movie Screenings (school auditorium)**



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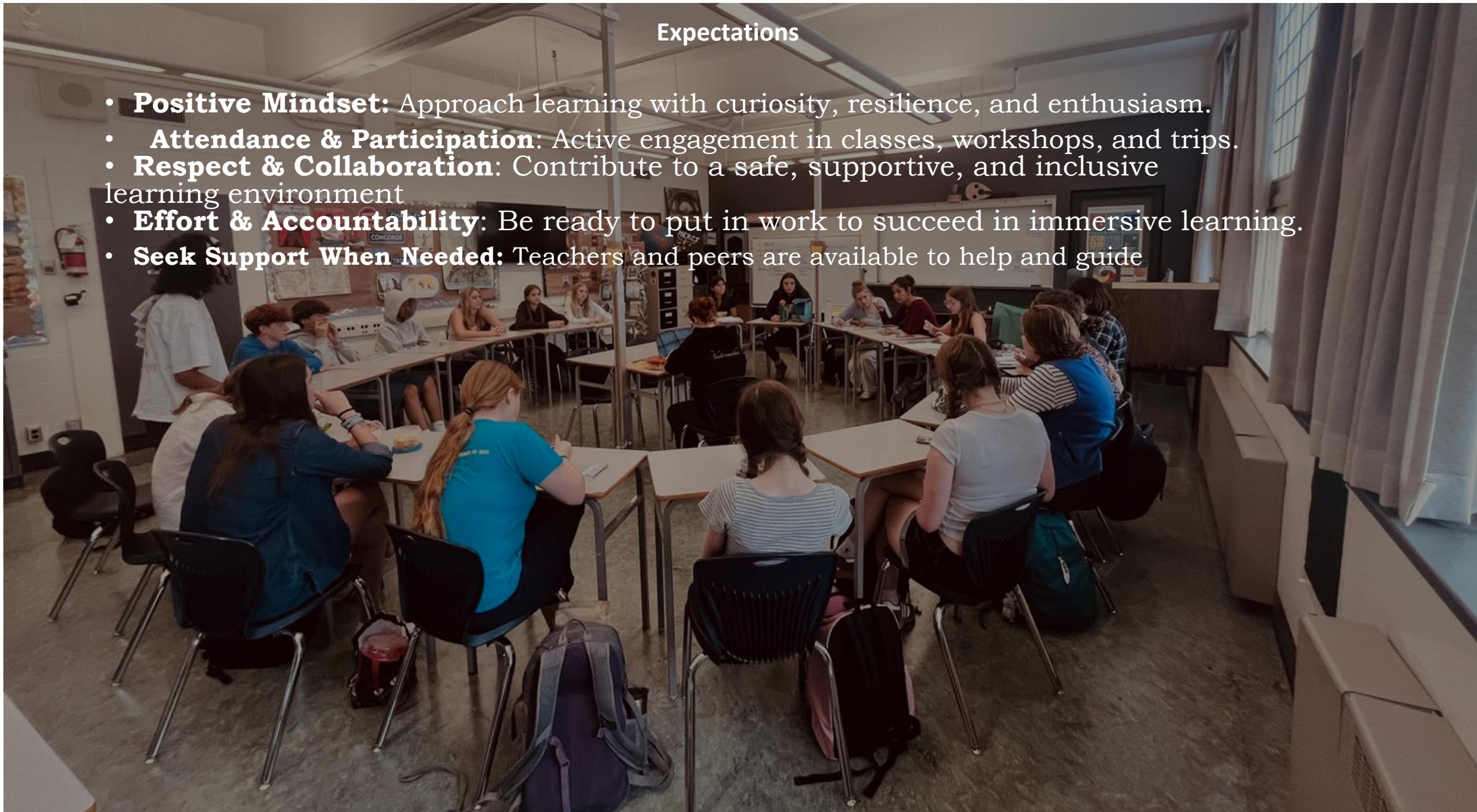
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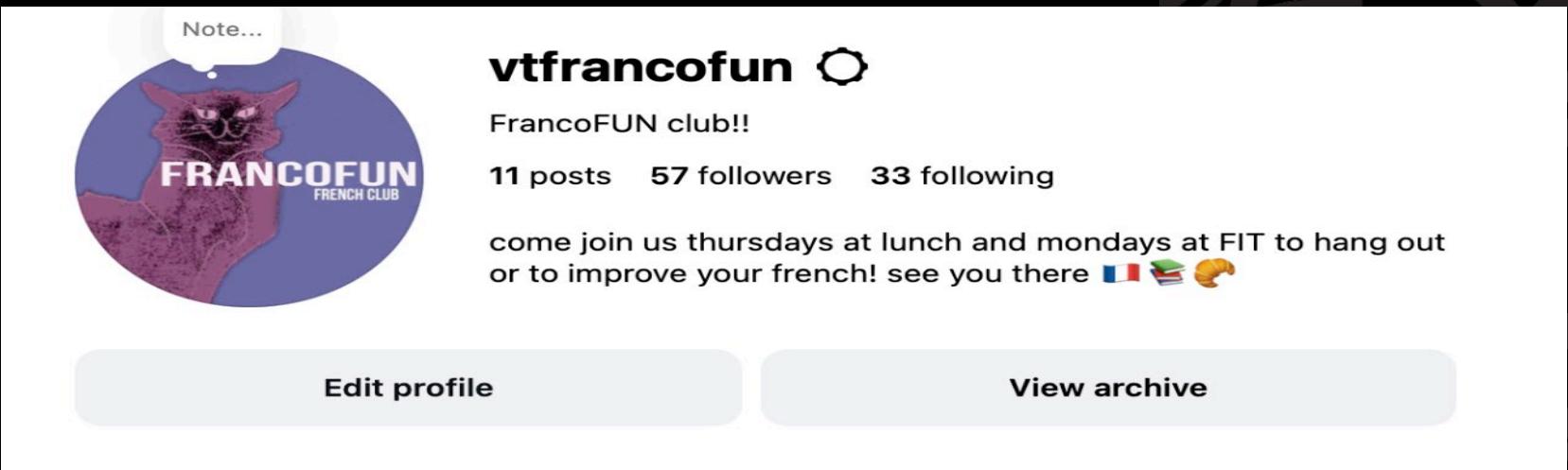
- Théâtre de la seizième.
- Festival de bois (Maillardville)
- Galette des Rois Celebration (French Immersion tradition)
- Cheese Tasting Workshops/ Crèpes workshop
- African Drumming Workshop
- Poetry in Voice Competition
- DELF DIPLOMA
- Grade 12 French Immersion ceremony (prior to the schoolceremony)
- FrancoFun Club and tons of Student Activities...

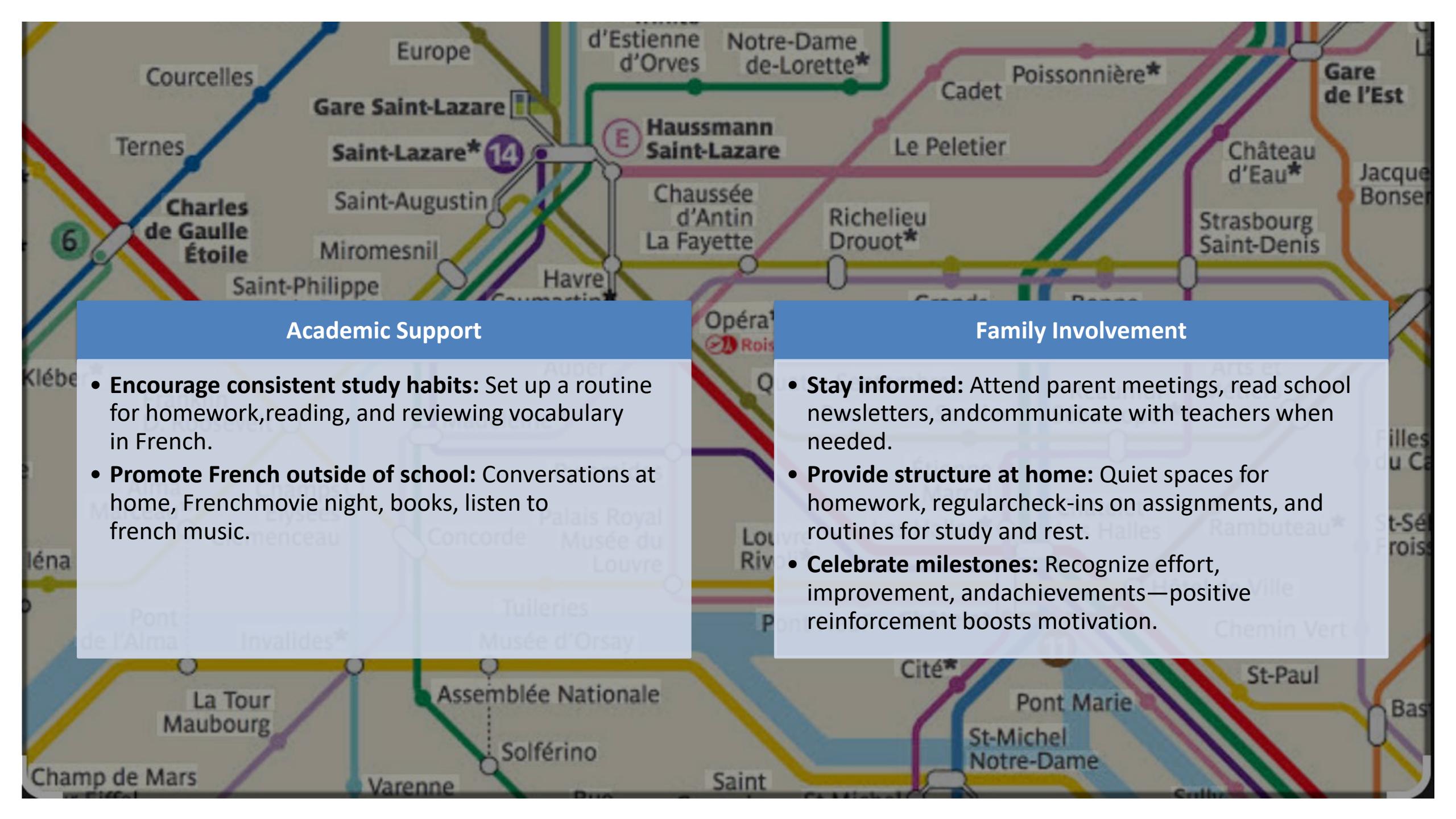
Expectations

- **Positive Mindset:** Approach learning with curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm.
- **Attendance & Participation:** Active engagement in classes, workshops, and trips.
- **Respect & Collaboration:** Contribute to a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment
- **Effort & Accountability:** Be ready to put in work to succeed in immersive learning.
- **Seek Support When Needed:** Teachers and peers are available to help and guide



- FOLLOW THE CLUB ON INSTAGRAM
- <https://www.instagram.com/vtfrancofun/>





Academic Support

- Encourage consistent study habits:** Set up a routine for homework, reading, and reviewing vocabulary in French.
- Promote French outside of school:** Conversations at home, French movie night, books, listen to French music.

Family Involvement

- Stay informed:** Attend parent meetings, read school newsletters, and communicate with teachers when needed.
- Provide structure at home:** Quiet spaces for homework, regular check-ins on assignments, and routines for study and rest.
- Celebrate milestones:** Recognize effort, improvement, and achievements—positive reinforcement boosts motivation.

Questions!



Merci

