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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2018 Rendez-vous de la francophonie which began on March 1, and is continuing to March 21. For 2018, Saskatchewan's francophone community is celebrating landmark events in education. Most notable is the 100th anniversary of Collège Mathieu, a French language postsecondary institution established in Gravelbourg in 1918. Fifty years ago, the Education Act of Saskatchewan was amended allowing for the creation of designated schools and programmes where the language of instruction was French, paving the way for French language education in Saskatchewan. Also in 1968, the University of Regina began offering French language services to students. Education, culture, immigration and heritage remain important sectors within the francophone community and we are proud to share some of these landmarks with you today.

1968 Education Act

In the wake of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, the Education Act of Saskatchewan was amended in 1968 and the teaching in French was authorized in the province's public schools. French as a language of instruction had been banned from Saskatchewan schools. In 1979, two types of designated schools were created, ensuring instruction in the French language. Today there are 73 French immersion programmes offered across Saskatchewan with a total enrollment of over 15 thousand students. French immersion is growing annually in this province thanks to efforts coordinated by Canadian Parents for French-Saskatchewan chapter.

Article 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guaranteed education rights to official language minorities. As a result, Francophone parents obtained the right to Fransaskois schools in 1988. The Education Act was amended in 1993 allowing for Fransaskois schools and a single school division amalgamating Saskatchewan's nine francophone school boards became effective in 1999. Today, le Conseil des écoles fransaskoises has an enrollment of 1 900 students in 14 elementary and high schools across the province.



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50 years of French at the University of Regina

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Francophone presence at the University of Regina (U of R). La Cité, the university's newest academic unit, and the Bac en education française program at the Faculty of Education are the Francophonie's proud representatives at the U of R.

University students can enrol in French Education, Francophone Intercultural Studies, and, starting this September, a bilingual Nursing degree. The University also offers courses in French in different subjects such as Indigenous studies, mathematics, and music to match the interests of its broad student population.

The U of R now welcomes over 120 full-time students studying in French, mainly from Saskatchewan. Students can enjoy a full immersive experience at La Cité by participating in various cultural events, including those of an on-campus Research Centre devoted to the study of Francophone communities in minority settings.

La Cité is also open to the general public through its French Training Centre, offering language courses for adults to learn and develop their skills.

La Cité's vision for the future is to keep developing a diverse course offering and to ultimately create enthusiastic role-models that will inspire the next generation to embrace the bilingualism that makes Canada such a wonderful place!



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Newcomers' Welcome Committee - École Canadienne française de Saskatoon

Ten years ago, École canadienne-française de Saskatoon was experiencing important growth in enrollment from immigrant families. In its efforts to be as welcoming and as inclusive as possible, the school put in place a Newcomers' Welcome Committee (CANA) comprised of students and staff members.

Last November, during the 2017 Francophone Immigration Week, CANA coordinated an event where it was acknowledged that among the 170 students enrolled at the school, more than 23 nationalities were currently represented. The Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan (RIF-SK) was proud to support this awareness event and recognizes the welcoming committee's success.

The RIF-SK is a provincial francophone roundtable consisting of 13-member organizations facilitating the development of services and resources for Francophone immigrants in Saskatchewan. The RIF-SK works with community and government stakeholders to promote Francophone immigration in Saskatchewan.

Administered by the Conseil économique et coopératif de la Saskatchewan (CÉCS), RIF-SK works with Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP) and Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA). Find out more about us at rif-sk.ca and follow us on social medias @RIFsask on Facebook and @sk_rif on Twitter as well as rifsk.blog.

Collège Mathieu celebrating 100 years

Ever since the official opening in December 1918, Collège Mathieu has fashioned the Fransaskois community and provided essential educational programs preparing future generations to take their place in the world. Over the past century the educational vocation of Collège Mathieu evolved to meet the educational needs of the Fransaskois community. Today, Collège Mathieu remains focused on post-secondary programs, technical training and adult education.

Upon his induction as Archbishop of Regina in 1911, Mgr Olivier-Elzéar Mathieu realized the urgency of providing educational institutions to the newly settled French and English-speaking population of his archdiocese. After unsuccessful attempts to recruit a qualified workforce to fill administrative positions, he became determined to locally educate the future leaders of Saskatchewan. In 1917, he secured two charters, one to build an English language college in Regina, Campion Collège and a second institution intended to educate the French speaking population of the province which was to be in Gravelbourg.

With the help of Abbé Pierre Gravel and Abbé Charles Mailard the new college added an important institution to serve the francophones of Saskatchewan and the surrounding provinces.

On October 6 and 7, 2018, Collège Mathieu will be host to its 100th anniversary celebration in the town of Gravelbourg. We thank our three dedicated founders, and all those who still contribute to the success of Collège Mathieu.

Onésime Dorval

At a time when the North-West Territories were mainly populated by First Nations, Métis and a handful of pioneers, schoolhouses were a rare sight and those that existed were run by missionaries. Before Onésime Dorval, there were no certified school teachers.

Born in 1845 near Sainte-Scholastique, Quebec, Onésime had poor health and wasn't accepted into the religious community in which she did her novitiate.

With her teaching certificate in hand and inspired by the tales of missionary Father Albert Lacombe O.M.I., she left Montreal in 1877 for the Red River Colony in Manitoba, where she taught for 3 years. In 1880, Onésime joined a Métis caravan and made her way to Saint-Albert (modern-day Alberta) in 72 days. There, she joined the Order of Saint-François. After spending a year at the Saint-Laurent de Grandin mission, she went on to teach for 13 years in Battleford, then 18 years in Batoche, among others. Her career as Saskatchewan's first certified teacher came to an end in 1915, after 51 years of service.

Over the course of her life, Onésime adopted two orphans, Marie Giroux, from Quebec, and Georgine d'Amours, a Western Métis. She had a certain talent for painting, creating vibrant pictures with her fingers and nails. She passed away in Rosthern in 1932, at the age of 87. Her funeral was held at Duck Lake and was widely attended by Whites, Métis, and First Nations people.

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44 years of the Fransaskois cultural council

Saskatchewan francophone talent is being continually developed through training, workshops, competitions such as Nouvelle Scène. Francophone artists are appreciated beyond the sphere of the Fransaskois community through collaborations with organizations such as Festival international de la chanson de Granby (QC) and the Regina Folk Festival. Here are three emerging Fransaskois artists you just might meet at the Festival Fête fransaskoise in Pike Lake next July.

Etienne Fletcher etienneffletcher.com

Accompanied by his guitarist Sean McCannell and drummer Gaelan Malloy, Saskatchewan-born Etienne Fletcher creates a high energy show with genres ranging from rock, blues, folk, pop and dance music. 2017 Public's choice award at the Festival de la chanson Petite vallée 2016 Press prize and Coup de



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cœur of the Franco-fête Toronto at the Festival international de la chanson de Granby 2015 Public's choice award at Chant'ouest 2015 SOCAN prize and Public's choice award at Nouvelle Scène

Mario Lepage pondeixmusic.net

Multi-instrumentalist Mario Lepage has been spending his last few years writing, performing, and amassing a collection of new sounds that influence his music. He is now performing with his new band Pondeix. 2017 "Francophone artist of the

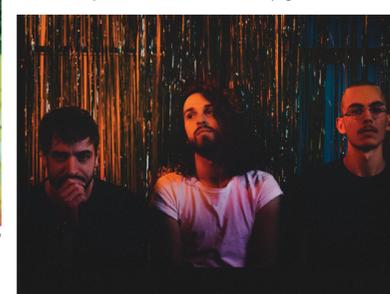


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Shawn Jobin shaw-jobin.squarespace.com

Words and rhymes have no secrets for Shawn Jobin. He aligns and plays with them in rap, expressing a large range of social concerns. In 2017, he got the chance to be chosen as one of the seven Canadians sharing uplifting stories in an exhibition

for Canada 150 in the Canadian museum of Human Rights. 2014 Nomination for the Saskatchewan Governor General's Award 2015 Discovery Prize at the Gala Trille Or 2016 Showcase in Paris France. La table du bison et du Homard event.

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100 Years of History

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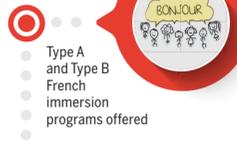
École canadienne-française establishes Newcomer's Welcome Committee

1993



Education Act of Saskatchewan amended to allow Fransaskois schools

1979



Type A and Type B French immersion programs offered

1974



Fransaskois cultural council established

1968



University of Regina offers French language services

1968



Education Act of Saskatchewan amended

1918



Collège Mathieu founded in Gravelbourg

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