

TFS NEWS



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HELP US COMMUNICATE WITH YOU!

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After-School Activities

Amigos y Amis is a **10-week program** each semester. This semester, the program ends before the Thanksgiving break. There will be a Monday/Wednesday/Friday after-school activity "mini-session" between Thanksgiving and Winter Break to give your kids more fun after-school activities to choose from. Stay tuned for a mid-October registration.

Scholastic Book Orders

Wondering how you can help TFS teachers build their classroom libraries, help TFS work toward our literacy goals, AND collect great books? Scholastic Book orders are the answer! Participate by placing your Scholastic Book orders online (the easiest way) or on the paper form that comes home with your child. For online purchases, create an account and use the TFS code: **GGQVF**.

English Discussion Hour on Education

On Friday mornings, our TFS interns take off their teacher hats and become students for one hour during an English Discussion Hour on Education. This fall, alongside the TSS interns, they will learn about American education and teaching techniques with different University of Missouri - St. Louis student instructors. Discussion topics range from Teaching Techniques: "Succeeding with Reading" to Classroom Management. The interns will also collaborate with a class from St. Louis Community College to share their own unique cultural perspectives with American university students. Guest lecturers will include doctoral students Angela Layton and Sarah Coppersmith. Thanks to TSS parent and professor Lisa Dorner and UMSL students Annie Graham and John Doyle for organizing this educational exchange for our SLLIS interns!

Interested in hosting an intern next semester? Contact

sllispainterns@gmail.com.



Monsieur Francois, gym teacher, loves kickball.

Play Ball!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Parent vs. Teacher kickball game this weekend! TFS teachers played against TSS parents and one brave TFS father. Come support SLLIS at our next outdoor event: Cyclovia! *Details coming next week...*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

There are so many ways to get involved at TFS! Pick a group, any group...

Literacy Group

VISION: Literature and literacy are high priorities by the entire school community. The school book collection will expand monthly, children will have access to books for classroom and home use, each student will author one book in French and one book in English each year, stories and writing are a visible part of the school atmosphere.

HOW: TFS Writing Center, Book Fairs, Book Clubs, Book ordering, Author events, New Year Reading Night, and the Read, Right & Run Program.

who we are as a school, our student achievement, and creativity. Programs are brought into the school to enrich the lives and experiences of the students.

HOW: Monthly events are produced including Beaujolais Nouveau, Fete d'hiver, the Immersion Celebration, Fete de la Musique, and Field Day. Monthly TFS in-school events.



Smiling Madame Sarah!

Meet the Specialists:

What is Your PYP Learner Profile?

Madame Sarah, ART: Balanced

Madame Sarah is an art teacher, Title administrative assistant, a new homeowner, and a graphic designer by trade. You've probably seen her a smock splattered with color, a smile on her face! She maintains her balance

What is your favorite color and why? Purple, because two awesome colors make it. It has always been a sign of sophistication. Oh, and I never wanted to like pink.

What is your favorite shape and why? Circles, because they're so simple, yet so tricky.

What is your favorite texture?

Crumpled paper, because I find it fascinating to see how quickly a physical object can change form.

Teacher Support Group

VISION: Our teachers will feel supported by the school community and will be able to focus on teaching and bringing about the best in our students.

HOW: Room Parents will be coordinated by grade and for each classroom as a streamlined way for teachers to communicate needs to parents. Parent volunteers will assist with various school duties and functions to allow for more planning and collaboration time for the faculty. Parent volunteers will manage a TFS Print Shop so that teachers have the materials they need.

Our goal is 100% parent participation! Please pick at least one group to support.

Your contribution to our school makes a difference! Send an email with your choice(s) to sonia@sllis.org.

School Community Group

VISION: The French School is a place where children and adults feel welcomed and empowered to learn. The school has a parent and a student advisory committee as well as a school safety patrol. Universal expectations of all community members are embraced.

HOW: School Advisory Committee, Student Leadership Group, and Student Safety Patrol, parent classes in French and Love and Logic, School Uniform Exchange and assistance program.

School Events Group

VISION: A variety of engaging school events take place each month for the entire school community. These events celebrate

IMPORTANT INFO

- Mondays are formal days at The French School.
- School begins at 8:40. The doors open at 8:15.
- Parents must make changes in the dismissal plans of their students prior to 2:00.
- Each student has been issued a student ID. This should go to school with your student.
- Please do NOT park on Papin St. during dismissal.
- AMIGOS Y AMIS ends November 18th (this semester).

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/20 NWEA Standardized Testing (1 month)
- 10/4 Parents Assembly meeting, 6 p.m.
- 10/9 Meet the Interns, 2p.m.-4p.m.
- 10/14 First Quarter Ends
- 10/20-21 No School: Professional Development
- 10/31 Parent/Teacher Conferences