

# French Immersion

## Parent Information for Fall 2019



Lottery  
Registration  
will be open from  
January 7-31, 2019!

A choice of three  
parent information  
nights where you can  
learn more!

Five French  
Immersion  
sites available  
this Fall!

### **Vision of the French Immersion Program**

Students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada's official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.

*Ontario Ministry of Education*



# It's time to register for Grade 1 French Immersion!

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The French Immersion Program is intended for students who do not speak French at home. All communication between school and home will be in English. At least half of the child's day will take place in French. In most cases, your child will have both a French teacher and an English teacher, but in some cases, one teacher will instruct in both languages. **Subjects taught in French include:** French Language Arts, Social Sciences, Science & Technology, Physical Education & Health, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music. **Subjects taught in English include:** English Language Arts, Religious Education, Family Life, and Mathematics

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All WCDSB students starting grade 1 in September 2019 are eligible to enter the lottery for the French Immersion program. All applicants within a school's French Immersion Boundary have an equal chance in the lottery. There is no "home-school" advantage. Once a family wins the lottery, all subsequent siblings in the family are guaranteed a place in the program if they self-identify at the time of each sibling's registration. Siblings that are not registered by January 31<sup>st</sup>, or who have not self-identified as a sibling at the time of registration, forfeit their priority status.

## WHICH SCHOOL WILL MY CHILD ATTEND?

Your civic address will dictate which school lottery your child will enter into. After the registration period, if the French Immersion program at another school has available space, and the school is not capped, out-of-boundary requests may be entertained.

## SIBLINGS AFFECTED BY NEW BOUNDARIES

If you live within the new Holy Rosary or St Luke French Immersion Boundaries and you have an older sibling attending the French Immersion program at St Anne or Sir Edgar Bauer, the younger sibling may be grandfathered to also attend the same school as their older sibling. This must be clearly indicated when registering.

## PROGRAM LOCATIONS

In the 2019-2020 school year the French Immersion Program will be offered at the following locations:

**Sir Edgar Bauer CES**  
660 Glen Forrest Blvd.  
Waterloo, ON N2L 4K2

**St Anne CES**  
250 East Ave.  
Kitchener, ON N2H 1Z4

**Our Lady of Fatima CES**  
55 Hammet St.  
Cambridge, ON N3C 2H5

**Holy Rosary CES**   
485 Thorndale Dr.  
Waterloo, ON N2T 1W5

**St Luke CES**   
550 Chesapeake Dr.  
Waterloo, ON N2K 4G5

*In 2017, salaries for  
bilingual employees in  
Canada were about  
3.8% higher than for  
unilingual people.*

*Français pour l'avenir*

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to the French Immersion program is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, unless you live within the school's home-catchment area. If you are uncertain, you can check your child's **Transportation Eligibility** by following the link on our website and typing in your home address: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/about-us/accommodations/>

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE LOTTERY?

The online lottery registration will open January 7, 2019 by 10am. Visit [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca) and look for **French Immersion Registration** in the scrolling banner. The link can also be accessed by visiting <https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/fsl/>. Everyone who registers between January 7 and January 31 will participate in the lottery. Families will receive an e-mail on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> indicating whether they have secured a spot in the program or whether they have been placed on the waiting list. Once a child has been accepted into the program, their spot will be guaranteed for 2 weeks during which time they must clearly indicate to the school office that they are accepting the placement and, if they are not already attending the school, must complete any student registration paperwork provided by the school.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Want to know more? Please join us at any of these 3 centralized Parent Information evenings. Information will be identical at all 3 sessions and you are invited to attend any session that best meets the needs of your personal schedule

### Tuesday December 4, 2018

- 5:30-6:30pm
- Resurrection Catholic Secondary School: 455 University Ave. W., Kitchener

### Monday December 10, 2018

- 6:30-7:30pm
- St Benedict Catholic Secondary School: 50 Saginaw Parkway, Cambridge
- Note: The doors at the front of the school will be locked. Please use the back parking lot and enter through the doors by the gymnasium.

### Monday January 14, 2019

- 6:00-7:00pm
- St David Catholic Secondary School: 4 High St., Waterloo





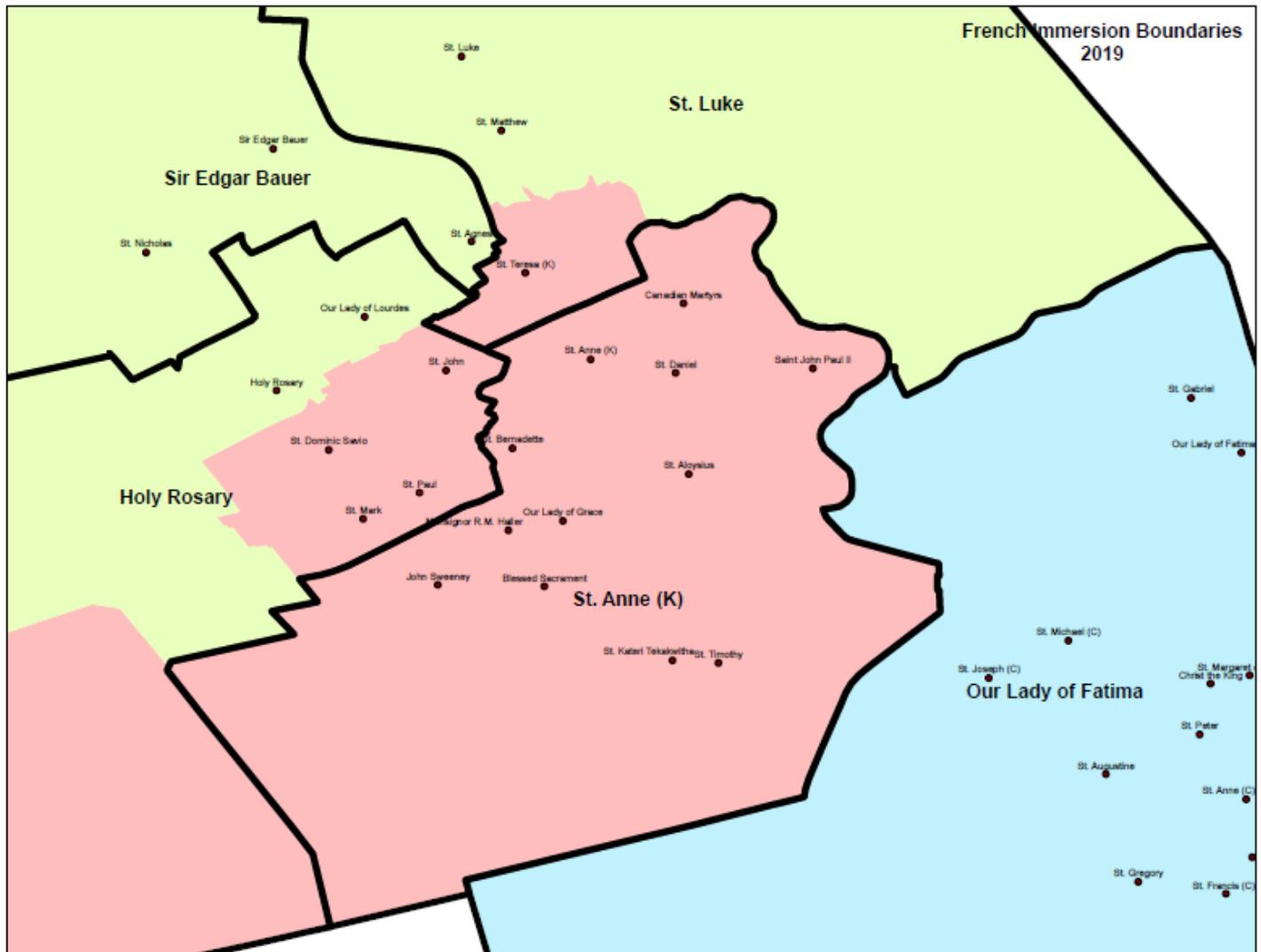
*The limits of my language are the limits of my world.*

*Ludwig Wittgenstein*



The new French Immersion boundaries for 2019-2020 are shown below.

For a more detailed view visit: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/about-us/accommodations>



For more information about French as a Second Language Programs, please contact our FSL Consultant Jennifer Kruthof, at 519-578-3660 or visit the Board website at [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)