

The 2010-2011 Exchange Program with France

I am organizing an exchange trip to France for this winter and spring. We will be traveling through Prométour, an educational organization, based in Montreal.

The exchange will consist of two parts.

We will travel to France for approximately two to three weeks, centering around ONE of our vacations, February or April. We may miss up to 7 days of classes. We will be going to the town of St. Nazaire, a small city about the size of Portland, which is at the mouth of the Loire River. During this time we will attend school at the Lycée Aristid Briand, a large comprehensive high school, with our counterparts and visit sites of interest in the region. We will also spend a long weekend in Paris, taking in all that we can in this short time.

We will host our French counterparts when they come to spend about two to three weeks with us. They will be attending classes with their host students along with making special guest appearances in some other classes. They will also make day trips to various sites of interest in the state. In addition, we will have the opportunity to plan group activities and to show our counterparts life in Maine, enjoying the many outdoor and indoor activities that we all participate in. The exact time of their visit in Maine is yet to be determined, but it may include either the February or the April vacation.

Due to the nature of this program, a participant must be available to host and to travel during both the February and the April vacation weeks.

The program is open to any sophomore, junior or senior who is enrolled in French 3 or a more advanced French class. Priority will be given to seniors and students in upper level classes. The group size may range from ten to twelve students.

The cost of the trip to France is approximately \$2700. This includes travel to Logan in Boston, hotel accommodations in Paris and all meals. Experience has shown that individuals may spend \$300-\$400 of their own money on personal expenditures and gifts. Additional expenses (meals, entertainment, day trips, etc.) will be incurred when we host the French students, just as the French will be taking up similar expenses when they host us.

The exact dates, the length of the trip, and the final costs are still to be determined.

Please note: Any student who goes to France is responsible for hosting his/her counterpart for the entire return visit.

The program is an excellent opportunity to experience first-hand French life, to learn about another culture, to practice one's French and to learn about oneself. **However living in another culture requires maturity, open-mindedness and a spirit of adventure and discovery. Participants must demonstrate a high degree of responsibility, integrity, cooperation and good judgment.** These qualities will be necessary to provide for an enjoyable visit by the French students and to insure a successful trip to France.

I will hold an informational meeting for students and parents in September. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by phone:

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Yours truly,

David Peary
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2010-2011 Exchange Trip to France

Sponsoring Organization: Prométour, Montreal, Canada

Destination: The Lycée Aristide Briand
St Nazaire, France

Duration: 17 days

Departure: Tentatively: February 4 – 20, 2010

Hosting: Tentatively: April 6 - 28 If one travels to France, one must host in April.

Costs: **A. \$2500* round trip Boston - St. Nazaire, plus four days/three nights in Paris**

B. \$ 90 ***PROPOSED**ground transportation to/from Boston

C. \$ 25 tips for guide and bus drivers

D. (\$ 60 lunches in Paris 4 days)

\$ 2675 approximate cost

Spending money??? \$400

Payment Schedule: TBD

Size of group: 10 minimum
12 maximum

Selection Criteria: Individuals with a **high degree of maturity, responsibility and initiative**
Priority given to students in advanced classes (5, 4, 3) and year in school (Senior, Junior, Sophomore).
It will ultimately be my decision as to who will go on the trip based on criteria above.

Should you have any further questions please contact me @ dpeary@capeelizabethschools.org, or by phone @ CEHS 799-3309.