

The Franco "files"



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

NOVEMBER 15 & 17

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
(3:00-6:45)

NOVEMBER 22

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
(7:00-3:00)

NOVEMBER 23-29

THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

A Note from Mrs. Bailey...

How time flies! It's hard to believe that we have finished the first marking period and are gearing up for Parent/Teacher conferences and the much-anticipated Thanksgiving break. Parents, you should have received an email from Mr. Hain which included a link to access a [Google document containing the sign-up links for P/T conferences](#) with all of our BSHS teachers. This year's conferences are being held in-person and on Zoom so be sure to indicate your preferred mode when you sign up. Conferences are optional but are a good time to touch base with your child's teachers. If you would prefer not to conference but would like an email update on how your child is doing in French class this semester, please email me at clb2@smsd.us.

[Mrs. Bailey's conference signup link](#)

[Mrs. Bailey's Zoom link](#)

Over the past couple of weeks, I have noticed that some students have been having difficulty completing their assignments on time. I have been giving verbal reminders to each of my classes and have also been trying to touch base with students one-on-one as necessary, but this is a great time to remind everyone that grades are updated regularly in Sapphire. If a grade is listed as an incomplete (I), that means it was not turned in on the assigned date and has not yet passed the three-day window to be turned in late for partial credit. If it is marked with a zero, that means it was never completed and the completion window has passed. For students with repeated absences, I do try to offer a grace period for work completion. If you have any questions about an assignment and whether or not it can still be completed, please encourage your child to have a conversation with me. While I want to encourage students to respect deadlines, I also want to remain flexible for students in unique circumstances so let's work together to encourage them to have that conversation.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

IN FRANCOPHONE NEWS:

France recently unveiled the first model of the newest version of its high-speed train, known as *le TGV M*, forty years after the first model was released. While the new model will not be put into use until the Paris Olympic games in 2024, the sleek new aerodynamic design will allow the train to use 20% less energy and reduce its carbon emissions by more than 30%. A unique feature of the train is that it will be adjustable in size, with the possibility to add or remove cars and reconfigure the interior spaces as needed. The new trains will be able to accommodate more passengers while continuing to reach the same top speed of the current models (320km/hour).

Source:

<https://www.euronews.com/next/2021/09/17/the-need-for-speed-the-new-tgv-m-is-being-launched-in-an-era-of-global-high-speed-rail-riv>

EXPRESSION OF THE MONTH

« OCCUPE-TOI DE TES OIGNONS! »



Literal Translation: "Take care of your onions!"

Actual Meaning: "Mind your own business."

Variations : *Ce n'est pas tes oignons. / C'est pas tes oignons !*

Example:

- Tu as payé combien acheter la maison?

- Occupe-toi de tes oignons!

Did you know...

...French is second only to English when examining the number of countries where it has official status?

...French is the only language, other than English, that is taught in every country of the world?

...between 6 and 11 million Americans speak French?

...approximately 40% of English words come from French?

...French is a working language of the United Nations, the European Union, the International Red Cross, Amnesty International, Doctors Without Borders, and the International Olympic Committee?

...France is the most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 75 million tourists annually?

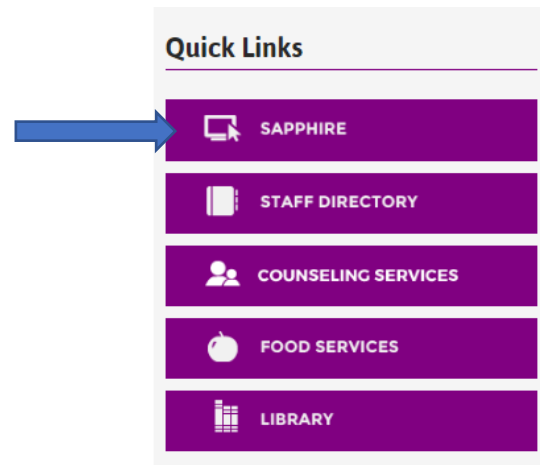
...the French city of Toulouse is one of the world's leading cities in aerospace technology?

Now you do! 😊

Source: Normandale.edu

Student Help Desk: HOW CAN I CHECK MY GRADES/ LOG INTO SAPPHIRE?

1. Visit smsd.us; click on Boiling Springs HS in the upper left-hand corner
2. Click on the Sapphire quick link.



3. Enter your username (firstnamelastname)
4. Enter your password (student ID number)
5. Enter your 5-digit pin number (not all students have a pin. If you do and are unsure of your pin, you should contact the BSHS Counseling Secretary, Mrs. Strayer, in the counseling office.



la Réunion, a francophone island off the coast of Africa

