

Concours d'art oratoire 2002!

Another successful year of Concours has been completed. Concours d'art oratoire is a French second language public speaking competition for children and youth held around the province and across the country. Students enter first in their schools. Students in grades 4-12 who place first or second in their school can then go on to compete in their school divisions. Winners at the divisional level participate in the provincial competition. This year Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan held regional finals for grades 4-8 in Yorkton and Prince Albert on April 13. Grades 9-12 competed in a provincial final in Saskatoon on May 4. More than 3000 students participated at the school level, and countless parents, teachers, administrators and chapter members across Saskatchewan helped prepare for this year's events.

In order to make these events even more exciting for the participants, our local organizers worked hard to obtain sponsorships from businesses and to invite local dignitaries to present the prizes. We were particularly pleased that the Honourable Clay Serby, Deputy Premier of Saskatchewan and MLA for Yorkton was able to make award presentations to many of the students who competed in the Southern Provincial

Concours d'art oratoire gives students an opportunity to practice their French language writing and public speaking skills. Younger participants present a poem they have learned. Older students offer a speech of their own creation and are evaluated for content, presentation, quality of the language, and organization by a panel of judges skilled in the French language. CPF

– SK is grateful for all the judges, at the school, division and provincial level, who volunteered their time to give our students valuable feedback on their French speaking skills. Many of these students will return to Concours next year, armed with the knowledge they have gained.



The Honourable Clay Serby making presentations to Grade 8 Southern Regional finalists in Yorkton.

New for this year was the participation of Core French students in the competition. School Divisions which offer both French Immersion and Core programs were selected to participate on a trial basis. There were a number of schools that held local competitions and included Core French students. We anticipate expanding the Core competition next year to include school divisions from across Saskatchewan. We hope this will help to increase the visibility of this event so that more students will participate

at the High School Level. The cash prizes awarded to first and second place finishers in Grades 9-12 are intended to attract these student. The prospect of a trip to Toronto to participate in a National final will be an added incentive next year.

Senior Provincial Finals

Saturday May 4, 2002

French Immersion

Grade 9

- 1st Place : Clark Northey, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert
 2nd Place : Kendra Melnychuk, Marion Graham, Saskatoon
 3rd Place : Rachel Burton, Marion Graham, Saskatoon

Grade 10

- 1st Place : Kara Neudorf, Campbell Collegiate, Regina
 2nd Place : Jocelyne Gaudet, Rivier Academy, Prince Albert
 3rd Place : Danee Wilson, Thom Collegiate, Regina

Grade 11

- 1st Place : Ashley Rankin, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Grade 12

- 1st Place : Natalie Feheregyhazi, Marion Graham, Saskatoon
 2nd Place : Julia Laforge, École St. Mary, Prince Albert
 3rd Place : Chelsea Harman, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Core French

Grade 12

- 1st Place : Leslie Howland, Holy Rosary, Lloydminster

Results of Concours d'art oratoire 2002!

Northern Provincial Finals
 Saturday April 13, 2002
 Prince Albert

Grade 4

- 1st Place : Claire Thomson, École St. Anne, Prince Albert
- 2nd Place : Gabrielle Paul-McKenzie, École King George, P.A.
 Josh Priel, École River Heights, Saskatoon
- 3rd Place : William van der kamp, École St. Matthew, Saskatoon
 Andrew Murray, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert

Grade 5

- 1st Place : Jessica Poulin, École St. Gerard, Saskatoon
- 2nd Place : Matthew Hannigan, École McKittrick, North Battleford
 Katelyn Poulin, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert
- 3rd Place : Bianca Dyrland, École St. Paul, Saskatoon
 Myck Strueby, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster

Grade 6

- 1st Place : Brittany Theoret, École St. Anne, Prince Albert
- 2nd Place : Lauren Northey, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert
- 3rd Place : Elizabeth Eremondi, École St. Matthew, Saskatoon

Grade 7

- 1st Place : Miguel Kreiser, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster
- 2nd Place : Katherine Hayduk, Rivier Academy, Prince Albert
- 3rd Place : Vanessa DeGirolamo, École St. Paul, Saskatoon

Grade 8

- 1st Place : Peter Dust, École St. Thomas, Saskatoon
- 2nd Place : John Patrick Crowe, École St. Paul, Saskatoon
- 3rd Place : Grant Hodgson, École Holy Rosary, Lloydminster

Southern Provincial Finals
 Saturday April 13, 2002
 Yorkton

Grade 4

- 1st Place : Brooke Giese, École St. Mary, Regina
- 2nd Place : Jessica Bonnish, École Elsie Mironuck, Regina
- 3rd Place : Catherine Leurer, École St. Andrew, Regina

Grade 5

- 1st Place : Jardyn Dewalt, École Wilfred Walker, Regina
- 2nd Place : Craig White, École Elsie Mironuck, Regina
- 3rd Place : Lea Lebel, École St. Margaret, Moose Jaw

Grade 6

- 1st Place : Alyx Quinlan, École Elsie Mironuck, Regina
- 2nd Place : Dan Kenyon, École St. Pius X, Regina
- 3rd Place : Jordan Pluta-Boychuk, École St. Angela, Regina

Grade 7

- 1st Place : Erin Richan, École St. Pius X, Regina
- 2nd Place : Romeo Nkunuzimana, École Elsie Mironuck, Regina
- 3rd Place : Alex Tacik, École Wilfred Walker, Regina

Grade 8

- 1st Place : Hannah Sauchyn, Campbell Collegiate, Regina
- 2nd Place : Savanna Harvey, École St. Pius X, Regina
- 3rd Place : Janna Moats, École Elsie Mironuck, Regina



Concours winners: upper left and centre, Northern Regional finalists; above, Southern Regional finalists; lower left and lower right, Senior Provincial finalists



French for the Future

Its Impressive!! A technology that can bring together students from across the country to share ideas and concerns.

That was what happened for an hour and forty-five minutes during the French for the Future conference on April 16. Some seventy-five grade 11 and 12 students from all of the French immersion schools in Saskatoon as well as the francophone minority school, L'école canadienne, had the opportunity to see and talk to students in similar programs in St. John's, Fredricton, Halifax, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary Whitehorse and Vancouver. Big screen format and satellite technology made the distances between the sites disappear.

For the rest of the day, the students participated in workshops on "Language and Communication", "Justice and Politics", "French in Business" and "Education and Professional Development". Presenters for these events included adults from both the Francophone and Francophile communities in Saskatoon.

Despite the fact that the Saskatoon organizing committee had less than three months to put the event together, this first try at what we expect to be an annual event was remarkably successful. Thanks go to Marc Bru (Coordinator), Karen Taylor-Browne (CPF-SK Executive Director), Francis Morin (La commission scolaire francophone), Simone Gareau (French Coordinator for Saskatoon Catholic School Division), Rose-Mae Li Pi Shan (French Immersion teacher at Marion Graham High School), Marie Bazan (French Consultant for Saskatoon



Public School Division), Léo Côté (retired French Immersion teacher from Bishop Mahoney School), Léon Bezaire (Committee Chair and teacher at St. Gérard School), Jeff Soucy (French Immersion teacher at Marion Graham High School), Dr. Nancy Senior

(Head, Department of Languages and Linguistics, The University of Saskatchewan) and Georgette Bru (Saskatchewan Tourism). The committee is pictured here with His Excellency, John Ralston Saul, the paron of this event.

New Staff

This year, Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan hired two students from the Baccalaureate en éducation program at U of R., Kara Pilon and Mathew Conley, to work part-time co-ordinating Mini Rendez-Vous, and assisting with Concours d'art oratoire. They enjoyed working with the different chapters in Southern Saskatchewan, as well as with all of the kids involved.

This summer, they will be travelling throughout the province doing publicity and day camp organization in May and June. All of July and part of August will be devoted to Fête du soleil day camps. Thus far, camps have been organized for Moose Jaw, Regina, Yorkton/Melville, Lloydminster, Estevan and North Battleford (see Calendar).

The weeks of August 5th-17th will find them at our residential French Camp at Arlington Beach, on Last Mountain Lake. This camp includes a variety of activities including archery, canoeing, horseback riding, mini-golf, swimming, and wall climbing. It is designed for students in Core French and French Immersion who will be entering Grades 4 - 10 in autumn 2002.

Both camps are excellent opportunities for students studying French to meet friends, use their French skills, in a fun out of the classroom experience.



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