



Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year. I am looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your child can achieve his/her highest potential in the French Immersion classroom. To facilitate this engaging and collaborative learning environment, technology will be a part of the 21st century classroom experience.

Technology is transforming the way education is being delivered; therefore, it is essential that we teach positive digital citizenship. At home, as well as at school, it is important to be familiar with computers, mobile devices and the Internet. Teaching computer skills, online safety, and preparing your child for a technology-based society is a role we all can play.

In class, we will review often the appropriate use of these technologies, in order to encourage good digital citizenship. Some of the most common rules we follow are:

- 1. Keep it private: there is no need to share passwords, addresses etc.
- 2. Think before you text, post or share
- 3. Use the device for classroom work, then the inappropriate use of the technology will be alleviated.

It is encouraged that we as a community of parent/teacher/student have consistent discussions surrounding the appropriate use of your child's devices.

I am looking forward to the benefits that technology can provide your child in the French Immersion classroom. Together, we will engage in collaborative activities that will enhance the acquisition of a second language, learning how to use apps and devices in a productive and supportive manner. These resources can help support challenges that may occur in the learning process.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me: <u>shenry@nspes.ca</u> I also have a website where I inform students and parents as to upcoming assignments or events that are happening at Hebbville Academy: <u>shenry.weebly.com</u>

Sincerely,

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