

September 17th, 2024

Dear Families of Grade 8 French Immersion Students:

The North Vancouver School District is thrilled to provide an opportunity for grade 8 French Immersion students to experience a unique educational experience from May 25, 2025 – May 31, 2025. The trip to Quebec City is for French Immersion students who are in grade 8 during the 2024/25 school year. This trip, arranged in collaboration with Auberge du Mont (an organization specializing in educational programs) for French Immersion students, is rich in linguistic, historical and cultural experiences. The District Quebec Trip will take Grade 8 French Immersion students to the heart of French-Canadian culture. Students will be accommodated in a mountain resort just a short drive from Old Quebec, and supervised by both North Vancouver School District employees and Auberge du Mont staff members. There will be French Canadian guides for all planned activities who will converse with students exclusively in French.

Parents and students interested in learning more about the 2025 District Quebec Trip are invited to attend an information meeting on **Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 at 6pm**. The meeting will outline a trip itinerary and provide details on trip costs, supervision, and the expectations of students prior to and during the trip. Details of the application process will be discussed at this meeting. As there are limited spaces and this trip has been very popular in past years, there may be a lottery to determine which students will be able to participate. The application package, including all completed field trip forms will be due by **Friday October 18th at 4:00pm**. The application form can be dropped off at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave) The total cost of the 2024 trip was \$3087 and we estimate the cost to be similar for the 2025 District Quebec Trip. Families will be notified the week of October 21st if their child was selected by lottery to attend.

Please note that if your child is accepted into the trip, a \$1500 deposit will be due by **October 30th** (via school cash online).

This unique travel experience will provide Grade 8 French Immersion students with valuable cultural connections to French Canada, and many authentic opportunities to practice their French conversational skills. We believe that the District Quebec Trip will excite and engage students in their French studies, as they continue in the Secondary French Immersion program. We hope that you will consider this educational opportunity for your child.

While registration is not required, if you fill out this <u>MS Form</u>, an email reminder will be sent on Monday October, 7th, 2024.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ask Tracy Langer, District French Immersion Coordinator at tlanger@sd44.ca.

Sincerely,

Tracy Langer
District French Facilitator
North Vancouver School District