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Dear French immersion families,

As your Kitsilano Secondary School representative to the Vancouver North Chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF), I cordially invite you to become a part of our organization. CPF is a non-profit, volunteer based society aimed at promoting and providing the best French language educational opportunities possible. CPF is the only parent advocacy organization for French immersion and needs your support if it is to accomplish its goals. See <http://www.cpf.ca>

CPF is organized on three levels, the national, provincial and local. At the local level, the Vancouver East, North and South chapters are involved in several activities, all of which benefit you and your children directly. Some of these are:

- help finding parent volunteers, if needed, for students to attend a French Film Festival (usually in February), providing a French experience outside of the classroom.
- providing the CPF Vancouver East, North and South web sites, serving as a resource for helpful information about French immersion in Vancouver.
- There are links for a variety of things, i.e. Vancouver French cultural centre, local French book stores, French video and DVD sources, trips to Quebec and France, French summer work, French post secondary opportunities (including French immersion scholarship offerings) and French software and Internet resources. The CPF Vancouver East, North and South Chapter web sites can be accessed through the CPF BC site at <http://www.cpf.bc.ca> or directly via our shared site: <http://www.geocities.com/cpfvancouver>
- the elementary school annual notice to parents with French dictionary (and other resources) recommendations and information about where these can be purchased, sent in May to prepare for the start of each school year
- representation on the Modern Languages Advisory Committee of the Vancouver School Board
- monitoring of the boundary system of admission for French immersion implemented in September 2001, including monitoring draws if required due to excess demand.
- advocacy directly with the VSB on issues relating to French immersion
- establishing a scholarship fund for students graduating from grade 12 French immersion in Vancouver
- donations to organizations which promote French language, such as the Vancouver Public Library, for the purchase of French language materials
- support for programs such as BC Family French Summer Camp, CPF-BC Concours d'art oratoire (the annual spring French speech contest) and CPF-BC Rencontre Française (the annual spring retreat).
- providing a forum for parents needing information on Immersion programs and on ways to enhance their child's immersion experience.

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These are but a few of the reasons why we need your help. Membership is an important way of supporting those who volunteer their time and energy to maintain an excellence in the French program. A strong membership base is essential for CPF to continue as a credible voice locally, provincially and nationally. Please join us, or renew your membership today. As a member you will receive informative quarterly newsletters from the National and Provincial levels. The newsletters often include information about exchange, summer work and travel opportunities for Secondary students. Anyone who is interested in becoming more active in CPF, please contact me, your representative. There are many ways you can become involved.

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CPF Membership: Join now! Invite others!

CPF allows one or two names, over the age of 18 years, per family

as voting members. New membership _____

Renewal: membership # _____ Change info below _____

Name _____

(First member's Surname)

(Given name)

(Second member's Surname) (Given name)

Street _____

City _____ BC PC _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Email _____

School Board: *Vancouver School Board* School District 39

School(s) _____

Local CPF Chapter: *CPF Vancouver NORTH*

Occasionally the CPF membership list will be made available to other groups/agencies to offer member's benefits or education-related information. Use of the list will be carefully regulated and only permitted under a contract specifying confidentiality and one-time authorization. If you DO NOT

wish to receive mailings other than directly from CPF, please check this box.

Also, join on-line at www.cpf.ca

Please make cheques payable to *CPF Mail to: CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH, 176 Gloucester St., Suite 310, Ottawa, ON K2P 0A6*

MEMBERSHIP FEES

3 year - \$60.00 (*Best value!*) \$ _____
1 year - \$25.00 \$ _____

80% of your membership fee supports the activities of the CPF Vancouver NORTH Chapter.

20% goes to CPF National to partially cover processing costs.

DONATIONS

Donation amount \$ _____

Your gift in support of CPF is also welcomed and appreciated.

All donations are important to us. However, due to cost, receipts will be issued in January of the following year only to donors who have made donations of \$10 or more, unless a receipt for a lesser amount is specifically requested. Thank you for your support! (CPF Charitable Tax No. 11883 5131 RR0001)

Total (no GST) \$ _____
Payment by MasterCard _____ Visa _____ Cheque enclosed _____

Card # _____

Expiry _____

Signature _____ Date _____