



# Saint Peter's Prep

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## Office of Global Initiatives



### French Exchange Program

<b>Hosting Dates:</b> November 18-December 2, 2024	<b>Travel Dates:</b> April 17-May 3, 2025
<b>Cost:</b> \$2,800  (Final cost dependent on price of group flight and number of participants, financial aid may be available based on the number of students with need and available funds)	<b>Destinations:</b> Paris & Toulouse <b>Partner School:</b> <a href="#">Le Caousou</a> - Toulouse
<b>Lead Chaperone:</b> Mr. Pastorek (second chaperone TBD)	
<b>Program Description:</b>	
<p>Taking part in the French Exchange is an exciting and unique opportunity for your son during his time at Prep. It will offer him firsthand experience with the French language and culture and allow him to create friendships overseas that will last a lifetime. The inner growth, maturity and cultural awareness your son would experience in France are immeasurable. A Prep family will host each French student, which will ensure the best opportunity for our guests to practice speaking English, to experience American culture, and to get to know their American friends. We will welcome our guests at the beginning of the second quarter for approximately two weeks. Our visitors wish to take part in your normal, everyday life and be part of your family. While in the U.S., the exchange students will attend classes at Prep, shadowing their Prep hosts. We will also plan large-group activities so that all of the hosting responsibilities will not fall entirely upon the individual families.</p> <p>We will continue the format of the exchange program from this year, which was modeled after the various exchanges that have been implemented and successfully run for more than 30 years here at Prep in France, Germany, Italy and Spain. While hosting our visitors stateside, these exchanges have included visits to the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations, the Whitney Museum, etc. We will plan these and/or similar activities, but I am also open to any suggestions you may have in order to make their stay enjoyable.</p>	

During our time in France, the family of your French guest will then host your son. He will experience many aspects of French culture with them and also get to visit Paris with just the Prep students and chaperones.

The exchange will require some sacrifice on your part, but I sincerely believe that the rewards of growth, maturity and knowledge will outweigh any inconveniences. If our experience with the previous exchanges is any guide, the French students are a very social group and enjoy getting together often with the entire exchange group during the evenings. This is why I ask that your son be responsible with managing his time with studies as well as your sacrifice to chauffeur your son and guest to and from different places.

If the tentative dates do not pose a problem with your son's schedule, family plans, his studies and co-curricular activities, I ask you to consider opening your home to one of our French guests. Grades and discipline will be two important factors in the decision-making process. If you would like your son to take part in the French Exchange, please fill out the application form together.

**Applications for the 2024-25 Exchange are closed.**

**Applications for the 2026-27 Exchange will open in May of 2026.**

