

TUNING INTO FSL

Supporting French Teachers in Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division

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French in Our Community:
An introduction to the organizations supporting French.

Why Teach French? What do our language learners stand to gain?



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Did you know that the term **FSL often refers to both **FSL (basic French)** and **French Immersion programs**?**

Both programs teach French to second language learners!



FRENCH ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITIES



CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH ALBERTA

CPF Alberta is a parent association that promotes and supports French as a Second Language Education in our schools. *Join today!*



ACFA

Régionale de Lethbridge

The goal of the *Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta* is to promote the French language and culture in our community and to support its local members. Being a French speaker is not a requirement for becoming a member of L'ACFA. *Devenez membre!*



The University of Lethbridge is home to the French Language Centre. Founded in 2009, the FLC serves French language learners of all ages in our community by offering a French Film Festival, the DELF International Certificate Exams and much more.



Ciné Imagine is a Francophone organization which promotes French cinema in Alberta. They boast film contests, French film festivals for adults and children and French movie viewings.

Médi@thèque

ressources en français à Lethbridge

La Médiathèque is a Francophone library which houses countless children's books, adult books and novels, and films. Lethbridge Public Library members can access this collection by searching for French titles in the Lethbridge Public Library Catalogue.

Top Five Reasons to Teach French in Our Schools

We often hear about the benefits of learning another language. Here are a few reasons why teaching French in our schools deserves our attention.

Improved Literacy Skills

Did you know that literacy skills can be transferred from one language to another? Whether it be fluency when reading aloud, improved spelling or a better understanding of sentence structure, adding French to your students' day will improve their French and English language skills!

CAREER Opportunities

Knowing French in Canada will make your students more marketable. From Parks Canada to Service Canada, being bilingual is not only desired, but often required!

Bilingualism!



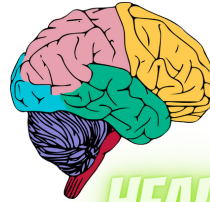
French Canadians make up over 20% of Canada's population, so this makes learning French an obvious choice. We take for granted just how expensive it can be to learn another language when you are paying out of pocket.

Culture

Teaching French involves a lot more than just language learning. Students enjoy Francophone celebrations and activities that are often linked to our Catholic Calendar.



EPIPHANY



HEALTHIER BRAINS!

Studies have shown that people who speak an additional language further develop the executive control region of the brain. This region is responsible for analyzing, problem solving and synthesizing information. There are also fewer instances of dementia and Alzheimers in bilingual seniors. Yet another reason to learn, *and teach*, French!



"8 in 10 Canadians agree that more needs to be done so that young people can become bilingual."

<https://www.clo-ocol.gc.ca/en/statistics/infographics/what-canadians-think-english-french>