

French Cultural Exchange Program

Bishop Guertin High School, Nashua, NH USA ~ Institut des Chartreux, Lyon FRANCE

March 1-March 15, 2027 (*pending confirmation*)

French students visit the United States



June 15-June 29, 2027 (*pending confirmation*)

BG students visit France

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE EXCHANGE?

Friendship! Students are matched with a student of similar age and interests. The French students are from *Les Chartreux*, a Catholic school in Lyon. The exchange allows American and French students and their families to share their culture by sharing their everyday life activities to hopefully form a lasting friendship.

Culture! The best way to learn about another culture is by staying with and participating in the day-to-day life of those who live there. The students and their families who welcome an exchange student also enjoy the wonderful opportunity to share with their guest their own way of life and the places and activities that are special to them.

BISHOP GUERTIN HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM Madame Conrad- Exchange Coordinator

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can participate in this program? Any Bishop Guertin student in good standing may apply for the French Cultural Exchange program! Host students are not required to travel to France, however host students are given first priority to travel if they so choose.

How do students get matched? YOU choose! the BG host student will be able to look at the dossiers of the French students to choose an exchange partner that shares his/her interests. Hosting is a great way for the BG traveler to get to know the person s/he will be staying with in Lyon.

What kinds of activities do I do with my French visitor? Anything you normally do in your everyday life! They want to experience American life. When in school they will attend class with you and eat lunch with you and your friends. They may accompany you to your extracurricular activities or hang out at school with others while waiting for you. They have homework to work on while you're doing your homework. During evenings and weekends, they enjoy time with you and your family and friends.

We don't have a guest room to host. Your exchange partner can share your room. All they need is a bed and a welcoming family.

But I don't speak French! You don't have to speak or understand French to host! The students who visit us are very fluent in English and they want to speak it!

What if we've never hosted before? No worries! There will be an **ORIENTATION MEETING FOR HOSTS and PARENTS (EXACT DATE TBA)**. This orientation will offer practical information, tips and suggestions about hosting, and answer all your questions.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in this amazing opportunity? Please request a host form. If you have additional questions, please contact Madame Conrad at conrade@bghs.org.