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# The Franconian International School

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## ***After School Activity Programme (ASAP)***

Our popular After School Activity Program will begin on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Your child will be bringing home a confirmation letter today (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February) to inform you in which ASAP your child has been placed. The courses will run for ten sessions, ending on 27<sup>th</sup> of May.

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## ***Wanted – Admissions Officer***

Do you like people? Are you proud of our school and community? Are you an organised person who can give attention to details? If you are a native speaker of English then it sounds as if you might be just the person we are looking for to assume the role of Admissions Officer at the FIS. Please send expressions of interest to [Kathleen.gruendig@the-fis.de](mailto:Kathleen.gruendig@the-fis.de). For more details please see the attached job advertisement.

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## **Emergency Contact Details – we need to know where you are!**

We are asking all families to please complete the attached Emergency Contact Details form and return it to the front Office or to [info@the-fis.de](mailto:info@the-fis.de) or contact us to confirm that the emergency contact details we have for you are correct. We wish to confirm that the contact details we have for all families are indeed the correct ones as today we were not able to contact the parents of a student because we had not been informed of a change of telephone number. Many thanks to you all for your help and cooperation.

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## ***Parent Teacher Conferences – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March – Mark Your Diaries!***

Parent Teacher Conferences are rolling around at the end of March so please mark your diaries:

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March      Middle & High Schools**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March      Kindergarten and Elementary School**

This is a reminder that parents and guardians of Kindergarten and Elementary School students will need to make appointments to see class teachers. A letter to the relevant families was sent home with each child today.

### ***Marie-Curie-Straße – Cars, buses and trucks***

First of all, a very big **Thank You** to all the parents who are helping to keep our children safe and modelling the best of behaviours when using the road, especially outside our school. We would like to remind parents again to be ever-vigilant while dropping students off at school in the morning. Students should always get out of the car on the curb side of the street. Parents should also refrain from parking across the street, as the conditions on the street may be unsafe for the children. There are plenty of parking spots available in the FIS parking lot so that children may be able to make their way to school safely without crossing a congested street. Again, we thank all of you who are dropping off in our bus zone and leaving immediately, as well as those who are using the FIS parking lot as both of these are safest options and also allow for smooth traffic flow.

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### ***The Spanish Exchange – part II***

The Middle School community still remembers the fun had by all on the week-long field trips all over Europe in September, and Grade Eight in particular brought back some particularly fond memories of Spain as they were billeted individually with Spanish families. Now we come to the second part of our exchange where we welcome our Spanish friends to Germany and get to show them some real FIS hospitality. Our guests from Spain will be with us from 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> March. The students from Spain will take part in some classes with their hosts in Grade Eight, and have the opportunity to see some of the sights in our beautiful corner of Germany. If you see any of our guests, be sure to give them a warm Franconian welcome. Many thanks to Mrs Pontones and her team in the Spanish Department for all the work they do in keeping this exchange such an important part of the school.

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### ***MUN @ FIS***

From Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February a team of teachers and High School students have headed off to Stuttgart for a meeting of the **Model United Nations** (MUN). Conor O'Flaherty, Damien Lewke, Max Bessler, Steven Harrison, Rasa Lazarevic, Ana Bauer, Luisa Hohmann, Viktoriya Arkadeyva, Jessica Lebitz, Toby Smith, Berend van der Hoeven, Cedric Wiegel, Johannes Kramer, Atanu Anupam and Natasha Sturm will be representing the FIS. The MUN is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about civics, current events, effective communication, globalization and multilateral diplomacy. Typically, students take on roles as diplomats and participate in a simulated session of an intergovernmental organization. Participants research a country, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop solutions to world problems. During a conference, participants must employ a variety of communication and critical thinking skills in order to represent the policies of their country. These skills include public speaking, group communication, research, policy analysis, active listening, negotiating, conflict resolution, note taking, and technical writing. For more information, try this web site: <http://www0.un.org/cyberschoolbus/modelun/faq.html>.

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### ***Football @ FIS***

The senior boy's soccer team recently played in the Erlangen Schools Soccer Tournament at Eltersdorf. Our team was made up of four G9 and four G11 boys but most of the opposition were from G12!!! Although we didn't win, we performed admirably, none more so than Luis Marin who was very impressive in defense. Perhaps next year the FIS team may be able to challenge for honours?

Ian Armstrong, Coach

## ***Intern @ FIS – Spanish Department***

Ms Anneliese Hellwig, currently studying French and Spanish at the university of Erlangen in order to become a high school teacher will be joining the FIS on an internship in the Spanish department, starting on 15<sup>th</sup> March. A requirement of her program is that she complete an internship of 150-160 hours at any German school recognized by Bavaria. She will do 75 hours at the FIS and 75 hours at the Ohm Gymnasium.

Welcome to the FIS!

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## ***ES/KiGa Assembly***

The Next Kiga and ES Assembly will be held next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00 in the Aula. All parents welcome to attend. Please be seated in the Aula before 0900. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## ***Dine, Watch, Listen & be entertained!***

On 20<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a dinner entertainment night for the parents of students at the FIS. These students will be performing in multiple styles, mainly musical but possibly some drama as well. There will be a delicious dinner served with some very nice wine, and of course, entertainment to die for.

**Where?** FIS Aula  
**When?** 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30-10  
**Who?** Parents of performers have first preference for tickets – sales are then open to any parents who would like to come-.ONLY 150 tickets available.  
**How much?** €45 per ticket: all-inclusive

The profit made through ticket sales will go towards the Student Council and the PTO. With this money, the Student Council will be hosting a Prom Dance for High School students towards the very end of the year. Both the dinner night as well as the prom will be of excellent quality.

Tickets available at the front Office of the school beginning next week, Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. They will be available until Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

We are looking forward to seeing you then,

For the High School Student Council

Julia Griem, President

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## ***Wow! Roses Raising Riches and other charity success stories***

We would like to extend a huge bouquet of virtual roses to the generous people in the FIS community for their contributions to our fundraising project. You have helped raise almost €820, which is a tremendous amount of money, and will be used for good purposes only.

And in an update on our last Newsletter, both Grade 2 classes managed to raise an amazing €630 at our Bake Sale on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you all for your generous support.

## ***The French Lunch***

The French mums are very pleased to inform everyone interested in speaking or improving their French that the next "French Lunch" will take place at the China Restaurant Kirin, Drausnickstraße 94. 91052 Erlangen on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11:45.

Would interested people please contact Christine Manzon [manzon.christine@hotmail.com](mailto:manzon.christine@hotmail.com) or (0151 58 87 04 52) before 2<sup>nd</sup> March to book a table.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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## ***BOOKS @ FIS***

Did you know that we have collected over **9,000** books already? Check out our fan page on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/bookbridge/>. Have a look at some of the creative ideas out there in the Middle School and be inspired....

### **Library Classes Help the Bookbridge Project**

Several of the Middle School Library Classes have been working on helping the Bookbridge Project. **Grade Five** students have used the money they earned from their Disco last spring to buy books for Bookbridge. Between the two classes, they have added another 68 new books from Scholastic. Great job Grade Five- what a great use of your money!

**Grade 6FM** had a bake sale for the MS/HS and earned €303 that they will be using to buy books for the children of Mongolia. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to the bakers, workers, and organizers for their hard work. Fantastic work!

**Grade 6DM** have been making flyers to hand out to the people in their neighborhoods to get the word out about the Bookbridge project. Thanks for their effort. All Middle School students have been turning in their Caught Being Good cards into the library in exchange for books to add to their class total. As you can see, the Middle School has been very involved in the effort to help Bookbridge. Keep up the wonderful work Middle School!

Keep bringing in those books 'cos every books counts!!

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## ***Volunteer Presenters Needed***

Parents, would you like to share some information about your career with FIS high school students? As the students are thinking more and more about what they will be doing after high school, we would like to bring in speakers to talk about what they do in the world of work. If you are interested and can spare about 30-40 minutes on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> March to speak about your career, the training required, how you got your job, and what your day-to-day responsibilities and life are like on the job, please contact Ms. Bradley at 9131 940 39 256 or at [judy.bradley@the-fis.de](mailto:judy.bradley@the-fis.de). Friends or family members who might like to present are also welcome!

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**Don't miss** The Stable Theater, USAG Bamberg's upcoming production of the ground breaking Broadway smash that ran for over 6,000 performances, **A CHORUS LINE**, the audition of a lifetime for a group of dancers all with the same goal: winning a role on the chorus line. The show became a classic movie as well (1985), starring Michael Douglas. Shows run 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18, 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup> March; Th-Fr-Sat shows at 19:30, Sundays at 15:00. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, at the door \$11/\$9; ask about deployment and group discounts. Reserve by email—[jack.austin@eur.army.mil](mailto:jack.austin@eur.army.mil), internet at [www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/mwr](http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/mwr), or by calling 0951/300 8647 and leaving your name, number of tickets requested, night of performance desired, and a return email

address for confirmation. Non-ID card holders please provide also the full name, passport or ausweis number birth date, birthplace, and car license plate number for gate access. NOTE: Show contains mature themes and language—please use discretion. Call for more info: 0951 300 8647!

**FOR SALE** 2 tickets for the THRILLER - LIVE show. A homage to Michael Jackson and his music. A mixture of music, dance and performance. When and where? Wednesday March 3rd 2010 at 20:00 hours at the Arena Nürnberg Versicherung. 37.95 € each. Call (09132) 836493

**Willing to improve your German?** German lessons for adults and children tailored to your needs. Please call Petra Kampmann on 09135/211268 or 0151 53724855 for further information.

**FIS School Newsletter** The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each **Friday**. Contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to the school at [info@the-fis.de](mailto:info@the-fis.de) by **Wednesday**. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. The editor reserves the right to... edit... This newsletter and other important school information can also be found on the school's web page. Newsletters are usually placed on the web site [www.the-fis.de](http://www.the-fis.de) a day or two after publication and will remain there until the end of the school year.



### Next Week @ FIS

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>ASAPs begin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Volley-ball girls practice</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:15 FIS production auditions, Drama Room</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2</li> </ul>
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Girl scouts regular meeting</li> </ul>
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basket-ball girls practice</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Senior Boys Basketball practice</li> <li>➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte 1</li> <li>➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte 2</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM1</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, College</li> </ul>
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 08:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room</li> <li>➤ 09:00 ES/Kiga Assembly</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> </ul>
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 11:45 French Lunch, Kirin Restaurant</li> </ul>

**Coming up: 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March – Spanish Exchange Students @ FIS**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March – An Evening of Elegance @ FIS**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parent-Teacher Conferences**  
**29<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> April – Spring Break**