

December 6th, 2018

**LKDSB has partnered with CEI/ Centre d'Echanges Internationaux to offer a unique educational and cultural travel opportunity! A summer French International Educational/ Cultural Excursion for LKDSB Elementary Students: July 4<sup>th</sup>-July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to St Malo, France!!!**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to invite you to consider the opportunity to send your son/daughter on an International Educational/Cultural Excursion to St Malo, France this summer. Over the past 11 years many LKDSB Elementary students, accompanied by school Administrators have traveled to South Korea as part of a successful student exchange program. This year the decision was made to change our location to offer a different experience for our students. This experience compliments what students are learning during the school year and it offers students a chance to consolidate their French language skills and explore a location that has historical significance for Canada.

This activity is scheduled to take place from July 4<sup>th</sup>– 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is open to students currently in grades 6, 7 and 8. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, students will travel to Paris, France arriving early on July 5<sup>th</sup>. For the first two days of the trip, students will visit various tourist sites in Paris including a visit to the Eiffel Tower. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, students will travel by train to St Malo, France where they will be met by their Homestay families and the local CEI representative.

While in St Malo, our students will be billeted with a Homestay family. In some cases, there will be 2 students placed in the same family. Students will attend morning French classes at a local school and then participate in alternative learning activities and cultural experiences in the afternoon. There will also be a full day excursion to Mont Saint Michel and Cancale. In the evening, students will have an opportunity to participate in family life with their host families.

As you are aware, air fares have risen for a variety of reasons over the last several years, not the least of which is the fuel surcharge. As a result, travel arrangements have not been completed as we continue to search for the most efficient and economical air carrier. The group will depart from either Detroit or Toronto. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the airport. The cost of the trip is \$3,500 CAD. This will include airfare, 2 nights in Paris (meals, transportation, and all excursions), transfer to St Malo, 7 nights in St Malo (7 Full Board Homestay accommodations, meals, French lessons and all daily excursions). Students will only need to bring a small amount of money if they wish to purchase souvenirs.

**A Family Information Night, will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm in the Board Room of the Sarnia Education Centre and Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm in the Board Room of the Chatham Regional Education Centre(CREC). At the meeting, parents and students will learn about this opportunity and they will be able to ask questions.**

**If you are interested in learning more about the France Trip 2019, please detach and return to your student's school Principal. Please return this to your school by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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Principals are asked to scan and email the information below to Jennifer Rankin at [Jennifer.Rankin@lkdsb.net](mailto:Jennifer.Rankin@lkdsb.net)  
(Please Print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting you plan to attend: (Please check one)  LKDSB Sarnia Education Office – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 7PM  
 LKDSB Chatham Regional Education Centre – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 7PM