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Timbers player Frédéric Piquionne, a native of Martinique, signs autographs during a cultural exchange at the Oregon Episcopal School with students from the school and visiting students from Martinique.

Fostering Cultural Bonds

Students from Martinique have been visiting Oregon Episcopal School through a French language exchange program, and Timbers player

Frédéric Piquionne, who also is from Martinique, came to chat with his countrymen and their school hosts.

If students asked questions in French, Piquionne responded in French, and if they asked in English he responded in English, so all the students had to use their second language skills to understand everything he said during the recent exchange.

While in Portland, the students from Martinique also visited Multnomah Falls, played in the snow on Mt. Hood, and attended a Timbers game as well as attending classes at the southwest Portland school.

Later this spring, the students from Oregon Episcopal School will go to Martinique for a French immersion experience.