

Hamilton–Wentworth Chapter of Canadian Parents for French



What is CPF?

- We are a **non-profit organization of parents, teachers, and community members** who **promote and advocate** for French as a Second Language programming.
- **Volunteer members run each chapter**
Without CPF members, we can't do all the great things that we do! There are plenty of opportunities for volunteering — as your school's CPF liaison, on our chapter executive committee, or helping to plan & run events — join us!
- **Funding comes from memberships**
 - **65% supports activities & events of your local chapter**
(that's \$16 from each yearly membership fee, \$39 from each 3-year membership fee)
 - 25% supports CPF's work at the branch / provincial level
 - 10% goes to CPF National to partially cover administration costs

What are the benefits of purchasing a CPF membership?

- Your local chapter of Canadian Parents for French **helps to strengthen French as a Second Language (FSL)** and **Core French in Hamilton-Wentworth** through educational and cultural events, advocacy, and community building.
 - Your Hamilton-Wentworth chapter of CPF **brings members together** to create opportunities *for students, parents, and teachers* **to enhance French language learning opportunities** and **to experience French-language culture both inside and outside the classroom.**
 - **1 year membership = \$25** (= 13 large coffees from Tim's)
 - **3 year membership = \$60** (= 34 large coffees from Tim's)
- Memberships are tax-deductable!*

Your CPF membership:

What you see & what you get

Publications

- **CPF magazine**, published twice yearly, exploring French second language issues from across the country.
- **CPF Ontario newsletter**, published 3 times a year, providing information, the latest research, publications, and other resources concerning FSL education and programs
- **Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter e-newsletter**, fall & spring
- **Online resources** for parents, students, and teachers too!
- Comprehensive national listing of **French-language camps**
- **Research commissioned and funded by CPF:** *The State of FSL Education in Canada, Funding for FSL in Ontario, Enrolment Trends*

Education & Cultural Events

- **Free Webinars** for parents & teachers from CPF Ontario
- **Free information sessions for parents** (homework help, education and work exchanges, etc.)
- Discounts on **FSL educational items**
- **Frenchapalooza**: guest speakers providing tips, resources, French book sale, and French fun for children & French-friendly families
- **French concert** for students
- **Concours d'art oratoire** (French public speaking contest)
- **Grants** available for schools that are members of CPF

Social Media

- Informative website: www.CPFHamilton.ca
- H-W chapter of CPF is on **Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest:**
www.facebook.com/CPFHamilton
www.twitter.com/cpfhamilton
www.pinterest.com/cpfhamilton
- [CPF Ontario](#), [CPF National](#) are also on Facebook and Twitter

Advocacy

- Successfully advocated for the creation and expansion of **bussing** for French Immersion students
- Continuing advocacy for courtesy **out-of-catchment spots** at dual track (French Immersion and English) schools

And...

- **Free gift** with each membership and renewal (French study guide, book, verb guide, etc.)
- **Regular meetings** of the Hamilton-Wentworth chapter — **meetings are conducted in English!**
- **NETWORKING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- **AGM** and **volunteer appreciation events**

What you might not see

Communication

Your **CPF liaison** attends CPF chapter meetings *and* your home school council meetings. We are in need of liaisons for many schools in our area — join us!

Advocacy Highlights

Locally:

- **FIAC** – French Immersion Advisory Committee for HWDSB
- **HWDSB** – Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- **HWCDSB** – Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

Provincially:

- Worked on revision of FI curriculum
- Advocating for credit recognition for exchanges
- Working towards standardized and clear definitions (required hours of instruction in French) of *Core French*, *Extended French*, and *French Immersion*

Liaising with French-friendly organizations

- **Hamilton Public Library**
- **Les Petites Pommes** (French Immersion camps & programs)
- **Centre Français Hamilton**
- French departments of **McMaster** and **Redeemer Universities**
- **French for the Future** / Français pour l'avenir
- **OCOL** – Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages
- **TFO**

Promotional events

- French Immersion information nights for both HWDSB & HWCDSB throughout H-W
- Open House / Meet the Teacher Night at local schools

... and more!