French Exchange Trip Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 2017
GMS Media Center 6:30-7:30 PM
Agenda:

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- Dates of Visit
- New Cost
- Travel Time and Itinerary
- Student Matching & ID Card
- Communication with Host Families
- Travel Requirements & Insurance
- Fundraising
- Parent committees
- Next Steps
Traveling to France in 2017

New Dates!

September 16- September 26th, 2017
Institution Notre Dame de France de Malakoff

- French Exchange Coordinator: Sylvie Ducos
- Primary and Secondary School
- Located in the Suburbs of Paris (Malakoff)
Cost to lock in price—First payment due April 28, 2017

First Deposit: $500.00
Next Deposit: $750

*Final price will differ according to the final number of participants registered.
Flight Information- Air France

**Departure** (Dulles):
September 16th 9:05 PM

**Arrival**:
September 17th 10:05 AM

**Departure**:
September 26th 1:25 PM

**Arrival (Dulles)**:
September 26th 3:50 PM
# Itinerary

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We want your feedback! Other Day Trip Options?

- Assemblee Nationale
- Immigration Museum
- Picasso Museum
- Philharmonic Museum
- L'Institut du Monde Arabe
- La cite universitaire internationale
- Le Petit Palais
- Auvers-sur-Oise where Van Gogh lived in the last stage of his life
- Monet’s house and gardens

* Email Caroline_M_Olan no later than 5/22/17 with requests or suggestions.
Student Matches

- **Students who have hosted in the US will be given first choice** at the same student that they hosted (See sign up on table).

- Students who have not paid their deposit by April 28th will no longer have first priority with their prior matches.
“ID Card”: A way to connect with our FRENCH friends

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**MY I.D CARD**

FIND THIS FORM IN CLASSROOM

**DUE May 31, 2017**

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Correspondents - General info

- Please make contact and begin dialogue with host families
  - Email and phone numbers will arrive by email early June.
- Get to know your family
- Skype/Facetime/WhatsApp
- Send a picture of yourself
Correspondents - Important information

• Provide necessary medical information (allergies, allergies to food, medications child might carry with them).

• Give the parents your best contact number for emergency and ask them for theirs.
Meals

- All meals are provided by the host families.
- Communicate food preferences to the host families.
- Next meeting: Complete allergy and nutritional request form
- Allot spending money for snacks at the airport.
Student Permission to Travel

- **By June 16th**, please provide 2 color copies of your child’s passport.
- Make sure your child has a student ID card. ([www.itsc.org](http://www.itsc.org))
Passport

- Students must have a valid passport (3 months beyond September 26th) to travel to France.
- If your child was born in another country, feel free to contact Prometour or your local embassy for travel requirements.
- Visit for details: [https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/france.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/france.html)
1. Minor Consent Form (notarized)-June 16
2. MCPS Form 555-6 Financial Responsibility-June 16
3. Emergency Information Form-June 16
4. MCPS Form 560-31 Permission Slip-June 16
5. Passport and color copy-June 16
6. Prometour How to Join this Tour- Join online today!
7. MCPS Form 525-13 (medication) —August 1
Insurance- See document for details.

We currently have Basic.

Upgrade to Deluxe ($5/day for Additional Medical Coverage).

Highest option of coverage is Ultimate Program ($15/day).
Parent Committees-Join a committee

- **Fundraising Chair: Mrs. Nilda Vera** [Nildaycare@gmail.com](mailto:Nildaycare@gmail.com)  
  ○ **ALL** parents contribute to help fundraising efforts.

- **Communication Chair: Mrs. Patricia Polster** [patriciapolster1@gmail.com](mailto:patriciapolster1@gmail.com)  
  ○ Did you miss a meeting? Want to receive more information about the exchange?
Fundraising

- Events are planned through the **parent coordinator (Nilda Vera)**.
- Fundraising events are parent-driven. All parents are expected to participate.
- Fundraising events include but are not limited to:
  - GMS Monthly Movie Nights, bake sales, restaurant nights, business donations, etc...
Expectations of parents

- Attend parent informational meetings
- Participate in fundraising events
- Check-in on Google Classroom for questions about missed information (not the GMS teachers)

Expectations of students

- *Students are expected to speak in French in France.
- Participate in **all** fundraising events and earn SSL hours.
- Be a positive role-model in the school and local communities
Timeline of events

April 2017 - Parent Interest Meeting and Register with Prometour

May 2017 - Matching host families

Spring/Summer 2017 - Fundraising

Fall 2017 - Travel to France and live with host family

*Dates for Parent Informational Meetings TBD*
Using Google Classroom to Communicate

Code: gepxw3m
Questions?