

The Franco "files"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FRENCH CLASSROOM?



Students in French 4 recently wrapped up a unit in which they explored the relationships and key moments in their lives and how they have helped to shape their growth into the young adults they are becoming. In our second unit, we are now beginning to examine the impact of technology in our daily lives.

The French 2 class completed their first unit in which they learned how to describe their school schedule, give their opinions of their teachers and their classes, and identify the characteristics of their personality that contribute to their success in school. In our second unit, we are beginning to explore common dishes from France, Belgium, and the Congo and will soon learn how to talk about family traditions related to food.

Today the French 1 class completed our first unit in which students learned how to introduce themselves to others by expressing how old they are, where they come from, their personality, and the things they like/don't like to do. As we move into our second unit, they will begin to explore vocabulary related to school, their classes, and the supplies needed for them.

All classes have begun to engage in the pen pal exchange with students from Toulouse, France using Google docs and FlipGrid videos to talk about themselves and their interests.



Did you know?

- All of the notes that Mrs. Bailey uses in class are prepared on Google slides which are shared with students on Canvas. Be sure to check out the "Daily Slides" module on your Canvas page to follow along with each unit or catch up following an absence.
- In Mrs. Bailey's class, there is a 10% penalty for each school day that an assignment is late (up to three days) before turning into a zero. Be sure to check Sapphire regularly to make sure you aren't missing assignments.



Le Canal du Midi (Toulouse, France)

Making headlines in the francophone community

The number of people in France who have received at least one dose of a vaccination against Covid-19 has crossed the 50-million mark, President Emmanuel Macron announced recently. Macron made the announcement in a video posted on social media in which he also said that “the vaccine saves lives and the virus kills, it’s that simple.” After a slow start, France now has one of the world’s highest vaccination rates, with close to 90 percent of adults in the country of 67 million people having received one or two vaccine doses.

Source: <https://www.thelocal.fr/20210917/france-passes-50-million-mark-for-covid-vaccinations/>

Colette Maze, a 107-year-old pianist living in Paris, has just released her 6th album. Maze began playing piano at the age of 5 with her grandmother (also a pianist) and her mother (who played the violin). Aspiring to play professionally but without the support of her family who didn’t believe that music would make a good career, Maze embarked on rigorous musical studies at the *École Normale de Musique*, just a short distance from her childhood home. Earning her second level, she qualified to teach and did just that for nearly 20 years until WWII which quickly changed the trajectory of her life.

Learn more about Colette’s story here:

https://www.npr.org/2021/09/20/1036622670/107-year-old-french-pianist-colette-maze-new-album?utm_source=pocket-newtab

TIP FOR SUCCESS IN THE LANGUAGE CLASSROOM:

“During my language classes, the most beneficial study habit I picked up was repeating back vocabulary or phrases that didn’t necessarily “stick” the first time. I would even listen to French music, just to truly have an accurate perspective on the language. This technique, I feel, really propelled me forward all the way through AP.”

- Ajla S., Class of 2022 (who has completed AP French Language & Culture and serves as a student intern in the French classroom)



EXPRESSION OF THE MONTH

“manger sur le pouce”

(to eat hastily, to eat on the go)

Literal translation: to eat on the thumb

Example: Il a mangé sur le pouce parce qu’il était en retard pour son rendez-vous.



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2 – HOMECOMING DANCE

OCTOBER 11 – TEACHER INSERVICE (NO CLASSES)

OCTOBER 12 – ACT 80 DAY (NO CLASSES)

OCTOBER 28 – END OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD