Mr. Jason Cyr le mardi 14 septembre 2019

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Chers parents / gardiens,

Welcome to French 8. My name is Mr. Jason Cyr and I will be your child’s French teacher for the 2019-20 school year at Seaquam Secondary School. It is my first-year teaching within the Delta School District and I am looking forward to getting to know Delta as well as yourselves and your child.

I look forward to helping your child improve, excel and reach his/her potential in all aspects of the French language including but not limited to grammar, literature, and culture.

Our main goal this year is to further develop a sense comfortability and ease with regard to oral and written forms of communication as well as to the development of aural skills in French by way of a variety of activities; i.e. pronunciation, writing, reading, speaking, listening, etc. in the form of videos, songs, skits, and other activities and projects.

I believe that immersing students in a fully French speaking environment is the most practical way to learn a language. I will always encourage the use of French in class so as to promote a full-immersion experience except when a *lingua franca* (English) is deemed necessary; i.e. when explaining homework, test, and certain grammar lessons, all aspects that are essential to your child’s success. As a result, I will ask that your child make an effort to communicate in French in class to further benefit from their experience in French class and, in doing so, hope to increase your child’s knowledge with respect to French language and culture by immersing them, as much as possible, in a French speaking environment.

My academic background includes a B.A. (2014) and M.A. (2016), both in French, at UBC. During my M.A., I worked as a Teaching Assistant for UBC’s Department of French, Hispanic & Italian Studies where I taught both beginner (FREN-101/102) and intermediate (FREN-111) French courses. I equally completed and successfully defended my thesis on the failure of the American Dream while comparing 2 works of Québécois literature with two works of American literature. In April 2019, I completed my B.Ed. at SFU at a Francophone School in Surrey, B.C. and have worked as a TTOC in North Vancouver since then. As a result, I hope to share my knowledge and bring my personal experiences with respect to various French cultures to the classroom.

You will be able to track the outline of your child’s course by consulting the following website: https://monsieurcyr.weebly.com. This website will be used to post overviews of what was done in class, due dates of homework assignments, and provide other important information related to the course as required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jcyr@sd44.ca with any questions or concerns with regard to the academic success of your child.

Nom de l’élève : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature du parent / gardien : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_