

# The Franco "files"

A newsletter published by Madame Bailey for the students and parents of BSHS classroom 400

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FRENCH CLASSROOM?



With only two and a half weeks left in the first semester, all of our French classes are in the homestretch. French 1 is exploring vocabulary related to hobbies and leisure activities. The French 2/2H class has been learning about life in a big city and exploring the cultural monuments of Paris. This week they will embark on a study of the *passé composé* in preparation for a culminating project of developing a Paris photo album. French 4 is investigating a final and supplemental unit on art and will end the semester with a class presentation of an artist of their choosing. The students have been working hard all semester long and I am very proud of the progress they have made! It has been a sincere pleasure to have them in class. I wish them well as they move on to their second semester classes and hope to see many of them in another French class in the future.

\*Please note that classes in the World Language Department do not have final exams due to the incorporation of our complex integrated performance assessments all semester long.

### Expression of the Month



## **BONNE ANNÉE!**

This expression is commonly used in January on the cusp of the New Year, but can also be used throughout the year as it is a true expression of well wishes, or recognition that another year has passed – even if the point from which the revolution of the year is measured is arbitrary – and that this is the first time you've seen the other person since the holidays.



**Bonne Année**

## 5 TIPS FOR SUCCESS WHEN STARTING A NEW SEMESTER



- 1. Plan ahead.** Read your syllabus early and identify important dates and deadlines. Note any large-scale project deadlines that may overlap in multiple classes.
- 2. Find study methods that work for you.** Figure out what study space works best for you, whether it is your bedroom or the local library. Consider revisiting your notes after an important lesson and adding any details you can still remember. Rewrite or type your notes or create flashcards for yourself to prepare before an assessment.
- 3. Start organizing early and keep up with good habits.** Since the first week of the semester isn't usually as busy as the rest, set aside some time to use your phone or a planner to create an organizational calendar that will work for you.
- 4. Don't be afraid to ask for help.** Email your teachers to set up time for extra help and take advantage of the resources that they provide. Be sure to find a friend in class that you can go to for help understanding the material or catching up on missed notes.
- 5. Take breaks when you need them.** Pace yourself and plan ahead to avoid burnout. If you're getting tired or frustrated, take a break! Eat something, do an activity you enjoy, and rest your brain if necessary.

### IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 4 & 5 – LITERATURE KEYSTONE\*

JANUARY 6 & 7 – ALGEBRA KEYSTONE\*

JANUARY 11 & 12 – BIOLOGY KEYSTONE\*

\*KEYSTONE DAYS = 2 HR. DELAY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 17 – NO SCHOOL (STAFF INSERVICE)

JANUARY 19 – BLOCK 1 & 2 FINAL EXAMS

JANUARY 20 – BLOCK 3 & 4 FINAL EXAMS

JANUARY 21 – SEMESTER 2 CLASSES BEGIN



### \* REMINDER \*



Students who are enrolled in or have already completed French 3 or above are eligible to apply for *la Société Honoraire de Français*. This honor society is open to students with a 93% average in their French courses, provided they intend to study through at least French IV. The application period is now open and additional details about the honor society are available on

Mrs. Bailey's teacher [website](#). 

