



# Thornlea Modern Languages

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Grade 8 Open House

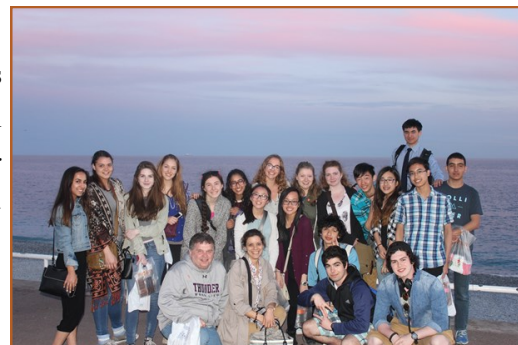
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## Bienvenue!

The International Languages Department is committed to providing instruction at all levels, with in three dynamic programs. We are proud to offer *Advanced Placement (AP)* and *PRE-AP* courses and units of study in French with AP trained teachers, college board resources and exam preparation modules. All language courses follow the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*, a guideline widely

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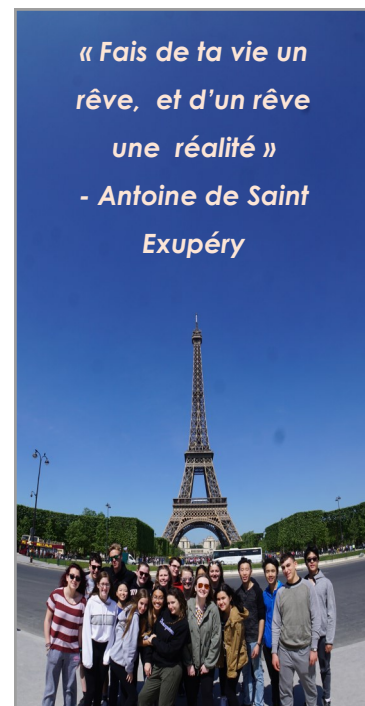
### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING-REAL WORLD!

At Thornlea we explore our dynamic city and beyond seeking exciting linguistic and cultural opportunities. Our goal is to extend the language learning process beyond the classroom, exposing students to authentic language learning opportunities. Full immersion in the target language and real life practice - to improve language skills- are at the core of such experiences. Here are some examples of the programs we offer and coordinate:

- *ISE* (International Student Exchange), 3 month program to live and study abroad
- Annual school trip abroad
- *Summer Work Exchange Program* (YMCA)
- *Explore* exchange learning program

« Fais de ta vie un rêve, et d'un rêve une réalité »

- Antoine de Saint Exupéry



Trip to Paris-Nice 2018



## Our programs:

### CORE FRENCH

#### FSF1D1 Grade 9, Academic

*Who should be in this course?*

- All students who achieve over 70% in grade 8 French and have mastered the grade 8 curriculum expectations.
- Students below 70% may still take this course and be successful if they show good work ethic
- Students who take all their other subjects at the academic level.

#### FSF1P1 Grade 9, Applied

*Who should be in this course?*

- All students who achieve below 70% in grade 8 French.
- Students who are experiencing difficulty in the subject.
- Students taking other subjects at the applied level.

#### FSF10 OPEN/BEGINNER

*Who should be in this course?*

- This introductory course is designed for students who have had fewer than 600hrs of French in elementary school
- Usually students coming from another province or country would qualify to take this be-



### Day trip o *Café Maroc*

⇒ Learning about food and dance!



**Cultural workshop** with Ivorian musician *Fana Soro*

⇒ Information on French Immersion is on following page

### Why continue taking French after grade 9?

- Strengthen problem-solving, reasoning and creative thinking skills; develop an understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and increase competitiveness in an increasingly global job market.
- Your marketable skills in the global economy are improved if you master another language.
- Analytical skills improve when students study a foreign language.
- Foreign languages open the door to art, music, dance, fashion, cuisine, film, philosophy, science...
- French is, along with English, the only language spoken on all five continents

## French Immersion at Thornlea:

### Our program:

Students will obtain the French Immersion certificate upon graduation and completion of **10** courses taught in French

#### What do I take?

##### Required courses:

- 4 French language courses (gr 9,10,11,12)
- Health & Physical Education (gr 9)
- Geography (gr 9)
- Civics/Careers (gr 10)
- History (gr 10)

##### Choose 2 of the following :

- Art (gr 9/10)
- Business Studies (gr 10)
- Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology (gr 11)
- Co-operative education (gr 11)
- World Issues (gr 12)



##### Some novels we have read:

- ⇒ *Zone* (Marcel Dube)
- ⇒ *L'Etranger* (Albert Camus)
- ⇒ *Petit Pays* (Gael Faye)
- ⇒ *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* (Molière)
- ⇒ *Marius et Fanny* (Marcel Pagnol)



## Why continue in French Immersion?



Faire des crepes en  
cours...miam!

French Immersion provides students with the opportunity to effectively use their knowledge of French to be competitive in a changing global economy;

-Greater bilingual career opportunities;

-French continues to be the most widely spoken language in the world. A recent study\* suggests that by 2050 it will be the #1 language in the world;

-Our program includes numerous opportunities for intercultural and experiential learning: excursions, exchanges and trips abroad.

\*2014 study by Natixis Investment bank

## Why French Immersion at Thornlea?

**-Opportunity to combine multiple enriched programs such as FI/ACAM/AP;**

**-Students in FI can concurrently take ACAM courses in French to meet the requirements of both certificates;**

**-Our French Immersion students are among the most successful candidates on the AP exams. In particular, they achieve superior results on the French AP exam. These high scores are often accepted by universities towards first year credits.**

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