

International Languages Program

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Gōng Xī Fā Cǎi to the Chinese community on this prosperous Year of the Dragon!

On Saturday January 28, 2012, more than 1,500 people celebrated the Chinese New Year at **Resurrection Catholic Secondary School**.

Congratulations go to the teachers, students, parents, volunteers and the leaders of the **St. Louis International Languages Program** and the **Grand River Chinese School** for their great success in promoting Chinese language and culture. It has been through their commitment to high quality education and countless hours of hard work that the St. Louis Chinese International Languages and Secondary School Credit programs have seen incredible growth at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School on Saturdays.

The WCDSB and St Louis are proud to welcome hundreds of new students (ranging in age from three to 17) every year to this vibrant Saturday program. We have expanded to offer **English as a Second Language** programming for the parents of the Chinese and neighbouring community, as well as **Olympic Math** and **Math Contest Preparation** classes for Grades 7-10.

Within the richness of our cultural diversity in Waterloo Region it is more important today than ever to communicate with others from around the world. Frank Smith, author of *The Book of Learning and Forgetting* states: "One language sets you in a corridor of life. Two languages open every door along the way."

For our Chinese language learners and the other 12 International Language Schools at St. Louis, may your doors open wide!

For more information on St. Louis' International Languages program, visit <http://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/programs/il.html>



Important Message from Region of Waterloo Public Health

This is a reminder that parents need to provide information about their child's or children's immunization history directly to **Public Health**. This information is not provided to Public Health by the child's health care provider.

Please note that incomplete or out of date immunization records may result in your child being suspended from school, as per the Immunization of School Pupil's Act.

Please call 519-883-2007 ext 6182 or visit <https://e-immunization.regionofwaterloo.ca> to update your child's or children's immunization records by phone or online.

Please remember that each time your child receives a new vaccine you need to inform **Public Health**.



WCDSB EcoFACTS...

Last year we switched to 100% recycled paper products and saved:

869 large trees

3.321 L of water
(1 Olympic pool)

48,000 kg of waste
(4 garbage trucks)

112,300 kg CO₂
(yearly emissions from 38 cars)

1,400 GJ
(annual energy consumption of 13 homes)



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