



Main Line Classical Academy

UPPER SCHOOL : FRENCH CURRICULUM

SEVENTH GRADE

The goal of the French class is to develop the students French language skills through different key learning processes. The students read and study the language techniques and themes of two full novels over the course of the year. From September to January, they read a simplified version of the famous play by Edmond Rostand, *Cyrano de Bergerac*. In addition, they are asked to select (from a specific collection), read, and present to the class a number of different short stories throughout the year. They continue to expand their writing techniques, and learn new vocabulary, spelling and grammar rules. Every week, we learn or review a specific grammar lesson using the grammar manual, *Exercices de Grammaire B1*. They are required to memorize and recite certain poems regularly. Special attention is given to their listening skills through different recordings, specifically connected to the novels they will be reading.

EIGHTH GRADE

The goal of the French class is to advance their capacity to understand and express more complex ideas in French. Much of the program is based on reading unabridged literature from different periods and developing the writing and oratory skills through activities related to the study of the two main works. In the first part of the year, the students read *Le Médecin Volant*, by Molière, and they are asked to become familiar with the vocabulary, the grammar and the aesthetic of this classical (17th century) play. The second part of the year is devoted to a realistic short story from the 19th century. Students continue to expand their writing techniques, and learn new vocabulary, spelling, and grammar rules. Every other week, we learn or review a specific grammar lesson using the grammar manual, *Exercices de Grammaire B1*. They are required to memorize and recite some part of the play or poems regularly. Special attention is given to their listening and oratory skills in preparation for the European standard foreign language exam of French, the DELF.