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# PIKE NEWS



## EXPERIENCING CULTURE THROUGH GAMES

The Games of Culture Club strives to bring students together through a common interest. Last year, the members took field trips to the Marion County Public Library and the Indiana World War II Memorial (left photos). So far this year, the students are trying various games during their meetings, such as Mario Kart.

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# GAMING

## Club encourages Culture

Home to more than 50 different ethnicities, Pike is one of the most diverse high schools in Indiana. At such a diverse high school, it can be difficult to find a community or to connect with others. The Games of Culture Club aims to solve that problem.

"We're just getting the club started again," sophomore Kura McAfee said.

McAfee was part of the club last year when it first began after students were playing UNO in Miss Agunbiade's English class. "Originally the students just wanted a gaming club, but then Miss Agunbiade suggested it could include culture as well," McAfee said.

The Games of Culture Club has become a place where people from different backgrounds and cultures have the opportunity to come together. They participate in activities such as field trips, trying different cuisines and learning about each other's cultures.

"One thing that we take pride in is that we try to do field trips that are free. We want to go in depth with different trips," sophomore Abigail Demaire said.

Students looking for a space to have fun

and express their culture may be a good fit for this club. McAfee said that she has fun and gets to go to a lot of places and meet new people, some of which are now her friends. "I got a lot of my friends from this club."

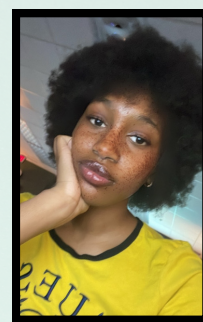
Some of last year's notable trips include visiting the BLM mural on Indiana Avenue or visiting the popular Global Village Welcome Center.

But not everything has been going well so far. Ever since Agunbiade left Pike back in 2022, the club has been struggling. The club had to suspend their activities for a couple of months, and they have also been struggling to advertise their club.

Not all hope was lost though, as the club has recently found a new sponsor, English Teacher Grace Gregory. Gregory said she was willing to step in as the sponsor because the students seemed passionate and she wanted them to have a place to meet.

"I'm just trying to listen to what they want from the group and to help them create meaningful experiences," Gregory said.

The club is still hoping to increase their members. They meet every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 in F105.



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