

# Meet 'Mary' as she begins a year in Canada at M-V

By Louise Smith

**O**n Day One at Massey-Vanier I met "Mary" with her mother, from China. She will be attending Secondary Four for the whole school year as part of the foreign student program that has been in place for several years in the Eastern Townships School Board.

"Mary" is her Canadian name that she is going to use while here. She had only arrived two days before school began. She had traveled with her mother who was returning to China after ten days.

Mary will have an Italian "sister," Martina, who is attending Secondary Five on the French side of Massey-Vanier. Both girls will be staying with Sabrina Theberge, who is a former Heroes' Memorial and then Massey-Vanier student. She will be their host mother for the school year.

Mary apologized for her English, but it was really quite good. She had not had much time to go around the area yet, but her first impression of the Eastern Townships is that it is a very beautiful area. I am sure that she will have a good year and a wonderful cultural experience.



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Mary will be attending M-V for a year from China. On Day One she came to school with her mom.

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