French IV
The fourth year is the last required year of language study at The Academy. In French IV students read *C’est la vie*, by Eveyne Amon, a collection of short stories, and the favorite novel, *Le Petit Prince*, by Saint-Exupéry. Class is conducted in French and much emphasis is given to student presentations in everyday discussions and of cultural projects of their choice. Through regular discussion, reading and essay writing, students hone their written and verbal communication skills while learning to think and converse in French. In addition to reading, students view video clips and films; listen to music; and explore gastronomy, games and other cultural elements. Student curricular suggestions are welcome and have led to studying Victor Hugo’s classic, *Notre Dame de Paris*, then watching a French musical of the work, with subtitles in French.