

# Report of Add-On Course in French (2021-22)



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## THE ONLINE FEST: LA CHANDELEUR

Every year France observes La Chandeleur, a.k.a. Candlemas, a.k.a. a day dedicated to eating crêpes. This day was celebrated by the students of french language and the teacher by preparing crêpes and other French cuisines by staying back in their own respective homes. The participants had a “rendez-vous”, a movable feast with different types of crêpes (pancakes) and other dishes prepared on google classroom since the situation was not normal due to covid-19. The students were further informed that this Catholic religious holiday takes place exactly 40 days after Christmas, but it also has origins in an older pre-Christian holiday celebrating the harvest and marking the midway point of winter. As a result, the current La Chandeleur is a mix of both of these traditions, which eventually evolved into a day revolving around the crêpe—the round shape represents the sun and the circle of life, while the act of eating and sharing with others commemorates a historical tradition of popes giving food out to the poor every year on this auspicious day.



