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YOUR FRENCH SCHOOL

CSDCCS Schools: the place to be for the entire community

Toronto, January 30, 2012 – As the *Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud* (CSDCCS) launches its school registration campaign today for its 41 elementary schools, the invitation sent out by the staff, students and parents of its schools to francophones and allophones about to register their children for school is “*Viens chez nous!*” and discover “Your French school!”.

“Many families near us don’t avail themselves of their right to give their children a Catholic, French language education,” said Yves Lévesque, President of the CSDCCS, in explaining the goals of the campaign. “These are our neighbours, our co-workers and our friends. We have to invite these families and explain to them that sending their children to our schools is giving them a leg up.”

As part of its campaign, the CSDCCS proudly teamed up with such high profile educational partners as **Éditions Scholastic** and **Groupe Média TFO**. Alliances with partners working to promote the French language and culture are very important today because they benefit the whole community. **Éditions Scholastic** is a leading youth literature publisher offering many titles in French, which students of the CSDCCS know well. **Groupe Média TFO** produces and distributes more than 4,000 high quality multimedia pedagogical resources related to the Ontario Ministry of Education’s curriculum guidelines.

A number of CSDCCS schools will hold open houses in the coming weeks. More than information sessions, these events are designed to bring the francophone school community together and showcase its vitality. **Special performances for young children** will add a festive note to these meetings. Some schools will have author Mireille Messier present her delicious album, *Une Charlotte au chocolat*, while others will be treated to Nathalie Nadon’s original show, *Amandine et Rosalie à la recherche des animaux de quartier*, with performances by Nathalie Nadon, Lina Blais, Julie Kim Beaudry and Jo Ann Mailloux. There will also be a random draw of French books for children, provided by Éditions Scholastic, from among the families in attendance. The CSDCCS’s open house days are must-attend family events.

“This year’s campaign showcases the involvement of the entire school community,” explained Réjean Sirois, CSDCCS Director of Education. “I am very grateful to our students’ parents and to our staff for their commitment to promoting our schools. Together with our students, they are the best spokespeople when it comes to explaining what our schools have to offer children and their parents.”

All elementary schools of the CSDCCS offer full-time JK and SK for children aged 4 to 5, to prepare them to start grade one on the right foot. CSDCCS students learn in a fully francophone environment and take part in activities that promote the rich diversity of the francophone culture and Catholic faith. This enriched environment and solid French education enables CSDCCS students to become bilingual for life, paving the way for excellent job and educational opportunities.

Visit the www.yourfrenchschool.ca and www.vienscheznous.ca **websites** to find a CSDCCS school near you. A major awareness campaign in the French and English media has been launched throughout the school board’s territory, and news briefs and a photo contest for families will appear in social media. Be sure to check out the Facebook pages of the [CSDCCS](#) and [GroupeMediaTFO](#) today.

The Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (CSDCCS) currently serves over 14,000 students at its 41 elementary and 8 secondary schools, over a territory extending from the Niagara Peninsula to Peterborough and from Lake Ontario (Toronto) to Georgian Bay. Five new schools (four elementary and one secondary) are currently under construction. The CSDCCS’s mission is to offer students a quality education in a francophone Catholic environment that promotes respect for others, a sense of belonging to the Franco-Ontarian community, striving for excellence, and reaching one’s full potential.



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