

# Santa Rosa French-American Charter

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## Principal's News

The next EFBA French Enrichment Program is starting soon. This is a Parent Association Foundation Program to enhance our students' acquisition of the French language and Culture.

**ONLY \$590 for 28 sessions over 14 weeks!**  
**SIGN UP NOW WITH A \$190 DEPOSIT TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT**  
(Balance of \$400 paid via \$200 installments on 2/15/2018 and 3/15/18)

**50% & 100% SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED - First come, first served with priority given to students who were not enrolled or were waitlisted in prior session.**  
EFBA and the SRFACS Foundation have agreed to continue the after-school French enrichment program we piloted in the Fall 2017. With your input and our experiences from the Fall pilot we are expanding to a 14-week program and made some adjustments to further improve its success.

We are committed to creating a sustainable program that grows participants' French language skills and improves their fluency in SRFACS classrooms, thereby reinforcing the school's quality teaching and benefitting the level of French immersion for everyone. The goal is to ensure participation by a minimum of 20% of all students at SRFACS over the course of the first year. To help this program be accessible to everyone, EFBA has

reduced its costs and the SRFACS Foundation is providing generous subsidies and scholarships that lower the price for all participants, with scholarships available for up to 33% of enrollments. Priority will be given to students who have not attended the prior session. Scholarships will be awarded in priority to students who have not benefited of any scholarship during the prior session. 14-WEEK program starts on 2/5/2018

For more information, to apply for a scholarship or to register, visit [efba.us](http://efba.us)

SRFACS is also offering the regular enrichment program during the same time of year. All classes have met and are in full swing. Some of these classes are taught in French.

English and French tutoring that is school-sponsored also continues with new offerings. Tutoring is conducted by our teaching staff and is funded through our school's LCAP funds. Students in these programs have been identified by the teachers as needing extra support in English and French.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Professional Development Day—No School Jan 30th
- ◆ Lincoln's Day Holiday-No School Feb. 12th
- ◆ President's Day Holiday-No School Feb. 19th

## Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year as we embark on the second half of the 2017/2018 school year. We had a very good SAB meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> which featured a presentation by Joel Dontos our district's financial advisor. It was very informative and it preceded a presentation of the District's budget at the DAC meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Tracey Klein, Allison Budlong, and I attended the District Advisory Committee (DAC) hosted by our Superintendent, Diann Kitamura. This is a great forum where parent organizations can ask questions about the district. There will be an ELAC meeting this Thursday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> in the Library at 8:45 AM. Hope you can attend.

Excitement is in the air as the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will venture to Coloma to learn about Gold Rush and Native American History. They will be away January 31-February 2.

Unfortunately, I have to end this letter with sad news of the passing of Ray Hill. His two children Elijah and Lily attend SRFACS. We want to send our deepest sympathy to Kate and the Hill family in their time of loss. Ray was a loving son, brother, father, and husband whose memory will live on through his altruistic spirit.

Sincerely,

Mr. Johnstone



SRFACS WOLVES

*“No person is your  
friend who  
demands your  
silence, or denies  
you the right to  
grow.”  
Alice Walker*

## Traffic

I want to continue to thank our volunteers who keep traffic moving in a safe manner every morning. Andrea and her crew have reported that the traffic is moving better but they may have to speak to you about pulling up in the drop off lane to keep the traffic flowing. Be careful when you exit near our traffic signal. There are still times where the light is still red and cars have gone through the red light. Mario has

reported that some cars think they can proceed through the cross walk after he reaches curbside. Sometimes he gets there before the light turns green. Please exercise caution. It has been a year since we added Forrest to our Doyle Park cross walk. He reports that pedestrian traffic is moving safely and cars are being more careful as they leave that side of the school. It is the rainy season and we all need to slow down to insure safety of our children.

## Let's Go Learn

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Let's Go Learn testing has begun last week and will continue until mid-February. This is an important assessment in Reading and Mathematics which we use to chart a student's progress from the start of the school year. These scores are also useful in differentiating instruction and evaluating English Language Learners for reclassification. The tests are given on the chromebook computers.

## French Accreditation

On January 11<sup>th</sup> we had an important visit from the AEFÉ inspector, **Sophie BEAUMONT**. Her goal was to visit the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms and meet with teachers and the administration concerning our current K-5 accreditation and our candidacy for Grade 6. She was accompanied by the Ambassade de France - Service Culturel, Christine PAUGAM. We will receive their evaluation report in July

## New Childcare Lead

We would like to welcome our new Child Care Lead Supervisor, Ms Gabriela Mathiesen. She comes to us from Hidden Valley and has years of experience working with their program.

It is time to say goodbye to Cami who served our school for two years. We wish her well in her new position as Lead Childcare at the Arts Charter School.

## Kindness Week

This week, from January 22-26, we are participating in a world-wide event called Kindness Week. We will have a kick-off assembly explaining how students can perform acts of kindness that could lead to earning a special T-Shirt. In conjunction with this week, students will attend an assembly on Tuesday. We have invited the Power of One team to present anti-bullying skits and discussions to our SRFACS students.

## Free Dress Day

This Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> will be free dress day. The theme is school colors. Students may choose to wear either white, red, or blue that day. We hope to put them in color groups and take a group picture on our blacktop for the yearbook.

## New Student Applications

SRFACS has begun taking applications for new students. Most applicants are for our kindergarten classes. Registration will close on February 13<sup>th</sup> and the Lottery will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup>.