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### **Grade 8 Viaje a España**

Durante la semana del 20 de septiembre al 26 de septiembre los estudiantes de octavo fuimos a España, en lo que fue la primera mitad del intercambio español-alemán. Participamos en muchas actividades divertidas, como un paseo en bicicleta por la Senda Del Oso, una visita al Ayuntamiento, la biblioteca y la Escuela de Música de Llanera, un día en el acuario y la playa de Gijón, una ciudad cercana, y un paseo por el centro de Oviedo, la capital de la región de Asturias. También tomamos parte en algunas clases y tuvimos la oportunidad de probar algunas de las comidas típicas asturianas. Fue una experiencia muy interesante y divertida. ¡Nos lo pasamos muy bien! Los chicos españoles vendrán en marzo a conocer Alemania y finalizar el intercambio.



### **Grade 8 Goes to Spain**

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September the students from Grade Eight went to Spain, and completed the first half of the German-Spanish exchange. We participated in a lot of different activities, such as a bicycle tour of the "Senda Del Oso" or Bear's Way", a visit to the City Hall, the City Library and the School of Music of Llanera, a day in the aquarium and the beach at Gijón, a nearby city, and a visit to the center of Oviedo, the capital of the region of Asturias. We also took part in some of the classes and we had the opportunity to try some of the typical Asturian foods. It was a very interesting and fun experience. We had a great time! The Spanish students will come in March to visit us in Germany and complete the second half of the exchange.

*by Karla Rivero Valles*

### **Grade 12 IB Science – The Science of Sport**

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October the Grade 12s completed the Group IV Project for their IB Biology and Physics coursework. The main theme that the grade focused on was sports. The students were split up into 4 groups and were given the task of coming up with several physical tests. Some of these tests included testing the muscle strength, the endurance and the orientation skills of the students. The grade 12 students tested these physical tests on the grade 3s, 6s 9s and on themselves. Their goal was to see which factors would affect the physical abilities of the students. Some of these factors were age, height, weight, BMI (*Body Mass Index Ed.*) and dizziness. One of the

groups in grade 12 tried to see if energy drinks had an impact on your physical performance. Due to the marketing statements of some companies like red bull, "Red Bull Gives you Wings" the students thought it would be a good idea to test if this statement is valid. The grade 12 students will be presenting the results of their Group IV Project on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> October in the Aula at 8:40-9:20. All are welcome to come to the presentation by the Grade 12 Students.

*by Julius Sigmund & Mahin Redlin*

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## ***Autumn Arrives in the Elementary School – Poetry in Grade 2***

We hope you enjoy the autumnal feel of some of the work of our second graders. First some haiku, and to finish, some Autumn Acrostics.

Squirrels will run now.  
Purple leaves fall from the trees.  
Leaves lie red and brown.

*Zoe Coles*

I jumped on the leaves.  
The clouds are blown by the wind.  
I felt sad today.

*Josephine Pollard*

The sun is shining.  
Squirrels run from tree to tree.  
Colours are changing

*Drew Leek*

I touch a dead leaf.  
We saw a squirrel running.  
I taste an acorn.

*Shiho Inui*

The wind is blowing.  
Red and brown leaves are falling.  
I held a dead leaf.

*Jacob Forbes*

In Autumn nuts fall.  
Weather turns cold and windy.  
Leaves fly everywhere

*Lisa Hunold*

**A**corns, brown and small, lying on the colourful, leafy ground,  
**U**mbrellas are colourful - they keep us dry,  
**T**ake some small, brown nuts and feed them to the little cut squirrels,  
**U**nder your little feet are different colours of crunchy leaves,  
**M**ake an orange pumpkin with a jolly smile and light a bright candle,  
**N**ever stay in during Autumn - you will miss all the precious fun!

*Keana Kennedy*

**A**corns, little and brown, crunching under my warm, cosy feet in my warm, blue boots,  
**U**mbrellas, colourful and bright, keep us dry from the drizzling, soggy rain,  
**T**hick, warm scarves keep us warm in the cold, windy weather,  
**U**nder the ground small, prickly hedgehogs are searching for tasty brown nuts,  
**M**ittens keep your hands nice and warm,  
**N**uts, new and crunchy fall off the trees and lie on the hard, leafy ground.

*Giulia Hettwer*

**A**mazing Autumn chilly weather - cold and gusty,  
**U**nder the brown, crunchy leaves, squirrels are searching for tasty brown nuts,  
**T**he cold, clear rain is falling everywhere-animals race for shelter,  
**U**mbrellas, pink and purple, are good to have around when it pours down from the big, black clouds,  
**M**ittens keep our my hands so snug and warm,  
**N**uts, scrummy and brown, squirrels find them.

*Lanie Thompson*

**A**corns, brown and crunchy, lying on the leafy forest floor,  
**U**nder the leaves, cute, spiky hedgehogs are searching for tasty nuts,  
**T**hick jackets keep you warm in the cool, freezing air,

Umbrellas keep you dry in the cold, chilly rain,  
Mittens, soft and fluffy keep your hands warm,  
Nuts falling from the trees-soft, fluffy squirrels come collecting with happy, bright faces.  
*Megha Chethan Kumar*

At autumn leaves fall.  
Up and down fly the leaves.  
The weather is windy.  
Under trees are nuts.  
Magpies fly in the sky.  
Now I fall in puddles

*Sree Samkrithi Cheemalamarri*

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### **2009-10 Junior Boys Soccer**

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, the FIS Junior Boys Soccer team will be competing in the *Jugend Trainiert fur Olympia* Erlangen city quarter-finals. There will be four other schools (Gymnasien) at the event which will take place across Kurt-Schumacher-Straße from the FIS at the SpVVG Erlangen Sports Verein. The first game kicks off at **13:30** as the FIS will take on Marie-Therese Gymnasium. The FIS will play a second game and possibly a third game later in the afternoon. We all wish the boys good luck and good skills next Wednesday! **GO FIS GO!** **Coach H.**

Everyone is welcome to come out to cheer on the team. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **The Team:**

Johannes Heyl	Leo Winter	Florian Koster
Romeo Dugardin	Vincent Ernst	Jamie Williamson
Raiken Takahashi	George Andrews	Paul-Louis Van Uem
Jordan Kersten	Nick Brands	Max Wörlein
Armand Alija	Felix Kastellan	Alex Walker
Jordan Skrzypnyk	Rudy Skrzypnyk	Yahiro Ando
Jules Duret	Nici Swoboda	Daniel Lawler

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### **ESL Information Morning – This Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

In my role as the Head of the ESL Department I would like to invite all parents of ESL students who are new to the school this school year (ES, MS and HS) to an information morning this **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**, in the conference room. It will start at 10.30 am and the event will be finished at about 12:00 noon. The purpose of this event is to get to know the parents of all our new ESL students and share a little about our ESL Programme. A presentation with general information about our ESL Programme will be held. After the presentation there will be time for asking questions.

Please be aware that unfortunately we are not able to provide babysitting services.  
If you'd like to come to the presentation, please send an email to [sabine.lang@the-fis.de](mailto:sabine.lang@the-fis.de).  
I am looking forward to seeing you then!

**Sabine Lang, Head of ESL Department**

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### **20<sup>th</sup> October Kindergarten and Elementary School Parent-Teacher Conferences**

There will be no classes for the Kindergarten & Elementary School students on 20<sup>th</sup> October, and no After School Activities for these students, and students in Grades 2 and above are expected to attend the conferences with their parent/s.

Conferences with the Kindergarten / Elementary School **homeroom teachers have been scheduled in line with requests given to the Office.** Letters informing you about your scheduled conference times will be sent home with the students next week, prior to the conferences. Please be punctual to ensure the day runs smoothly and on time. Ms Obermanns & Ms Koyama will join conferences with the homeroom teachers as needed

Due to teaching responsibilities the following **specialist teachers** will only be available for conferences in the **Gymnasium** during the following times. Please also note that all teachers will have a **lunch break between 12:45-13:15** so will be **unavailable** during this time. Conferences with specialist teachers will be **unscheduled on a first-come-first-served basis** and will be limited to 10 minutes per student. If a teacher is not available during the time you will attend the conferences, please contact them directly to schedule another appointment.

**20<sup>th</sup> October Kindergarten and Elementary School Specialist Teachers available in the Gymnasium at the following times:**

- Ms Panagakis 10:15 – 14:30 and 16:00 – 17:00
- Ms Brüning 10:15 – 17:00
- Ms Clements 8:30 – 11:30
- Ms La Rose 8:30 – 14:00
- Ms Pontones 10:15 – 12:30 and 14:15 – 17:00
- Ms Hempel 10:00 – 14:00
- Ms Stickforth 8:30 – 12:45
- Ms Manna 8:30 – 15:30
- Ms Lang 8:30 – 14:00

Mr. Manning and Mr. Lawler will hold their conferences in the computer lab outside the Library (room 2.32).

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**21<sup>st</sup> October Middle and High School Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be **unscheduled on a first-come-first-served basis** divided by surname in the Gymnasium with the exception of Mr. Löhnert and Mr. Manning who will hold their conferences in their respective Computer Labs.

Where possible, families with a surname starting with the letters A-K should plan to conference with their child(ren)'s teachers between 8:30 and 12:45. Parents whose surnames begin with the letters L-Z should plan to conference with their child's teachers between 13:15 and 17:00. This division by surname is a guideline and if necessary families are welcome to conference with teachers in either time frame. You are free to conference with teachers as they become available and, in order to minimize waiting time, **conferences will be limited to 10 minutes per student.** If a teacher is not available during the time you attend the conferences, please contact them directly to schedule another appointment.

You will notice a section for each subject on the Quarter 1 Progress Reports indicating a teacher request for a conference. This will help you plan your day since conference time is limited. You are also free to conference with a particular teacher, but there will probably not be time for meeting with every teacher. To assist the students in taking an active and responsible role in their education, all students in the Middle and High School must attend the conferences with their parents.

Because of teaching responsibilities in the Elementary School on this day, the following teachers will only be available for conferences during the following times. Please also note that all teachers will have a **lunch break between 12:45-13:15** so will be **unavailable** during this time.

**21<sup>st</sup> October Middle and High School Specialist Teachers available in the Gymnasium at the following times:**

- Ms Panagakis 8:30 – 11:45 and 14:05 – 17:00
- Ms Brüning 8:30 – 10:00 and 16:00 – 17:00
- Ms Obermanns 8:30 – 11:00 and 12:00 – 17:00
- Ms Koyama 8:35 – 9:50, 10:15 – 11:00 and 15:30 – 17:00
- Ms Astorino 10:30 – 17:00
- Ms Carballes 10:30 – 17:00
- Ms Clement 14:30 – 17:00
- Ms Müller 9:00 – 15:00
- Ms Pontones 8:30 – 10:00, 11:30 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 17:00
- Ms Sandoval 10:00 – 15:30
- Ms Lang 10:30 – 11:30 and 13:15 – 17:00
- Ms Rouse 9:30 – 15:30

**In the IT Lab on the ground floor:**

- Mr Löhnert 8:30 – 17:00
- Mr Manning 8:30 – 12:15 and 13:30 – 17:00

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***INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE DAY – G11 and 12 Excursion***

On Thursday 15th October from 11:30 - 1600, the Munich office of the Ministry for Employment's BIZ – Berufsinformationszentrum (Kapuzinerstraße 30) - will be holding an International College Day. Entry is free.

The International College Day at the BIZ offers the opportunity to all who are interested in studying overseas in an English-language environment to get to know a representative selection of colleges and universities from the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe – without travelling half way across the world. Various tertiary institutions from three continents will have information on the range of courses they offer. A list of colleges and universities already registered is at [www.collegeday.de](http://www.collegeday.de). G11 and 12 students who will be attending as a field trip please return your completed permission slips to Ms. Bradley by 14<sup>th</sup> October.

In other Career News, an Admissions Representative from Cesar Ritz Colleges in Switzerland will visit FIS on the morning of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Cesar Ritz is world famous for Hotel and Tourism Management Education. Any interested parents are invited to attend the presentation at 8:35 in the Conference Room.

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***Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October is World Food Day***

Students would like to collect donated food for the Erlangen Food Bank (Erlanger Tafel). A box will be placed in each classroom for food collection next week. Please donate a canned or dried good item for the Food Bank.



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**Peace Day Bake Sale – THANKS 9KS!**

**THANK YOU** to the Grade Nine students who raised **€44** with Peace Day Bake Sale, and have kindly donated it to Grade 11 to go towards preparations for their field trip to the Romanian Orphanage. Many thanks to Grade Nine students for their work.

## **Health @ FIS**

**Fifth Disease** This is to inform you that there is Fifth Disease (also called Slap Cheek or Slapped Cheek or correctly, erythema infectiosum) in the school. Outbreaks of Fifth Disease, a common, mild, viral infection spread by respiratory droplets, are not uncommon among school-aged children. Most children who get the disease usually recover quickly and without complications. Studies have shown that over half of all adults have evidence of past infection, but most can't remember having it as the symptoms are often very mild.

A person will be contagious four to 14 days after exposure to the virus, possibly with symptoms which may include low-grade fever, headache, fatigue, runny nose, stomach ache, sore throat and possible joint pain. It isn't until a week later that the characteristic rash appears, by which time the person is no longer contagious. Some children may complain that the rash is itchy, and it may take some weeks to disappear.

In the event that someone in your household has contracted Fifth Disease, please notify the school office. Doctors can usually diagnose it by the distinctive rash on the face and body or by a blood test. For those in the first 20 weeks of pregnancy who do not have the antibodies there is a low risk to the unborn baby, and those affected might like to consider limiting their exposure to the school at this time. You might like to read more on

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/bacterial\\_viral/fifth.html#](http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/bacterial_viral/fifth.html#) or  
[http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/bluebook/erythema/erythema\\_pregnant\\_info](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/bluebook/erythema/erythema_pregnant_info).

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## **WANTED**

The FIS seeks **Qualified Teachers** for the Kindergarten on a Mini-job Basis (up to 400 Euros per month).

We are looking for flexible people who can substitute in the Kindergarten on a short-term basis in the case of an absent teacher. The candidates must be able to speak fluent English. German language skills are also advantageous. Candidates should also have a valid work permit for Germany.

Please send a letter of application and C.V. to the Kindergarten and Elementary School Principal:

Glenn Lawler, [glenn.lawler@the-fis.de](mailto:glenn.lawler@the-fis.de)

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lawler if you have any questions."

Any parent interested in offering **tutoring to students** in a variety of subjects at different grade levels please send your contact details to [judy.bradley@the-fis.de](mailto:judy.bradley@the-fis.de).

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## **Franconian Hospitality – Student Teachers**

The FIS is again delighted to be in a position to welcome student teachers from Longwood University in the US to teach at the FIS from early February until the end of April, 2010. This school year we may have as many as three student teachers coming. To complete the experience for them, we are looking for accommodation amongst the FIS community. The student teachers could be housed singly or with two or more together. Please contact the Director, Mr Runkel, on [Fred.Runkel@the-fis.de](mailto:Fred.Runkel@the-fis.de) if you are interested in hosting.

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## **SAT Dates for FIS Campus**

Scores from the SAT (the Scholastic Aptitude Test for college entry in the US) can also be combined with the FIS High School Diploma for entry in to universities in various jurisdictions including Germany. The SAT will be administered at FIS on the following Saturdays:

10<sup>th</sup> October 2009

7<sup>th</sup> November 2009

5<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Other test dates may be available at other schools in Germany. Please check [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register before the deadlines. The deadline to register for the December administration is 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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**The PTO invites you to the**

**OPEN  
PTO  
Meeting**

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2009  
at 6:30pm  
in the FIS Aula**

**Introduction of the new PTO Board**

**Marsha Huitt**

**“The Nature of The Middle School Student”**

**René Löhnert and Judy Bradley**

**“Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety”**

**Open Forum for Q&A**

**We will have childcare available - donations kindly appreciated**

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**Attention** to the RED 4 DOOR car that parked in the back parking lot **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**. You or your child has opened the back right door of your car and dented my car leaving your paint color on my car. I know that it must be a misunderstanding that a note was not left or maybe your child did not notice. Therefore I would appreciate in either case that you contact me. There are very few red cars at our school so the problem should be resolved quickly. Thank you in advance, Calie Amini 015-222-82-3733

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**Invitation to Exhibition Opening at the Neues Museum in Nürnberg**

FIS community members are cordially invited to attend the opening of the show of the internationally-recognized French artist [Daniel Buren](http://www.danielburen.com) at the Neues Museum in Nürnberg. The opening will be officiated by Melitta Kliege (Richard's mum, Grade 2MW) on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at the Neues Museum in Nürnberg, Klarissenplatz. For more details see <http://www.nmn.de/>.

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## WANTED - HOUSE FOR RENT

We are looking for a family house (with garden) in the Erlangen/Herzogenaurach area to rent. (Anything/anywhere on the school bus route area considered).

Please contact: [tedandcaroline@t-online.de](mailto:tedandcaroline@t-online.de) or Telephone 09132 836357



## Next Week @ THE FIS

Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>8:40 – 9:20 G12 IB Science Presentation, Aula</b></li> <li>➤ 8:35 Cesar Ritz Presentation, Conference Room</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basketball, Junior &amp; Senior Boys practice</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2</li> <li>➤ 18:30 PTO Meeting</li> </ul>
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Girl scouts regular meeting</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Volleyball, Girls practice</li> </ul>
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 13:00 Junior Boys Soccer matches, SpVVg</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basketball, Girls practice</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Soccer, Senior Boys practice</li> <li>➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Découverte</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM1</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, College</li> </ul>
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>10:30 – 12:00 ESL Information Morning</b></li> <li>➤ 8:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room (1.59)</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Soccer, Junior Boys practice</li> </ul>
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>World Food Day – bring your donation</b></li> <li>➤ 08:45 – 09:45 Pilates classes, Gym</li> </ul>

**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](mailto: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](http://www.the-fis.de)) a day or two after publication and will remain there until the end of the school year.

**Coming up:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> October KiGa/ES Parent/Teacher Conferences; Book Fair**
- 21<sup>st</sup> October Middle/High School Parent/Teacher Conferences; Book Fair**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October ES Assembly**

And what is happening @ FIS on 3<sup>rd</sup> December? Watch this space.....