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From the Board of Directors

Last year's transition to a new campus posed some challenges that were mastered by all involved at the school in a highly successful manner. The achievements made both academically and in terms of the school's operation are all the more remarkable in light of the dynamics of that period.

Comparatively, the start of this year feels almost sedate as we pass through quieter waters. All the more reason, we thought, to underline the excellent state of the Franconian International School. Not only are we on financially stable footing, but also in terms of academics, staffing and reputation. Academically, last year's IGCSE, and IB Diploma results speak for themselves, and we are proud both to have scored well (often better) in comparison to other German international schools and to have our very first alumni in renowned institutes of higher education. Staffing is in a healthy and stable state, and we are fortunate to have recruited excellent new professionals well in time for the start of the year. Last, but not least, the school's reputation has gone from strength to strength, helping attract more students, top-tier staff and organizations willing to support the school. Achieving full CIS and NEASC accreditation is a major benefit for our students.

We hope you agree with our optimistic view of the excellence that the FIS stands for and thank parents, teachers, administration, supporting organizations and, most importantly, the students themselves for making the FIS a caring and cooperative environment to educate children.

PS. For those of you new to the school, the FIS Board of Directors meets six times a year to decide upon issues concerning the stability and financial soundness of the school. The first meeting was on 21st September. "*From the Board*" is published in this newsletter after each meeting. More information about the board is available at: <http://www.the-fis.de/Board.htm>

Kindergarten and Elementary School Assembly

Parents and friends are welcome to attend first KiGa/ES Assembly of the year next **Monday 28th September at 9:00 am** in the Aula. Please check your name off the appropriate class list or sign the sign-in sheet and take a visitor's badge as you come in to be seated by **8:50**. We are looking forward to hearing songs from our Kindergarten and Elementary school students, some solo musicianship on violin and piano, and some fun and informative class presentations. Please note that due to time constraints we will no longer be presenting student awards at assemblies. Awards will now be given out in class.

High School Calendar 2009-10

Attached to this Newsletter for your reference is a copy of the High School calendar.

KEEP YOUR CALENDARS FREE – Parent-Teacher Conferences

We don't mind if you tie a piece of string around your finger, program your iPhone to send you a message or write it on the calendar, but please make a note **now** of the dates of our first Parent – Teacher Conferences for the year:

20th October **Kindergarten and Elementary School** students
21st October **Middle and High School** students.

As in previous years, conferences will be taking place during the day, and from **Grade 2 onwards, students are expected to attend** the conferences with their parents. Separate information on procedures for both days will be sent home with children next week.

There will be no classes for the students on the days of their conferences, and the After School Activities Programme (ASAP) for **Elementary School only** will be cancelled on Wednesday.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO BUY BOOKS!

Today students will be bringing home the latest Red House/Scholastic Book Club catalogue. This is a great opportunity to buy books in English at very competitive prices. They make great presents for friends and family! The FIS earns commission on the book sales and we use this to purchase books for both of our libraries and for various departments in the school.

If you would like to buy any of the books (there is no minimum order!) please complete the order form attached to the catalogue and return it with payment to the school office by Monday 5th October. Please mark the envelope "Book Club Order". We are sorry but orders received after the 5th deadline will not be processed.

When the books arrive we normally give them directly to the students to take home in carrier bags. However if you would prefer the books to be a surprise, please email Mrs Smith (elaine.smith@the-fis.de) and let her know and she will then contact you when the books have arrived to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to collect them.

Happy reading!

Lunch @ FIS

Attached for your delectation, our menu for October. If you would like to be part of the FIS hot lunch programme, please contact lunch@the-fis.de or fill out a form at Reception. Meals are in international and vegetarian options, and work out at around a very reasonable €3/day. Remember to pick up your vouchers for salads and bagels at the Reception. Guten Appetit!

After School Activities @ FIS

Our popular After School Activity Program will begin on Monday 5th October. Your Kiga/ES/HS child will be bringing home an information letter either by today or early next

week (MS students) with information of which courses will be running and who will be participating in each one coming. The courses will run for ten weeks, ending on 18th December before our Winter/Christmas holidays.

Private Music tuition @ FIS

For those interested in Woodwind, Brass or Percussion tuition out of school hours at the FIS, please contact Ms LaRose on andrea.larose@the-fis.de. Alternatively, please contact the Erlanger Musikinstitut. For details please see the attached flyer (German only).

Morning Pilates Class on Fridays @FIS

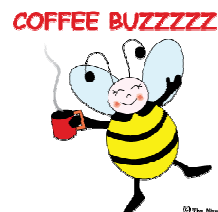
Lynn S Walton will be teaching Pilates Matte class in the gym starting Friday 3rd October from 8:45-9:45 please bring a yoga mat!! Please contact Lynn for more info on Lynnalec@aol.com.

Chinese Lessons

Did you know that we have a Confucius Institute just around the corner? You can find them in Artilleriestraße 70, or contact them for information about the full range of Chinese lessons and lectures on things related to Chinese culture on 09131 8529388 or email: info@konfuzius-institut.de. For example, a **Beginners Chinese 1** ten-week course starts on 29th September in Nürnberg, and **Advanced Chinese 3** in Erlangen from 1st October.

From the PTO

Hello everyone, The Newbees Social Events Committee would like to thank all the parents who had joined us to our first coffee meeting on 2nd September! We had soo much fun we decided to make it a standing habit...and suggested that we would meet every second Tuesday of the month at Mr. Bleck's coffee place (the one next to the FIS) right after kids' drop off in the mornings. The idea is just to enjoy some coffee together and socialize. So the next **coffee meeting** would then be on **13th October**.



Lynn, Denise, Laura and Banu are going to send those who have opted to be on our contact list an email of our next social event planning ideas for October in the coming days. Those who would also like to be updated on upcoming events, please feel free to contact us at fis.socialactivities@gmx.de. Thanks and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

The Newbees

It appears some families didn't receive the **PTO Parent Contact List** which was sent out last Friday. If you are one of them, please write a short note to pto@the-fis.de and we'll send it to you right away. Thanks.

Calling all Rugby players and fans - young and old, Men, Women, Boys and Girls!

Nürnberg Rugby Club has 2 men's teams and a newly-formed youth team (seen last week on Herzo TV!). The club is actively looking for new members - to join regular training sessions and occasional matches. They would like to form a ladies' team too. Nürnberg Rugby Club is a member of the Bayerische Rugby Verein which includes clubs in major cities across Bayern.

Training sessions and contact details are on the website <http://www.rugby-nuernberg.de/>
 Youth training (ages 14 to 18) is on Friday evenings from 16.30pm till 19.00 at SC Herzogenaaurach-Nord, Gleiwitzer Straße 16, 91074 Herzogenaaurach



The next matches are in Nürnberg on 24th October (see website for details) 13:00 - Nürnberg II (Includes some of the elder Herzoboyes) vs. Bayreuth 14:30 Nürnberg I v.s Ulm

Come and watch. Come and join the Scrum! For more information contact Alexander Michl on 0911 580-4900 or FIS's own Toby Smith in Grade 10 or on 09132-8366155.

Looking for English native speakers

Lea, an 11-year-old German girl who has just finishing Grade 5 at Mary Ward Gymnasium in Nuremberg, seeks contact with British/American/Australian girl(s) to talk, write letters/emails, do things together etc. Lea's interests: music, singing, reading, travelling. Please send an email to: gh.webmail@gmx.de"

For Sale Single bed. Please see attachment.

Next Week @ THE FIS

Monday	28 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 09:00 Elementary School/KiGa Assembly ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basketball, Junior & Senior Boys practice ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2
Tuesday	29 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 Volleyball, Junior & Senior Girls practice
Wednesday	30 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basketball, Girls practice ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Soccer, Senior Boys practice ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM1 ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, College
Thursday	1 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room (1.59) ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Soccer, Junior Boys practice
Friday	2 nd Oct	
Saturday	3 rd Oct	German Reunification Day public holiday

FIS School Newsletter The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each Friday. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. Contributions to the newsletter can be emailed to the school at info@the-fis.de. 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) a day or two after publication and will remain there until the end of the school year.