**7th Grade French Syllabus**

**2015-2016 School Year**

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at any time. I am here to serve you the best I can! Any grade that you make that you are not pleased with, you may come and see me during Directed Studies or make an after school appointment, and I will work with you (if you are willing to do the work and have a good attitude☺) to make it better! There is NO excuse to fail anything in the French Dimension, if you are willing to work hard and help me help you! ☺

**Useful website:** [www.emcschool.net/cestatoi](http://www.emcschool.net/cestatoi) (This is the website to an online version of our textbook. The password is: dqhpwnz

**Supplies:** Composition book, pencils/pens, blue and pink highlighters

**Textbook:** C’est à Toi! Level 1 – We will be covering the information in approximately chapters 1-6 this year, and students will finish the textbook in their 8th grade year of French.

**Grading Policy:**

1. Teaching Tasks/Classroom Work/Homework 50%
2. Tests/Projects/IB Assessments 50%

**“The Sacred Bees” (Classroom Procedures):** Make sure to keep your bees buzzing properly at all times to get the most out of your French Dimension Experience and to earn rewards weekly! 1. Be on time. (Arrive à l’heure.) 2. Be respectful.(Respecte les autres.) 3. Be productive. (Commence ton travail tout de suite!) 4. Be positive (Sois positif!) and 5. Be prepared (Sois bien préparé.) – Have your French folder/comp book, paper, and pencil at all times!

![C:\Users\whitson_e\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9SEA3VLV\MC900320074[1].wmf]() **Euro Dimension:** In the French Dimension, we have a “euro economy” in place. As students enter the “portal,” they are “paid” a euro bill, which they are to put on the upper corner of their desks for that entire class period. As long as a student keeps his/her sacred “B’s” in a row, he/she gets to keep the euro and put it in his/her “banque.” However, if a student does not follow our Dimension Procedures, he/she will lose his/her euro for the day as a warning. The last class of the week, students who have kept their bees buzzing in line all week will get to spend their euros in my “magasin” (class store). Also, students can receive one euro for every two items he/she donates to our store. Please make donations of things like: candy, pencils, pens, highlighters, toys, anything French, scarves, stationary, journals, stickers, etc.; so we can keep our store going! The store is not only a great extra incentive to follow the procedures, but also a learning experience. Students learn about Euros, the European Union, and they have to use basic French expressions to purchase things in the store. Please encourage your students to be “productive” **members of our “European Union” so they can get paid! It pays to “bee” good! ☺**

![C:\Users\whitson_e\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9SEA3VLV\MC900441846[1].wmf]() **IB in French:** The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet help to create a **better, more peaceful world.** I consider each and every student to be a “super hero in training,” who strives to perfect their 10 IB super powers: 1. Inquirers(des investigateurs), 2. Knowledgeable (informés et instruits), 3. Thinkers (des penseurs) 4. Communicators (des communicateurs), 5. Principled (intègres), 6. Open-minded (Ouverts d’esprit), 7. Caring (altruistes), 8. Courageous (Courageux), 9. Balanced (équilibrés), and 10. Reflective (Réfléchis).

After both parents and students read this syllabus, please sign and complete the following page. Keep this syllabus for future reference. Merci! ☺

I have read about procedures of the French Dimension with my child.

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please print first and last)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email/contact info. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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