

# BIENVENUE

**W**elcome to French class & congratulations! That's right - congratulations on choosing to study a language that not only sounds beautiful but is a language of knowledge & power. Your choice to study French will not only be your first step towards bilingualism but will also be a choice that will expose you to the rich cultures & customs of the Francophone world - a world that covers 5 continents, over 50 countries & includes over 120 million people.

Consider me your guide as we embark on a journey that will change both of our lives forever. So sit back, relax (but not too much) & nous allons parler français!

CHECK US OUT ON  
THE WEB!

[www.wallwisher.com/wall/mneharkins](http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/mneharkins)

but Spanish is easier...NOT!

It's the first week of school or the last week of school. It doesn't really matter - someone is going to say that Spanish is easier than French. I always make my personal arguments but since I'm the French teacher I'm not sure that anyone really listens. Check out this web article on just this topic. She's not your French teacher & she speaks both Spanish & French.

<http://french.about.com/cs/teachingresources/a/spanishiseasier.htm>

Each of you is an important part of our classroom. I believe that we have to communicate with one another in order to be successful. My job is to be your teacher & it is my honor to have you in my class. Your job as students is to give me your best effort & a willingness to try. I can't tell you how excited I am about this school year!  
Merci et Bonne Chance!

WORLD LANGUAGES  
AT PITTSVILLE  
ELEMENTARY MIDDLE



SOYONS LES ÉTOILES!



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## SOYONS LES ÉTOILES!

Let's be stars! The Eiffel Tower at night is a beautiful sight - sparkling so it appears alive. Paris is called the City of Light for the way it sparkles, literally & because it is a place of intellectual enlightenment. It is my goal that our classroom sparkle with the same energy & intelligence that make tourists stare in awe at the Eiffel Tower. In order to do that:

- ☆ We will work on French at home 10-15 minutes EVERYDAY.
- ☆ We will ALWAYS keep our word. (including doing our homework!)
- ☆ We will not smack our lips, tsk, roll our eyes or show disrespect with our gestures.

## NOS RÈGLES

It is understood that all FEMS & Wicomico County policies will be enforced in my class. **This includes NO chewing gum!**

1. Bring all your materials to class everyday.
2. Be in your assigned seat when the bell rings.
3. Stay in your seat unless you have permission to get up.
4. Raise your hand & wait for permission to speak.

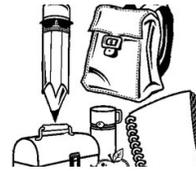
When these rules are not followed consequences will occur in this order:

- ✓ verbal warning
- ✓ contact with parent/guardian
- ✓ detention
- ✓ office referral

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### POUR NOTRE CLASSE, VOUS AVEZ BESOIN DE . .

- ☆ a 1-1½ inch 3-ring binder
- ☆ loose leaf notebook paper
- ☆ set of post-it tabs/flags
- ☆ pen/pencil
- ☆ highlighter
- ☆ book cover



### SI VOUS VOULEZ, VOUS POUVEZ APPORTER . . .



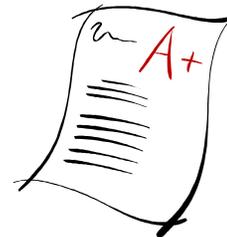
### QUAND VOUS ÊTES ABSENT . . .

It is your responsibility to find out what work was missed & to complete it. Do this by checking the TRAVAIL RATTRAPAGE folder. Missed work will NOT be accepted more than 1 week from the day you return to school. I will follow the county policy for make-up work & points will be deducted from your grade for any work not completed.

### VOTRE NOTE . . .

30% daily grade - 5 points each day  
(1 each attendance/tardiness, preparation, warm-up, participation & behavior)  
30% graded homework &/or classwork  
40% quizzes, tests & projects

Additionally, LES BONS POINTS can be earned & used in a variety of ways to raise your grade.



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### POURQUOI FRANÇAIS?

Living on Maryland's Eastern Shore, we see & hear the Spanish language being used everyday. It's only if we're lucky, that we occasionally hear a dialect (Haitian Creole) of French being spoken. Yet here you are in a French class - why?

☆ You'll speak English better!  
While English is Germanic language, French has had an enormous impact on it. In fact, French is the largest donor of foreign words in English. Unless your English vocabulary is much higher than average, learning French will greatly increase the English you know.

☆ You'll stand a better chance of being able to communicate with anyone in any country!  
French is the second most commonly taught second language in the world (after English).

☆ You'll be more marketable to employers.  
There are over 2,000 U.S. companies with offices in French-speaking countries & over 3,000 French companies with offices in the U.S.

☆ Speaking French helps truly make you a world citizen.  
French is an official working language in dozens of international organizations, including the United Nations, Intl. Olympic Committee, & Intl. Red Cross.

☆ You'll be even more internet savvy.  
French is the 2nd most commonly used language on the internet.

& the Eiffel Tower is way cooler than the Aztec pyramids!☺