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Student Program

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COVID-19 Update

- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health risks and restrictions associated with it, the decision was taken that the NBFISP would not welcome any students for 2020-2021 school year.
- All students that were registered for 2020-2021 school year had the option of differing their registration to the 2021-2022 school year, or to cancel their registration altogether without any additional costs.
- We are not accepting any new applications for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year, with the hope that the situation will be back to a certain 'normal' and that we will be able to offer the quality program that everyone expects at that time.

For any questions, contact us at
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Where are they now?



Tamara's parents came to visit her in June 2017 and they met her host family in Grand Falls.

Learning French and Finding Love

Tamara Locher, from Germany, did not only discover New Brunswick when she participated in the French International Student Program in 2016-2017, she also met the person she will be marrying in 2022.

Her adventure started at the Polyvalente Thomas-Albert, the school where she spent her first semester of grade 12. She decided to study in English for the second semester and she moved to Bathurst, New Brunswick, to do so. This gave her the chance to improve her French and English, both official languages in the province.

"Since I had studied French for eight years before coming to New Brunswick, I already knew the language, but could not speak it very well. I came to New Brunswick to improve both languages and also for the experience."

Tamara now lives in Stuttgart, Germany, with her Acadian fiancé. She is finishing her Masters degree with the intention of becoming a math and biology teacher.



She keeps a good memory of her stay in New Brunswick and notes the cultural differences from her country. “The main differences are the food and the mindset. People here are more open, and Germans are known to be more distant. In New Brunswick, people are quick to offer their help to others and are very nice”, she says.

Tamara is still in contact with her host family and will be marrying the nephew of her host mother in August 2022.

“He has been living with me in Germany for three years and is working in technology. The language was hard for him at first, but he now speaks German well.”



Left photo:
Tamara (third
from the left)
getting ready
to leave Grand
Falls before
moving to
Bathurst.



Right photo:
Tamara (fourth
from the left) at a
skating activity.

Discover our schools!



School : Polyvalente Thomas-Albert

Community/city : Grand-Sault

Students : 526

Level : Grades 7 to 12

Founding Year : 1970

Description : Polyvalente Thomas-Albert is located in Grand-Sault, a bilingual community of about 5,500 inhabitants in northwestern New Brunswick, close to the US border and only 85 km from the province of Quebec. In fact, it is the only Canadian town with its name registered in both official languages (Grand Sault and Grand Falls). The spectacular waterfall on the Saint John River—over a 23-metre high gorge—is right in the middle of town. Also known for potato farming and processing. Grand-Sault is a safe, family-oriented community and is recognized for its high quality of life and progressive outlook.



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