



Media Release

Concours d'art oratoire boasts impressive participant numbers in 2011

Saskatoon, May 5, 2011 - On Saturday May 7, more than 70 students from across Saskatchewan will be competing in the Provincial Final of **Concours d'art oratoire**, a French-second-language public speaking competition in Saskatoon.

Concours d'art oratoire is hosted by Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK). The objective of the event is to stimulate the interest of English-speaking students learning French. Researching, preparing, writing, memorizing and delivering speeches are activities that contribute to the development of language skills.

Over 4000 students in French immersion and core French programs from kindergarten to grade 12 have already competed within their own schools. The school champions then participated in a division-wide competition. First and second place divisional participants from grades six to 12 have the opportunity to compete this Saturday for the provincial title.

Provincial winners at the grade 11-12 level will win an expense paid trip to Ottawa to compete in the national finals, where each category winner will be awarded a \$20,000 bursary to attend the University of Ottawa.

The staff of CPF-SK, along with 25 volunteers, will be facilitating Concours d'art oratoire this Saturday. With the combined support of numerous parents, teachers, members and partners who are dedicated to linguistic duality for all Saskatchewan youth, the day is sure to be a true success.

The competition will begin at 1:00 pm with the awards ceremony beginning at 4:00 pm at Holy Cross High School, 2115 McEown Avenue.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers who value French as an integral part of Canada and are dedicated to the promotion, creation and support of effective French-Second-Language (FSL) learning opportunities for youth in Canada.

For more information, please contact:

Kathy Gallant
Communications Officer
Phone: 306.244.6151
Email: cpf.sk.comm@sasktel.net
Website: www.cpfsask.com