

"My French name is Jacques." - QUINN JORDAN (11)

diving into culture

THE SPANISH, FRENCH, AND MANDARIN CLASSES GATHER TOGETHER TO SHARE THE CULTURES THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT.



highlight of Mandarin?



"My favorite thing would have to be the cultural aspects that we learn about. So many people think of a language class and only think of speaking, writing, and learning that language, but there is so much tradition and culture that must be followed in Chinese that is really unique and fun to learn."
- WALTER DYAL (12)

Due to the funky pandemic, school clubs worldwide were canceled, but fortunately for Gulfport High, language clubs had the privilege to continue. The Spanish, Mandarin, and French clubs worked hard this year to educate others, including themselves, on cultural diversity! Even the president of the Spanish Club shared a few positive words about his favorite part of being in the club. "I like sharing the culture with people and learning more about it. It's so cool to get more younger people involved," NELSON CLEVELAND (12) says. The culture clubs at GHS crave education about different worldwide cultures, and they enjoy sharing their knowledge with other students. Admirals in the French, Spanish, and Mandarin clubs have an appreciation and passion for culture. This year, Gulfport High's culture clubs even participated in an International Festival at one of the elementary schools in the Gulfport School District to bring more knowledge to elementary students about different languages, traditions, and cultures around the world. This year, the culture clubs put their heads together, despite the obstacles, and were able to boogie out a year full of new knowledge and opportunities.

1. QUINN JORDAN (11) gets into character! Photo by Alyssa Young 2. ELAISHA CONERLY (11) face paints at the festival! Photo by Alyssa Young 3. SARAH FOX (9) all dressed up for the International Festival at an elementary school. Photo by Alyssa Young 4. MAKAILAH WALLACE (12), AMYA HARRIS (12), and KALEY PALMER (10) present their poster. Photo by Alyssa Young 5. The French 4 class poses in their berets! Photo by Alyssa Young 6. French Club throws their berets in the air!



"I love that we get to know more about our culture and language, and learn more about traditions in different countries." - REYNA MELENDEZ LUNA (12)



"Getting to better understand the different cultures, and getting to know the social requirements of another language that will help in the future." - MELANA CHISM (12)



"Surrounding myself with people who appreciate the culture as much as I do." - NATHALIE SALVADOR (12)



"I wanted a part of a more cultural experience, and I love becoming more accustomed to the Spanish language." - NOAH DIMITRIADES (12)

"Appreciating diversity, especially in culture, is so important in society!"
- SKYLLER ROZEA (11)



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"I love the French club shirts! They are so cool, and encouraged me to join." - KIMBERLY MADISON (12)



"BARRETT TAYLOR (FACULTY) gives us berets and I think I look great in them!" - TRAVYN ALBRECHT (12)



"BARRETT TAYLOR (FACULTY) has the funniest jokes, and I love them!" - MARGARET O'CONOR (12)



"I really just wanted to learn more French, and more about the culture." - MADISON WATERS (11)

what inspired you to join French club?

7. ALEXANDRA RAYBOURN (12) and MADELINE FIELDS (12) present a poster. Photo by Alyssa Young 8. KAYLEE MADISON (11) does face paint at the International Festival. Photo by Alyssa Young 9. SARAH FOX (9) and ISABELLA WU (9) pose for a picture. Photo by Alyssa Young 10. ELENA KNOLL (10) shows pictures to elementary students. Photo by Alyssa Young 11. KEVIN THAI (12) and KYLE LAMPONG (12) hold up a festival dragon.