

School Board Workshop:

September 8, 2025

Subject:

France Sister School Program

Presenter:

**Jason Swanson
BHS French Teacher**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

No action needed

DESCRIPTION:

Students from France will be arriving from our sister community of Bergerac, France on October (8th or 10th), and departing on October (20th or 22nd). There are 27 students in total along with three teacher chaperones. Students stay with hosting families in the community, primarily those who also have a BHS student in the French program. This is a partnership between both communities since 2011. The dates work well for both communities due to the fact it encompasses a fall break from school for both communities. This allows students more time to experience family life. There are currently 25 BHS French students registered to complete this exchange program this coming school year during Spring Break. Most BHS students who are traveling Spring Break end up also hosting a student the previous fall.

I arrange day trips for our guests during their stay. Some examples include: museums, the Basilica, MOA, sporting events, etc. During the stay, students will be given the opportunity to shadow their hosting sibling at Buffalo High School for the day. This allows them to experience what a typical day may look and feel like here. This date is scheduled for Monday, October 13th. On Tuesday, October 14th, our guests will be going with the CIS French 1003 U of MN students to the Fall Field Day. There they will be presenting, and helping American students develop their French language skills.