

# The Franco "files"



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

**NOVEMBER 8**

**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT EVENT  
(11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS)  
8:20 AM - 1:50 PM**

**NOVEMBER 14 & 17**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
(3PM - 6:45 PM)**

**NOVEMBER 21**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
(7AM - 3PM)**

**NOVEMBER 21-28**

**THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)**

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 will soon receive an email from Dr. Hain which will include a link to access a Google document containing the sign-up links for P/T conferences with all of our BSHS teachers. Conferences are optional but are a good time to touch base with your child/children'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 feel free to email me at [clb2@smsd.us](mailto:clb2@smsd.us).

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 for your reference. If a grade is listed as an incomplete (I), that means it was not turned in on the assigned date and has not yet exceeded 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 or your child have/has any questions about an assignment and whether or not it can still be completed, please encourage your child to speak 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 advocate for themselves and their needs.

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

*Madame (Cindy) Bailey*

## Happening in francophone news:

Every year on November 11 in the francophone country of Belgium, the Belgian people celebrate Armistice Day. Similar to our Veterans Day, this holiday commemorates the end of World War I. This year will be the 104th anniversary of Armistice Day. The day is observed quite similarly to Veterans Day in that people use the day to reflect on those who gave their lives for their country. Many use the day to visit memorials or parades. The city of Ypres, where one of World War I's most deadly battles was fought, is the home of the Menin Gate Memorial, where the Last Post, a bugle call that signifies the end of the day, rings out through the silent crowd. The holiday marks an important time in our world's history.

## 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.

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 (home of our pen pals) is one of the world's leading cities in aerospace technology?

Now you do! 😊

Source: [Normandale.edu](http://Normandale.edu)

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

1. Visit [smsd.us](http://smsd.us); click on Boiling Springs HS in the upper left-hand corner
2. Click on the Sapphire quick link.

#### Quick Links

 SAPHIRE

 STAFF DIRECTORY

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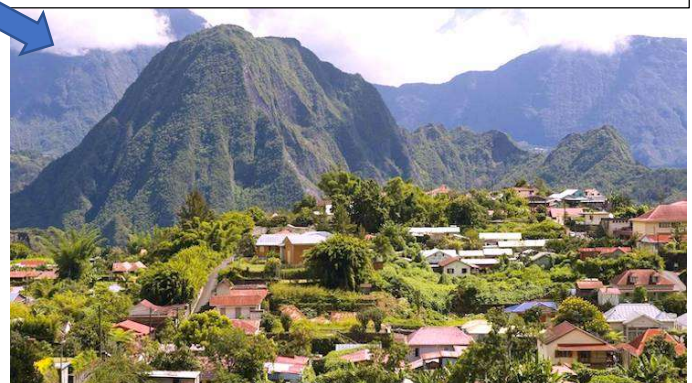
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3. Enter your username (firstnamelastname)
4. Enter your password (student ID number)
5. Enter your 5-digit pin number (not all students have a pin. If you do and are unsure of your pin, you should contact the BSHS Counseling Secretary, Mrs. Strayer,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



la Réunion, a francophone island off the coast of Africa



# ADVENTURE AWAITS!

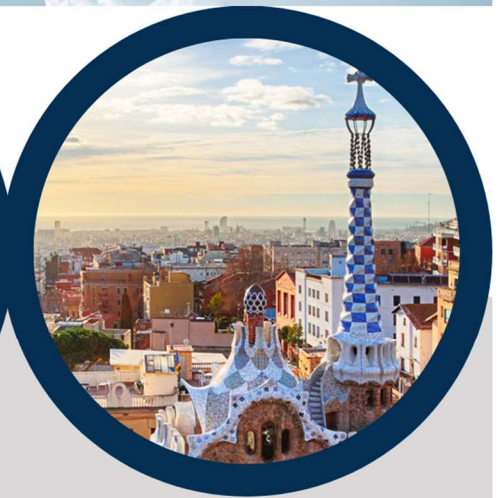


RSVP LINK



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**INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 10**

**6 PM (BSHS LIBRARY)**

