

**BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**Respect, Responsibility, Excellence**

**COURSE OUTLINE**  
**FRENCH 8**  
**Madame Dharsee**

Students will begin the French 8 program by reviewing basic concepts introduced in elementary school. With the Communiquête 1 Program, they will explore a variety of themes. Through these themes, students will develop their ability to communicate in French, read and write simple sentences, and gain an understanding of Francophone cultures.

**MATERIALS**

Communiquête 1 Text

Communiquête 1 Workbooks (**\$4x3 workbooks=\$12 Pay online and print receipt**)

French/English dictionary is recommended

Three ringed binder

Pens & Pencils (including a red pen)

**THEMES**

The Communiquête program is an integrative approach based on communicative strategies, linguistic components and cultural and educational objectives. One of the strengths of this program is the experiential element used to teach the language. Units will include topics of interest to students such as personality types, food, travel, inventions, popular products and Canadian phenomena.

**EVALUATION**

Marks will be based on student performance in:

Tests and Quizzes	40%
Projects (Tâches Finales)	20%
Assignments & Class Work	20%
Participation	10%
Homework	10%

## **WORK ETHIC**

Regular attendance, punctuality, active participation in large and small groups, turn taking, respect for others, encouragement and support of others, collaboration, openness in sharing perspectives and experiences, contribution to the development and maintenance of a positive classroom environment.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework will be assigned and checked regularly. In order to receive credit for homework you must complete it and bring it to class. Credit is not given for homework that has been left in your locker or at home. Incomplete homework due to absence will not be given credit. Exchange phone numbers or emails with a responsible classmate(s) who will keep you up to date. Alternatively, you can check my homework website; however, the website does not include what is covered in class.

## **LATES**

You are expected to be ON TIME to class. If you arrive late to class, quietly enter the classroom and take your seat. You are expected to make up the time after school, unless you have a note.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is mandatory. Absences must be verified with a note and presented to the teacher on your first day back. Failure to do so may result in the loss of marks for any test or work missed. Unexplained absences or repeated absences will result in a phone call home. If you are away it is your responsibility to find out what preparation is necessary for the next class. If there is a quiz/test when you return, expect to write it. Only those students with a note will be allowed to make up a test.

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

No food or drinks (water bottles permitted)	No iPods
Cell phones turned off (one warning given)	Recycle
Do not write on desks or in textbooks	No disrespectful language
Clean up after yourself	No lining up at door before the bell

## **APPOINTMENTS**

I will be available for extra help. Please make an appointment if you are having difficulties.

## **TUTORING**

If you need a French tutor, please see me. I will match you to an older French student, and you can make an appointment with him/her.