

# What is Second Language learning?

Second Language learning is when you begin to learn a new language that is different from a language you already speak, read or write. This could happen at any point in your life – as a young child, teen adult, etc.

# Why should you study a Second Language?

Second language learning ...

- Promotes greater flexibility of thinking
- Increases problem solving skills
- Increases creativity
- Increases communication skills
- Provides greater cultural awareness
- Increases understanding of one's own language
- Enhances job and travel opportunities
- Meets post-secondary requirements
- Of the last 5 years of ATSS's Grade 12 Principal's List recipients, 14 out of 15 students took a senior level language.
- Here is a great website with 10 fantastic reasons to learn a second language (or third, or fourth...!): [http://www.vistawide.com/languages/why\\_languages.htm](http://www.vistawide.com/languages/why_languages.htm)

# What languages can I take at ATSS?

Currently, we offer French and Spanish at ATSS. We are very excited to be starting AP French next year (2013-2014)!

The goal of our language classes at ATSS is to have students communicating in every-day, real-life situations in whatever language they are studying. They communicate through speaking, (rehearsed speech and spontaneous conversations), listening, reading and writing. This involves this like: describing yourself, expressing your likes and dislikes, describing the environment around you, comparing various cultural events and celebrations, playing games in the language you are studying, doing a science experiment or other projects, ordering food in restaurants, giving directions and planning a tourist day in a foreign city or place, discussing and critiquing various art forms, watching and then creating news programs, reading, telling and writing stories, and giving advice. In senior grades, students are able to

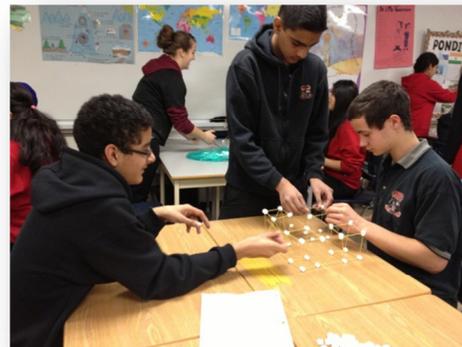
discuss and debate global and personal issues and concerns, as well as read short classic works of fiction. Students hopefully leave our language classes not only able to read and write the language they have studied, but also able to speak and interact confidently in that language. Many students have report back to their teachers that they meet a person who spoke French and Spanish and that they actually talked with this person in that language – a truly exciting and rewarding experience!

## What are they doing?????

French 10 students participating in French relays (written and lead in French, by the students).



Building....



... spaghetti towers ?? Oui!

## So, really is there any reason NOT to study a Second language?

Hmm..., fun, practical, provides so many opportunities...NOPE, not according to us!