

## French I

**Tuesdays 11:05-12:30 AND Thursdays 1:00-2:00**

**Grade Level: 9-12 (younger by permission only)**

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**Student Fee: \$55 class fee plus \$30 optional book rental**

**Class size: minimum 3 - maximum 12 students**

This Christian based course will include scripture memorization and additional reading, activities, and simple book reports. We will meet both TUESDAY and THURSDAY for a total of two and a half hours/week. My goal is to equip students to communicate French, including the gospel, clearly and effectively to those in francophone countries (FYI: there are 50+ countries where French is spoken), to give them an appreciation for the French language, and to improve their English vocabulary and language skills, especially for the SATs, as they recognize that 60% of our own language comes from French. **ANY** foreign language is hard and challenging for the first few years.

**Book Rental:** I provide almost all the books/CD needed for a rental fee of **\$10 per item**. If you would prefer to own your own, that's fine too. The only book that I do NOT provide and **MUST** be purchased by everyone is the **\*BJU French I Activities Manual (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)**. **Details for purchasing books is listed in the prospectus.**

**To successfully register for this course, you will need to (1) pay the \$55 class fee, (2) pay the \$30 rental fee if you choose to rent vs. buy your own books/CD, (3) and download, print, scan, and return to [mary.w.odonnell@gmail.com](mailto:mary.w.odonnell@gmail.com) the PARENT/ STUDENT AGREEMENT form. The form must be filled out by both parent and student. Registration is NOT COMPLETE until the form is returned.**

**Sundry materials needed (see prospectus for all items required):**

- **2 +Mechanical pencils** at each class (these are **required** so that sharpening is kept to a minimum)
- 3" Notebook with plenty of paper and pockets and assignment book or dedicated location for writing assignments
- 2 -3 bags of candy or nuts for prizes over the course of the year. I will let parents know when to send one.
- Reliable internet connection, headphone and microphone for internet testing and homework use
- Ability to send occasional Word compatible assignments (not .pages, etc)

**IMPORTANT THINGS YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW: Details on these points are in Prospectus, below.**

- This course is challenging because learning a foreign language is NOT easy in the first years. Students will need to have a good grammar refresher the summer before classes begins. (I provide help for this in the prospectus)
- ***The FINAL EXAM / Fête Française is held at my home on Friday, May 24 from 9:30 - 5pm.*** I test all classes together. After the exam ends, we have a fun French party to celebrate. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**
- I play games to reinforce vocabulary and concepts almost EVERY week. This is an interactive class.
- I will dispense semester and final grades during the year.
- Students **MUST** be able to send me occasional assignments via email in a .doc document
- Assignments must be divided up so that French is done **each day**. It does not serve students to do it all in one day, as a foreign language must be practiced each day, if possible. Students will be expected to keep up with their coursework, which includes doing about 30 - 40 minutes of French, four days a week.
- Students must commit to using QUIZLET online for vocabulary review and to complete 3 activities for each chapter's Quizlet set.
- **All Students** are expected to practice their homework **OUTLOUD** in order to make up for not being exposed to the language orally every day (doing Quizlet out loud counts for this too)
- **THE PROSPECTUS IS MORE DETAILED AND HAS SPECIFICS ON EVERYTHING MENTIONED HERE. Please read it carefully before committing!**