



French American International School celebrating 50 years

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Jane Camblin, the head of the French American International School will celebrate the Hayes Valley institution's 50th anniversary Feb. 10-11 with an alumni reunion and public lectures by artists, writers and distinguished alumni.

Jane Camblin

What makes French American special? Its bilingual, bicultural immersion. Its international recognition, rigorous academics. We have 1,008 students. They represent 56 different countries. When they come to school, they're immersed in French. They can operate in either French or English at a very high level.

Why does your school focus on French? A lot of people choose our school not for the French language but for the French style of education. We are accredited by France, and it is very rigorous and perhaps more content-driven. The programs are set out by the French government. There's a coherent scope and sequence.

In addition to the lecture series, how will the school be celebrating this anniversary? There's a lot of events for the students, including a treasure hunt where we're going to go back to all the sites we've ever occupied in San Francisco.

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