



January 11, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In French Immersion, your grade 12 child has the option of writing the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française), an exam which measures a student's French language proficiency. The DELF exam is comprised of four sections that evaluate each of the 4 language domains (listening, reading, speaking, and writing). Upon successful completion of the DELF exam, your child will receive an official diploma from the French Ministry of Education recognizing his/her French proficiency level. This service is being offered free of charge to the students of Edmonton Catholic Schools. Testing will occur during the week of **April 24th to April 28th, 2017**.

Obtaining a DELF B2 diploma is beneficial for students as it:

- helps them set goals for second language learning;
- enables them to be assessed on international language standards;
- certifies second language achievements in reading, writing and oral interactions in real world situations; and,
- opens doors for students to continue their studies at foreign or Canadian universities.

As you are aware, learning a second language has many cognitive, economic and cultural benefits. It expands the intellect, strengthens English literacy skills, provides students with more choices for advanced education and offers a competitive edge in the global market.

If you wish to learn more about the DELF exam, please feel free to access the following website:
<http://www.ciep.fr/en/delf-dalf>

Please consider allowing your child to participate in this opportunity. Should your child be interested in participating, please sign and return the "Official DELF Registration Form" and return it to your child's French teacher no later than **Friday, February 9, 2017**. Late forms will not be accepted.

Regards,

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