

# MIDDLE SCHOOL QUARTERLY NEWSBLATT

1. April 2024

Liebe TCGiS Middle School Gemeinschaft,

We are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the school year. Spring Break is on the horizon and the days are getting longer. In this quarterly issue, we are celebrating the achievements of students in academics, athletics, and enrichment. We are turning our sights on planning our end-of-year picnic and celebrations. Our 6th graders are preparing for Waldsee. Our 8th graders completed this year's DSD I, the capstone language assessment, are counting down the days to our Capstone exchange and adventure to Germany, and will be meeting with high school counselors next week. Time flies when you're learning!

*Wir sind TCGiS. We are TCGiS.*

*In Partnerschaft,*

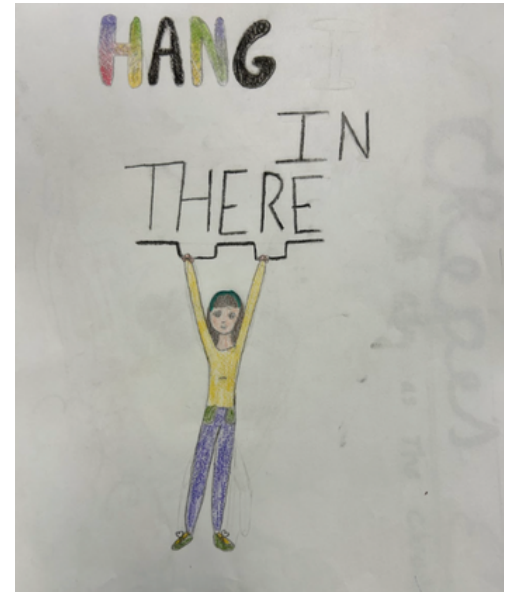
*Elizabeth Zehnpfennig, principal*



## General News from Middle School

In Middle School the students presented their History Day Projects and some even advanced to the State Competition! Congratulations!

8th graders finished their DSD I exams. The written part took place on March 13th and the oral part took place from March 19th till March 22nd. We can't wait to get the results from Germany in July/August.



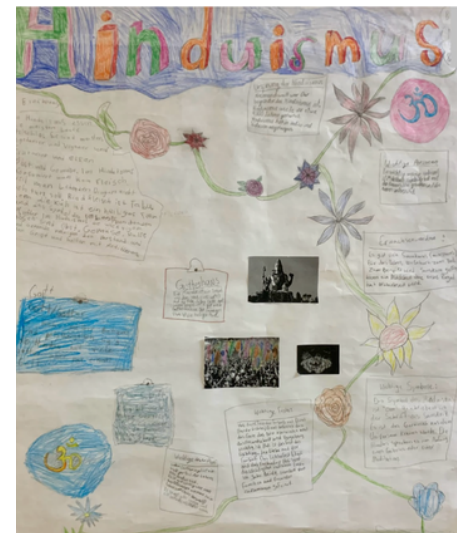
5th graders learned in Sozi about world religions and made their own posters.

In English 5B has been studying figurative language, and made illustrated examples of hyperbole and idiom.



6th graders have worked on their book presentations and created nice posters. So if you need a recommendation for a German book you should read - get in touch with the 6th graders.

A fun project for 7th graders in Spanish was to pretend to be a bullfighter and to promote yourself. They created some really engaging posters. Which bullfight would you attend?



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Yearbook is done with the editing of the yearbook itself so one task was to create funny German comics.

All Middle school students can currently participate in the "Schulliedwettbewerb" - Create your own TCGIS song and make a video for it. Submit by April 24th to Frau Gillhoff.

## Message from the Dean of Students

### 5th Grade SEL Lessons

After spring break, the 5th-grade advisories will work through a series of body confidence lessons using the GoZen curriculum. Topics addressed will include body acceptance, mindset shifting from comparison to inspiration, social media influences, peer influences, and warning signs of disordered eating. Look for a student packet coming home the week after spring break!



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## Sportecke

Here is the [Sportecke](#) for this season. You can also check out our Athletics website, our home page under [TCGIS Athletics](#).

With questions, please contact [Athletic Coordinator Tabisz](#)



## Class of 2024– Transition to High School

### Central Counselors Visit TCGIS

Central Counselors will be visiting TCGIS 8th graders next week to walk through registration at CHS. Even if your student is not attending Saint Paul Central, the information these counselors bring to the registration process for 9th graders is valuable. Be sure to ask them how the meeting went! It's one step closer to high school!



## Capstone Corner

### 8th graders Class of 2024:

Our trip is just around the corner. Thanks for attending our meeting on Thursday. One month to go! Here is that [packing list](#) one more time.



### 7th graders Class of 2025:

Enroll soon with Language & Friendship (L&F) and SAVE \$  
If your student will travel next spring, we encourage you to enroll with Language & Friendship by April 1 to save \$150 off the final price. This discount is only \$100 if you enroll by the June 1 deadline. Enrollment instructions can be found below and the Enrollment Booklet from L&F is attached as well.

### Upcoming Deadlines:

**March 29:** Complete [Parent Steckbrief](#) & [Financial Assistance Application](#) (if applicable)

**April 1:** Enroll with Language & Friendship

**June 1:** Final deadline to enroll with Language & Friendship

