

Middle School Newsblatt

Innovative education of the whole child through German immersion.



April 2nd, 2021

TCGIS Gemeinschaft,

Just a short and sweet note to wish everyone a safe and fun Spring Break. I hope you have some time to enjoy your children and relax. Breaks are so important for our students to recharge. When we get back from this one, there is a long haul to the finish line, so rest up!

~Elizabeth Zehnpfennig, Middle School Dean



What's Happening in our Middle School?

Cell Phone Usage

We are seeing an uptick in the cell phones that students are bringing to classes. Our school rule is that they need to be invisible and not seen in school. Our lockers do not currently have locks on them and the best place for these items is really at home. If your student must bring them to school, we are asking that they remain in backpacks. Teachers are modeling cell phone behavior by also not having their phones in the middle of instruction. We are also adding clocks to the new classrooms to alleviate the need to check the time on phones. You can imagine all the problems that cell phones can add to the classroom. Please have a talk with your child if they have a cell phone that they are bringing with them to make sure this rule is clear. These devices are often an important part of our students' lives--especially in a pandemic life--but we appreciate teaming with the families to keep this distraction as far away from the learning as possible.

History Day--State Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following list of Middle School students who qualified for State in this year's History Day competition. Middle School teachers Catie Jacobs and Rachael Schlee did an amazing job coaching and getting our students ready for this under extraordinary pandemic circumstances. Much appreciation and praise to them for another successful year of this fun educational experience. In a year where we lost so many of the fun aspects of school, we are grateful to have upheld this tradition.

6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
Elisa Lushine	Leena Bassas	Anne Burress
Anno Will-Anders	Eileen Donahue	Lene Jones
Enid Sharbonno, Raina Palombo	Audrey Tuite	Jacki Lauer
Lux Lessman, Lexi Cook,	Sophia Yemaneab	Cecilia Palombo
Max Fraasch, Ethan Laudon	Ren Hanson, Annika Johnson	Ciara Lynham, Jaya Zietler
Max Johnson, Alex Radecki, Henry Richardson	Nom-Ujin Byambatsogt, Sophia Soria	Lucy Burkhow, Annika Luciw
Elizabeth Seelig, Siri Strom	Neave Hennessy, Erin Strege	Bella Pouladian, Leonie Crane, Sara Lindner

Lula Eian, Hannah Johnson Anna Skirry, Madden Tjossem Kensley Severson, Mia Visnjic Honorable Mention: Eva Eakin	Evelyn Haeg, Cecily Jones Claire Kampling, Esme Nielson Harper Korte, Elly Poppenhagen, Sylvia Unverzagt Honorable Mention: Jasmine Freund Eliza Hutmacher Landon Sanchez, Cooper Zehnpfennig	Anders Hauer, Arlo Swann, Sylvia Van Hofwegen Ariana Forsland, Gwen Forsland, Emma Mercer Dylan Bump, Zane Sheire, Marshall Wright
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Looking Ahead

Sexual Education and Social Health Education Sessions Coming Soon

The next session for SESH will be **Wednesday, April 14th for 6th graders in 6A and 6B.** . 6A will be at 10:00 and 6B will be at 1:30. (6C will be the following Wednesday.)The topic for this session is **Birth Control**. More information and Zoom link will be sent out about a week before the date.

Each cohort or class will have an individualized and interactive 90 minute online live session with Sexual and Social Health Education Expert, [Clarissa Herman](#). Clarissa owns her own business and is a Sexual Health Educator who is excited to partner with Twin Cities German Immersion School. Parent letters will go out on Monday of that week. In these more individualized letters from our provider, parents will see a more detailed list of topics that will be discussed and will have the option to opt out as that is the parent right in Minnesota.