



Office of Director of Education

December 21, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am pleased to inform you that the Toronto Catholic District School Board will be offering French Immersion (FI) for students in Junior and Senior Kindergarten beginning in September 2018 at the following elementary schools: St. Brigid, St. Alphonsus, St. Rita, St. Mary and St. Louis. The decision to implement the program in these schools was made at the December 7, 2017 Meeting of the Board.

You are receiving this letter because you reside within the FI program boundary and are eligible to apply for the Kindergarten FI program offered at **St. Rita**. This FI registration option is open to any student who:

1. Is currently a JK student who resides within the regional boundary of the newly designated FI location and is attending an elementary school within this boundary;
2. Is a new registration for JK or SK for the 2018-19 school year and resides within the regional boundary of a newly designated FI location.

If your child is currently a JK student at **St. Rita** or if your child is a JK student in another school within the FI boundary for **St. Rita** and are interested in applying to the SK/FI program at **St. Rita**, you **must** complete an online application requesting the FI program when registration begins.

Registration for the FI program offered at these new locations will begin on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM EST** using the Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.). The application is found on the TCDSB website at **<https://soar.tcdsb.org>**. We understand that many families will be interested in this new program. Every effort will be made to accommodate students where possible. All applications will be processed in accordance with the Admissions Policy which can be found on the Board's website at **www.tcdsb.org**.

Important note for children currently enrolled in JK: Your child will have a secured placement in the SK regular English track program at your current school should you choose not to apply to the FI program.

To learn more about this new program a French Immersion information night will be held on **January 11, 2018 at 7:00pm** at **St. Rita**.

Should you have any questions about the FI registration process, please contact your school or the Admissions and Placement at (416)222-8282 extension 5320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rory McGuckin".

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

Copy: Waldo Aristizabal, Principal St. Rita
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