



École Secondaire Robert A. McMath Secondary School
"Together We Learn"

January 2018

Dear Interested Students & Parents,

Thank you for your interest in this opportunity! The exciting chance to host a student from France is open to all McMath students. In the past we have welcomed students from the school Collège St Charles located in St. Brieuc, France. This year we will be billeting them again from April 29th- May 6th. Since this is a language and cultural trip, students are coming here to improve their English speaking skills, as well as experience an authentic Canadian setting. If you would like to host a student, please follow the three steps:

1. Check if you and your family are available to accommodate a student the week of April 29th- May 6th. Some of the responsibilities include:

- Pick up and drop off at school and one day at the mall
- Providing a lunch except on April 30th. There will be a pizza lunch provided by the school for the homestay and you.
- Having the home-stay follow your school schedule when they have their school day visit.
- Hanging out on the weekend. This might include organizing an activity, introducing them to your extended family, or showing them other Vancouver tourist spots. If you have a scheduled tournament or event, please bring them along.
- Ensure that you are able to provide a bed. It is not necessary to provide a separate bedroom.

2. Read over the information and responsibilities found on this page and the tentative itinerary found on the backside with your parents. Be sure to have your parent's permission. If the answer is "yes", fill out the attached "Student Information for France Home-Stays" page and have your parents/guardian sign the form. Please retain this page for your records.

3. Once you have completed and signed the attached form titled "Student Information for France Home-Stays" please hand in to Mme. Cowin or Mme Laub.

Questions? Email: acowin@sd38.bc.ca or slaub@sd38.bc.ca

There will be a student and parent meeting on February 19th at 6:00pm in the McMath school staffroom.

PLEASE DROP THE FORM OFF IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TITLED "FRANCE HOME-STAY" ADDRESSED TO MME. COWIN (B213) or MME. LAUB (C117) OR HAND IN AT THE OFFICE

BY JANUARY 31ST



École Robert A. McMath Secondary
Visiting Group from *École St. Charles*, from St. Brieuc, France

DRAFT ITINERARY for April, 2018

All times are approximate
Sun., Apr. 29

7:30 pm

The group of 30 arrives at YVR (International Terminal)
Private coach transfer to McMath School
"Welcome to Canada" at McMath Secondary
Home with host families

Mon., Apr. 30

In classes all day at McMath with homestay buddies
Pizza lunch provided

Tues., May 1 8:30 am
(bag lunch)

5:30 pm

Meet in front of the Richmond Centre "White Spot" on the No. 3 Road side
Board the Canada Line www.canadalineline.ca train & depart for "Waterfront" Sta.
Visit at Lonsdale Quay, Gastown, Granville Island
Board the AquaBus boat www.theaquabus.com sail east to *Olympic Village*
Walk through Vancouver's Olympic Village; sightseeing.
Arrival at "Richmond-Brighouse" Station
Homestay parent pick-up at the Richmond Centre "White Spot" on 3 Road

Wed., May 2 7:15 am
(bag lunch)

9:15 pm

Students dropped at the school
Depart the school to catch the ferry to Vancouver
Visit the Royal B.C. Museum and B.C. Legislature Building
Free time to explore the Empress Hotel and Government Street
Depart downtown Victoria: private coach transfer to the ferry terminal
The ferry departs for its return trip (dinner on own – cost NOT included)
Private coach transfer to McMath School
Homestay parent pick-up at the school

Thurs., May 3 8:15 am
(bag lunch)

3:00 pm

Half day in classes at McMath with your homestay buddies
Visit the Steveston Cannery and the Britannia Shipyard
Walk back to the school; meet homestay buddies

Fri., May 4 8:15 am
(bag lunch)

3:00 pm

Field Trip to Vancouver's Chinatown, and then return to the Historic Village
Visit the Steveston Highway Buddhist temple
Meet homestay buddies back at school

Sat., May 5

Free day with homestay families

Sun., May 6

9:00 pm

Free day with homestay families
Meet at McMath School (with all luggage / personal items)
Private coach transfer to Vancouver Airport, International Terminal
for the flight to Montreal

(please print clearly)

Student Information for France Home-stays

Student Name: _____ **Student Number:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Student email: _____

Parent email: _____

Home address: _____

Contact number: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. In order to pair you up as best as possible with a student from St. Brieuc, it would be helpful to know some of your interests. Please list below.

a) sports or physical activity: _____

b) other interests or hobbies: _____

c) what do you usually do on the weekend or after school?

2. Do you have any pets at home? If yes, please describe.

3. Please circle the gender choice below that applies to your family for this current exchange.

MALE

FEMALE

NO PREFERENCE

4. Would your family be willing to host more than one student? YES NO

5. Is your family vegan or vegetarian? YES NO

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

I have read the information letter as well as the above form, and I have discussed the home-stay with my son/daughter. We are available to host a student from Collège St Charles, St Brieuc, France from Friday April 29 - Sunday May 6, 2018.

Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____