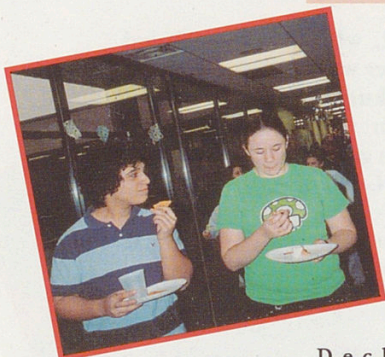


french club

j'aime le club
Français

By: Victoria Biddle
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D e c k
the halls French club style. **DJ Hogg, 12**, and **Andrew Dream, 9**, enjoyed the festive foods at the Deck the Halls celebration in December. Along with other language classes, French students decorated to the best of their ability.

Vive Le France! **Sarah Vaz, 11**, scribbled the phrase on the board for some French atmosphere.

All students were welcome, whether they were in French or not, as long as they were up for some French fun.

Everyone was greeted with some drinks and chips. Games were also available, in French of course, such as Cluedo, yam, Voyage En France, and French Monopoly.

"Monopoly is really difficult to play because the money is very different from ours," said **DJ Hogg, 12**.

Throughout the year they participated in many seasonal activities, such as creating a float for the Homecoming

parade, decking the halls for wintertime, and celebrating Mardi Gras in the spring. They also watched movies like "Passport to Paris" and enjoyed activities relating to the French language.

There were many veterans to the club. However, there were several new members as well. It was the first year for **Melanie Pirgmore, 10**, who has taken four years of French and decided to see what it was about.

"I wanted to check out the club. It sounded like a good time and I actually really enjoyed it, I can't wait to begin all the other activities," said **Pirgmore**.



French
pirates say "arrghh". These mates built their own float for the Homecoming parade. The crowd enjoyed watching these club members as they shed their normal personalities and had some pure pirate fun.

SHWac

international interest

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Navpreet Lekhi, 11, and **Julie Saha, 11**, reminisce about a weekend spent at the University of Dayton during lunch. The members of SHWAC enjoyed discussing an array of topics when together. Discussions got heated at times, but all conflicts were peacefully resolved.

The Sycamore High School World Affairs Council (SHWAC) met on Wednesdays after school. The members of SHWAC discussed many political happenings.

In November, they also participated in the Model UN program at the University of Dayton. The students were assigned to represent delegates from different countries. They took part in a United Nations simulation.

"My favorite thing about this club was Model UN," said **Julie Saha, 11**.

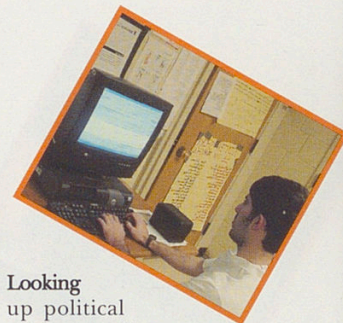
Model UN was a great opportunity for the members of SHWAC to bond and

become comfortable with each other. They were able to chat about different topics regarding politics and international affairs.

As the year progressed, the meetings became more sporadic, but the group never had a shortage of topics to discuss.

Mrs. Leah Chapman was the adviser and the student leaders were **Adam Maurath, 12**, as president, and **Navpreet Lekhi, 11**, served as vice president.

"Basically, we were a bunch of kids who had erudite discussions about worldly affairs," said **Lekhi**.



Looking
up political topics online, **Yavuz Inanli, 12**, researches topics to discuss at the next meeting. "I joined SHWAC because I like to talk about political stuff and I like to see how it affects my life at Sycamore," said **Inanli**.