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From our High School Principal, Resh Ariel

We are all looking forward to the long weekend and I hope the milder temperatures will allow us to get out and enjoy the carnival atmosphere!

It was a pleasure to host our Gr9 and Gr10 parents this week as we begin the process of understanding the IB Diploma Program and making some decisions about the future. Many thanks, to our IB Coordinator Phillip Bird and our teachers for presenting an informative evening. (A special thanks to our librarians for the drinks and nibbles). Our teachers will be happy to answer any questions that arise as these discussions continue.

Our Model United Nations team, guided by Janis Armstrong, Tim Swan, Peter Hunter, and Tammie Gilbert continue to do a great job of raising awareness of global issues as well as representing us at various MUN conferences. As you read this, we have two delegations representing the USA and Serbia at a MUN conference at the Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Exams are coming up. And if you are entered for IGCSE or IB examinations it is time to start thinking about revision if you haven't started yet. Some advice:

- In preparing for examinations, keep to your usual eating and sleeping habits and take plenty of exercise. Work around your existing schedules – yes, you will have to give up a few things in order to add revision time.
- Don't try to revise for hours at a stretch. Plan to do 40 minute 'chunks' with breaks in between.
- Late nights and tired minds slow learning. If you need to make extra time, try getting up an hour earlier and doing some revision in the morning (yes I *am* serious!)

A number of our Gr11 students have formed a CAS group in association with CARE international and have already run a success fundraiser. On their behalf, I would like to thank all our parents who donated so generously to their cause by sending a Valentine's Care package. The money raised will be used in support of CARE's work with community schools in the eastern regions of Zambia.

IB Information Evening – Thank You from Mr. Bird

Thank you to all the Grade 9 and 10 families who attended the IB Information Evening on Tuesday. A special thank you to the Library for the IB book display and thank you to the FIS cafeteria for the refreshments. A reminder that all IB course selection forms are to be returned to Mr. Bird by the end of February. The course selection form is attached to this edition of the newsletter.

Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball see their first action in Frankfurt

On Saturday, February 11th, both FIS Varsity Basketball Teams travelled to the International School of Frankfurt Rhein-Main to compete in a friendly tournament against the host school and the Bavarian International School. This was the first time the basketball players had a chance to compete against other teams. Facing extremely tough competition, the FIS teams played hard and made vast improvements during the tournament. Opposing coaches and fans commented several times on the FIS teams' hard work ethic and positive attitude.



Fasching:

Today we celebrated Fasching in the Kiga and Elementary School. Fasching season, which can be traced to medieval times, is a traditional German time of festivity and merry making. It was great to see our children dressed up in their colourful costumes. A special thanks to the PTO and all the parent helpers for organizing all the Fasching activities. The children had a wonderful time.

Message from the School Nurse – update on Scarlet Fever

Dear All

We had another student in Kindergarten off sick due to Scarlet Fever ("Scharlach"), so I would like to ask you to keep this in mind in case you or your child are unwell.

If you are interested in more detailed information about Scarlet Fever you can check the following websites:

In German <http://www.scharlach.de/>

In English http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/skin/scarlet_fever.html#

I wish everyone a nice long weekend!

Take good care,
Hannah Bauer

Donate a Coat!

Felix Kastellan (9H) and Johannes Heyl (9S) are currently organizing a project for the Erlangen Tafel, where students can donate coats (or anything else that is warm) that will be given to people in need. Give any coats that you do not need (and that are in good condition) to Felix Kastellan or Johannes Heyl. If you have any questions, please contact them or leave your donation at the reception.



Let's take Action.....



Collecting = Recycling = Donation

As parents and adults, we all feel the urgency for getting good habits in terms of managing our waste, and educating our kids to do it, too.

Let's take action...

From February 22nd to March 15th, we will collect **used** pens and correctors in boxes in the entrance of the school. The boxes will be sent to TerraCycle, an organisation that is specialized in recycling pencils. For every single pencil a donation will be given to www.prima-klima-weltweit.de.

Go through your cases, clean up your drawers and support the school effort for a better world.

Spice it up! Do you think GIRLS or BOYS are better at recycling? We will find out by checking which one of the boys' recycle bin or the girl's one is filled the most. Results every week in the newsletter!

Go beyond. What about getting your COLLEAGUES to support? **Print the attached flyer** and get your department at work to collect used pens, too 😊

For more info on the program:

In English: <http://www.terracycle.co.uk/brigades/the-writing-instruments-brigade.html?locale=en-UK>

In German: <http://www.terracycle.de/>

For the PTO team, Delphine Robiot

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The English Dramatic Society presents William Shakespeare

The EDS is presenting William Shakespeare's "All's well that ends well" at the Experimentiertheater, AudiMax, Bismarckstraße 1, Erlangen since Thursday. The last performance will be on Sunday 19th at 20:00. For more information please check www.english-dramatic-society.de



Next Week @ FIS

Monday	20 th Feb	➤ No classes – Rosenmontag / Rose Monday
Tuesday	21 st Feb	➤ No classes – Faschingsdienstag / Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	22 nd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French School Maternelle ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 ASA Music for “What Moves Me” ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French School CM ➤ 16:00 – 17:00 FIS Singers Room 1.25 ➤ FIS Sports Training: ➤ 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball Varsity Boys and Girls
Thursday	23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 ASA Music for “What Moves Me” ➤ FIS Sports Training: ➤ 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball U14 Boys and Girls
Friday	24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grade 4 Field Trip to Nürnberg Planetarium ➤ 12:50 – 13:15 Grade 3 & 4 Singing Group ➤ 19:00 – 21:00 MS Dance

Coming up:

- 24 & 25 February - Music for “What Moves Me” workshop**
- 27 February - Start of ASA 2nd semester program**
- 28 February – MS Parents Coffee – “Transitions: The Good & the Bad”**
- March 1st – 3rd Varsity Boys and Girls GISST Basketball Tournament**
- March 2nd – 3rd “What Moves Me” Performance Ensemble Workshop**
- March 15th – MS Recital**
- March 17th U14 Girls and Boys Friendly Basket Tournament at BIS**
- March 21st Half Day – Professional Development Day**
- March 22nd - 24th U14 Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments**
- March 23rd ES Talent Show**
- March 27th & 28th Parent Teacher Conferences / Book Fair**
- March 29th – HS Music Concert**
- March 30th – Last day of classes before Spring Break**

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