Spotlight on the French language!
Vanier College celebrates La Semaine de la francophonie March 25-29, 2019

Montreal, March 25, 2019. Once again, this year, La Semaine de la francophonie, organized by the Vanier College French Department, is filled with stimulating activities open to the public and a program of events that includes talks, meetings, films, documentaries, a writing contest, and more.

The weeklong event highlights the richness of the French language within the context of a linguistic and cultural mix and aims to sharpen the curiosity and critical eye of attendees and open them to diversity. The week also provides an opportunity to think about what makes our society vibrant.

In all, some 20 speakers will meet students and the public to speak about Quebec literature and music, discuss current social, economic and climate issues, explore the Quebec language and reflect on fundamental notions of equality, discrimination, racism, social justice and secularism.

Given that UNESCO has named 2019 as the international year of indigenous languages, La Semaine de la francophonie at Vanier has offered a section of the program dedicated to First Nations languages and cultures in order to celebrate these languages and underscore the importance of preserving them.

A highlight of the weeklong festival is the screening of the documentary film Les Coasters on Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm in the Vanier Auditorium with the directors in attendance. This documentary immerses the viewer into the heart of the Lower North Shore on the isolated eastern shores of Quebec where Anglophone, Francophone and Innu communities coexist. This is a benefit screening aimed at raising funds to cover part of the costs of a student study trip to the North Shore and the Lower North Shore in May 2019. Tickets for the film cost $10 per person. Open to the public.

Events take place in the Vanier Auditorium from March 25 to the 29th.

See the full program for details:

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