



Services and Activities Schedule

2026-2027 School Year 

Throughout the school year, the Newcomer Welcome and Support Team at the District scolaire francophone Sud (DSFS) supports immigrant students and their families through a variety of services, activities, and initiatives that promote integration, belonging, and success within the school community.

Information and Orientation Sessions for Parents / students

The School System

 When : Throughout the school year, beginning immediately after enrollment

Gaining a comprehensive understanding of the New Brunswick education system, from school operations to academic programs and extracurricular opportunities.

Intended Audience : Parents (Individually or in a group) 

Understanding Students' Pathways Throughout High School

 When : Throughout the school year, beginning immediately after enrollment

To obtain more comprehensive information about high schools (Grades 9 to 12), the credit system, course selection options, and the requirements for earning a high school diploma.

Intended Audience : Parents and high school students 

Family-School Communication Tools

 When: Throughout the school year

Learn about the most commonly used communication tools and platforms in the school system.

Intended Audience : Parents 

Digital Tools for High School

 When: Upon Registration – Throughout the Year

Helps students become familiar with various educational applications, online learning platforms, as well as the software and programs used in the school system.

Intended Audience : High School Students 

Informed Parents, Thriving Children: Learning Through Dialogue and Experience

 When: November
March
Late May

Equip parents with a better understanding of school expectations, standards, and realities through role-playing activities and discussions, enabling them to develop practical strategies, build confidence, improve communication with the school, and foster a positive and inclusive school experience.

Intended Audience : Parents 



High School Life – How to Prepare, Integrate, and Get Involved!

📅 When : Session 1: September
Session 2: January

Provide newcomer students with the tools and support they need to successfully integrate into high school and make the most of their school experience, while informing them about academic programs, extracurricular activities, summer employment opportunities, and post-secondary education options.

Intended Audience : Families 🎯

Newcomer Orientation Day

📅 When : September /
Early October

An orientation day for newcomer families featuring partner booths, associations, and clubs offering extracurricular activities.

Intended Audience : Families 🎯

The Key to Volunteering in Canada, Particularly in the School System

📅 When: S1: September / Early October
S2: January
S3: Early March
S4: May

This information session aims to highlight the positive impact of volunteering on the integration of parents and youth into their new community, while also connecting them with volunteer opportunities within the school system.

Intended Audience : Parents 🎯

Annual Roundtable / Conference – Topic to Be Determined

📅 When : January

An annual event aimed at sharing strategies to better understand the Canadian context and facilitate families' settlement journey.

Intended Audience : Parents 🎯

Summer Camps and French-Language Activities in Different Regions

📅 When : May

Provide information on summer camps and French-language activities offered in their community throughout the summer.

Intended Audience : Parents 🎯

Upon request, TÉÉ staff will offer additional information sessions based on the needs identified by families and school staff.



Webinars Available Year-Round on the DSFS Website

The School System

Understanding the New Brunswick education system and how your child's school operates.

Intended Audience :

Parents



Services to Support Newly Arrived Families at School and in the Community

Present the services available within the school system and the community to support the integration of newly arrived families.

Intended Audience :

Parents



How to Prepare for Winter in Canada in a School Setting

Get practical tips on winter in Canada and how to prepare to ensure that every child stays comfortable and safe while continuing to thrive at school.

Intended Audience :

Parents



The Transition to High School for Grade 8 Students

Obtain more detailed information about high school, the credit system, course selection, and the requirements for obtaining a high school diploma.

Intended Audience :

Parents and high school students



Settlement / Integration Support Activities for Youth

March Break Camp

About

The March Break Camp is an integration program offered during March Break to newly arrived students in Grades 3 to 8. Through a diverse range of activities, students have opportunities to explore, socialize, and integrate into their school and community while enjoying a stimulating, inclusive, and safe environment.

Objectives

- Foster the social and cultural integration of newly arrived students
- Encourage relationship-building and a sense of belonging
- Develop social skills, independence, and teamwork
- Introduce students to community resources, places, and activities
- Provide an enriching experience during March Break



Program Components

- Educational, cultural, sports, and recreational activities
- Outings focused on exploration and discovery
- Workshops that foster creativity, collaboration, and personal development
- Group activities that encourage participation and community engagement



Intended Audience :

Newly arrived students in Grades 3 to 8



Implementation Period:

March Break Week



Settlement / Integration Support Activities for Youth

Social and Cultural Club

About the Program

The Social and Cultural Club is an after-school program for students in Grades 6 to 12. It offers educational, cultural, artistic, and recreational activities that support the integration of newly arrived students, encourage their participation in school life, and foster a sense of belonging.



Objectives

- Foster students' social, academic, and cultural integration
- Develop social-emotional, communication, and leadership skills
- Encourage creativity, intercultural openness, and teamwork
- Build self-confidence and engagement within the school community.

Areas of Focus

- Club Newsletter
- Art, Cooking, and Creative Workshops
- Entrepreneurship at School
- Sports and Cultural Activities
- Meetings with Inspiring Guest Speakers
- Collaborative and Community Projects

 **Location:** Offered in select DSFS schools

 **Intended Audience :**
Students in Grades 6 to 12

Pairs Leaders



Leaders Engaged for Tomorrow



Implementation
Period: January to
September 2027

About

The Pairs Leaders Program is designed to help youth develop their leadership skills. By fostering collaboration, self-awareness, independence, and a sense of belonging, the program provides a unique opportunity for participants to prepare to take an active role in their community. Students benefit from the expertise of entrepreneurs, community organizations, and local leaders to expand their networks and develop their skills.

Objectives

- Acquire and develop leadership skills
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Explore personal values and strengths
- Connect with inspiring mentors
- Expand their network to prepare for a future enriched with academic, professional, and community opportunities

The 8 Program Themes

- Mentoring and Support
- Intercultural Competency Development
- Communication Skills Development
- Participation in Decision-Making Bodies or Conferences
- Community Engagement
- Initiatives and Projects
- Entrepreneurship Resources and Opportunities
- Promoting Well-Being and Self-Esteem

Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible to earn a high school credit.

Intended Audience :

For students in Grades 10 to 12

Settlement / Integration Support Activities for Parents / Youth

About the Program

The volunteer program provides immigrant parents with an initial opportunity to gain volunteer experience in a Canadian context. It supports their integration, skill development, and networking, while allowing them to contribute to educational, cultural, and social activities organized by SAANA.

Intended Audience : Newcomer Parents



Volunteer Program

Program Steps

- Register for the volunteer program
- Participate in online and in-person training sessions on various topics related to workforce integration
- Take part in volunteer activities
- Receive personalized support as needed
- Celebrate their volunteer commitment and achievements

Implementation Period

Registration is open year-round. Volunteer opportunities take place primarily during the school year, based on the needs of schools and the SAANA team.

Personalized
Support



Networking
Opportunities



Skills
Development



Social and Networking Activity for Families

An activity designed to give newly arrived families an opportunity to meet other families who are already established in the community and build connections with the host community through group games, music, and fun activities.

Intended Audience :

Newly arrived families who have enrolled during the school year

When:

December / January



Special Initiatives / Projects

When:

Throughout the School Year

Intended Audience

School, Community, and Post-Secondary Partners

Collaboration Committee

This project brings together school, community, and post-secondary partners to foster greater collaboration around the needs of immigrant students as they transition to post-secondary education. The committee provides an opportunity to discuss challenges, share resources, and develop concrete strategies to support youth throughout their academic journey.

When:

November to May

Intended Audience:

Newly arrived families who enrolled during the school year

My Community, My Home

This after-school program offers students and their families a series of cultural and community-based activities to help them better understand and appreciate the place they have chosen to call home. By discovering local traditions, seasons, interests, and people, families are invited to build connections, establish roots, and make this new community their home.

When:

Available in September

Intended Audience:

High School Students

Taking Flight into the Workforce

This project consists of a series of video capsules designed to equip high school students with the tools they need to enter the workforce. It provides region-specific tools, advice, strategies, and resources to support their transition into employment and highlight their skills.

Student Initiatives

To be booked by school staff – Offered during the school day

Space is limited. We recommend booking as soon as possible with your TÉE.

A detailed program will be available prior to each activity.

National Francophone Immigration Week

Several activities are planned to celebrate National Francophone Immigration Week and showcase our cultural diversity.

Examples of Activities Offered:

Kindergarten to Grade 12:

- Caravane de la diversité workshops (Grades 6–12)
- Interactive digital activities (virtual escape room, treasure hunt, etc.)
- Other activities will be offered.

When:

November

Intended Audience:

For a class or group of students – Kindergarten to Grade 12 (activities adapted to the age group)



Black History Month

A variety of activities to celebrate Black History Month and highlight the significant contributions of Black communities to our community, as well as to the history of Canada and around the world.

Examples of Activities Offered:

Kindergarten to Grade 12:

- Discover historical Black figures and their contributions to the Atlantic provinces through a captivating photo exhibition, followed by interactive workshops.
- Grades 6–12: Human Library

When:

Throughout February

Intended Audience:

For a class or group of students – Kindergarten to Grade 12 (activities adapted to the age group)



Country of the Month

Through the “Country of the Month” project, students will have the opportunity to discover the richness and diversity of different cultures.

Activities Offered:

- A variety of engaging presentations and activities focusing on a country or culture represented in our schools.

When:

October to May

Intended Audience:

For a class or group of students – Kindergarten to Grade 8 (activities adapted to the age group)



Workshop: Inclusion, it starts with me!

A variety of activities designed to raise students' awareness of issues related to diversity and inclusion, preparing them to become agents of change within their school community.

When:

January to May

Intended Audience:

For a class or group of students -
Kindergarten to Grade 12
(activities adapted to the age group)



Anti-Racism Workshop

Being anti-racist is not an opinion; it is an action.

This workshop invites students to recognize visible and invisible forms of injustice and take concrete action to build an inclusive and respectful school environment.

When:

April to May

Intended Audience:

For a class or group of students
Grades 6-12



Workshop: Combating Misinformation and Disinformation

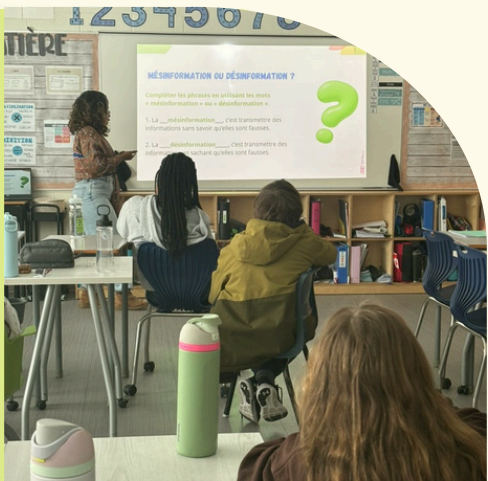
This activity will help participants develop and strengthen their critical thinking skills. They will learn to identify misinformation and fake news, as well as engage in constructive and empathetic conversations with members of their community who may have been influenced by inaccurate information.

When:

October to May

Intended Audience:

For a class or group of students -
Grade 6 to Grade 12



Dates may differ depending on the region/school.
Details will be shared with those concerned throughout the school year.

**A program designed to support the inclusion, engagement,
and success of our students and their families.**





Do you have any questions or suggestions?

Please do not hesitate to share them with your School Settlement Worker (TÉÉ/Family-School Liaison Officer) or another member of the Welcome and Support Team.

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