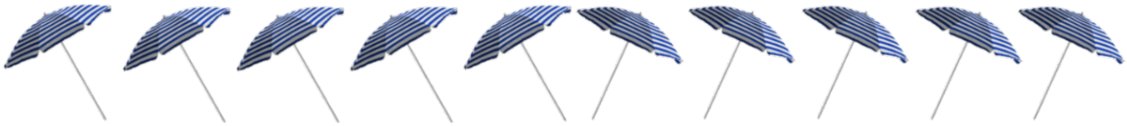
August 1, 2026

Welcome to August

The French take their vacations during the month of August – a tradition known as "les grandes vacances". Shops and businesses close as families travel to the coast or countryside. This cultural practice emphasizes the importance of leisure and work-life balance in French society.



We are also taking our vacations so our event calendar is lighter than usual this month.

Conversation Groups

In August Gail leads French conversation groups on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Princeton Shopping Center. This month the group is meeting at 10-11:30 am on August 10th and 24th at McCaffrey's Supermarket at the Princeton Shopping Center. Please reach out to Gail Bruno at **gailbruno7@gmail.com** for more information.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 11 am to noon (this month on August 4th and 18th) conversation groups meet with Gayle via Zoom. RSVP to her at **grf1029@gmail.com** for the link and other details.

Not meeting in August:

John's evening conversation group (6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month).

Fall Class Registration

Our fall class curriculums are being finalized and registration for all classes will open mid-August. An email will be sent announcing the opening of registration.

Exhibit: Joseph Bonaparte in Bordentown, NJ

From 8/1 to 9/30 the **Bordentown Historical Society** will have an exhibit on Saturdays about Joseph Bonaparte (Napoleon's older brother) who lived there in exile in the 1800's and built a huge mansion on Point Breeze.

Save The Date – Oct 9, 2026

Our 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Oct 9th

This autumn will be our 20th anniversary of becoming an official chapter of the World Wide Alliances Françaises. An evening of appetizers, music and desserts is being planned. More details will follow in September.

August's French Film

The Fédération des Alliances Françaises

des USA has a monthly cinema club for members in collaboration with Telescope Film. For August, the film is **L'Origine du Mal / The Origin of Evil (2022).**

Watch the film on your own and then join in on a Zoom discussion with a film expert at 7 pm on August 24th.

Click here for more information.

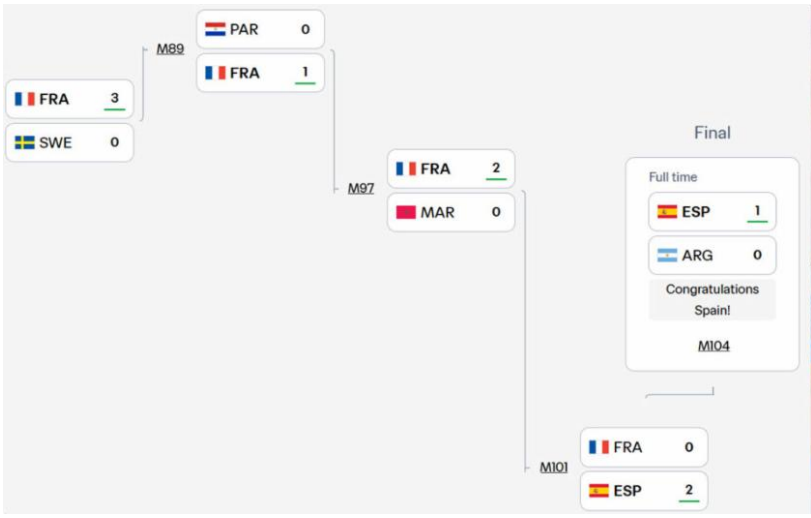
In July.....

Our Bastille Day Picnic

Over 30 people attended the picnic on July 11th. The weather was clear and attendees enjoyed lunch, beverages and desserts. Door prizes were given out: A gift certificate to Kristine's Restaurant, a free private French lesson, a bottle of wine and gift certificates to Chez Alice and Maman.

FIFA World Cup 2026

France made it to the semi-finals only to be beaten by Spain who went on to win the cup. Kylian Mbappé, the team captain, won his second Golden Boot award for 10 goals during the tournament. He is now the all-time leading scorer in FIFA World Cup history!



Tour de France

Once again the Slovene, Tadej Pogačar, won the Tour de France (for the 5th time!). However, the big excitement was France's own **Paul Seixas**.The 19-year old Lyonnais came in fourth! We can't wait to see how he places in next year's tour.

Membership

Thinking of becoming a member? As a member, you receive discounts on classes and events, attendance at member-only events, and access to the Alliance Française USA programs.

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