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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Liebe Eltern, dear parents,

We are happy to present to you our second Newsletter of the school year.

As you will see, our attention in the weeks leading to winter holidays heavily concentrates on very traditional aspects of our curriculum: Laternenfest and Christmas celebration with the addition of Future (with German) Fair for our Wednesday classes.

Please read the information below, as we will only be sending short reminders about the events to reduce the influx of e-mails you are receiving from us.

Enjoy the fall,

Lidija Bakovic
Principal

PS: If you know somebody who is not receiving our Newsletter, please have them send an e-mail to orgavwgs@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR SCHOOL

St. Martin's Fest

When:

Tuesday, November 13th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Where:

Cafeteria Prince of Wales Secondary School

We warmly invite you and your families (siblings, grandparents, etc.) to join us for St. Martin's Festivities.

As last year, Andy's German Bakehaus will be baking "Weckmänner" for us (YUM!) and these are available to pre-order between now until Monday, November 12th, 2018 at 9 am. All proceeds of this fundraising sale will go directly to the Vancouver Westside German School to support its ongoing projects (obtaining more reading and audio materials for our library).

Please note: All of our students will be getting a Weckmann from the school for free. So **you only need to order if you want extra Weckmänner.** Weckmänner are \$2.50 each. Please place your order [here](#).



St. Martin's Fest Schedule:

4:15 - 5:15: lessons

5:15 - 5:30: rehearsing the songs, and tidying up the classrooms

5:30 - meeting in the cafeteria

5:35 - start of the lantern procession in this order:

DaZ Junior 3

DaF Junior 2 and DaZ Junior 2

DaF Junior 1 and DaZ Junior 1

DaF Junior and DaZ Junior

DaZ Junior 4 and DaF Junior 3 will be doing St. Martin's Fest related activities in their classrooms till just before 6 pm. The students in those classes that want to attend the procession, are welcome to do so in the presence of their parents. They would need to bring a lantern from home.

Kaffee and Kuchen Event

When:

Tuesday, November 13th from 4:45 pm to 6:30 pm

Where:

Cafeteria of Prince of Wales Secondary School

We are asking for donations of cakes, cookies or other baked goods (NO NUTS PLEASE!). We are also looking for volunteers who help out with setting up tables, handing out baked goods and cleaning up.

To allow us to better plan ahead, please let us know if you will bring cookies/cake/other baked things or are willing to volunteer: **[Click here to sign up.](#)**

Future (With German) Fair



The Vancouver Westside German School would like to invite colleagues, parents and high school students learning German or interested in learning German to our Future (with German) Fair.

When:

December 5th from 4:30 pm to 7 pm

Where:

Prince of Wales Secondary School, 2250 Eddington Drive, Vancouver BC.
Participating organizations: International Education Services (ZfA), BCIT, HAWK, SFU, UBC, General Consulate of Germany

You will get an opportunity to hear talks and discuss questions on the

following topics:

- a. how to learn German in BC and how to get high school credits for German exams
- b. what to do with your knowledge of German language in a university setting (university credits and programs)
- c. how to study in both Germany and Canada
- d. how to use your knowledge of German to find employment in BC

Please feel free to share the information with people you know who might be interested in the event.

Please send your RSVP response to orgavwgs@gmail.com, so we can better plan ahead.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VWGS Facebook page revival

With the help of parent Dennis Knothe we were able to revive the **VWGS' Facebook page**. We invite all parents, students, staff, and friends to connect with us on Facebook where you will be able to find useful information on events, happenings and more.

Pick up on Tuesdays

If you arrive early when picking up your child from class on Tuesdays, please be so kind to stay outside the hallway until classes are over. This way we can ensure that the whole lesson time can be used without disturbances due to a high noise level in front of the class rooms. Thank you for your cooperation!

Pick up on Wednesdays

Please make sure to pick up your child at the front entrance of the school. The teachers will be bringing the younger classes to the front of the school for dismissal. The engineer staff will already have cleaned the corridor on the ground floor, and with the fall weather coming in, they would have to do it again after pickup. Thank you for your cooperation!

Enter the Award of Excellence

The Award of Excellence is an annual contest by the Goethe Institute, dating back to 1991. Every year a short video portrays some aspect of German life and students complete a quiz on the video.

A fantastic prize awaits the lucky winners: An all-expenses paid, three-week chaperoned trip to Germany including flight, a German language course, meals and accommodations. To participate, please check their [website](#).

New Board elected

We thank our continuing and our new Board members for their commitment to serve on the Board at VWGS:

President: Patricia Tait

Vice President: Tracey Dye

Secretary: Maria Hoffmann

Treasurer: Zeynep Erdogan (supported by Finance Committee: Anja Slusarzick-Seibt, Nina Lakhani as well as President Patricia Tait and Vice

President Tracey Dye)

Directors at Large: Uwe Gesierich, Connie Vogelfänger, Oliver Wolf.



Thanks to our outgoing school president Meike Wernicke and our outgoing treasurer Werner Antweiler

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to both Meike Wernicke and Werner Antweiler for their years long services to the school. Under Meike's leadership, the school has continued to assert itself as a strong educational institution, with strong performances in the exams. Meike has also been instrumental in crafting the school's strategic plan and the vision for the foreseeable future.

For the past five years, Werner has been the main reason our school has continuously been in a good financial shape. Not only did he perform his duties as treasurer to the best of his abilities, but he has also created a remarkably transparent system which makes it easier for anyone to learn the craft of a treasurer for the Vancouver Westside German School.

Meike and Werner: all the best in your future endeavours.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

For detailed information, please visit our **School Calendar**. This is a great opportunity to see and check what's going on at VWGS.

November 13th, 2018: St. Martin's Fest Junior Classes with Coffee + Cake

November 28th, 2018: from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Lounge of Peretz Centre:
DSD II Exam Written Portion

December 5th, 2018: 4:30 pm to 7 pm: Future (With German) Fair

December 18th, 2018: 4 to 6:30 pm: Junior Classes Christmas Performance
at the Christmas Market

COMMUNITY EVENTS

European Festival Christmas Market

Traditional contemporary music & dance, cultural displays, ethnic food vendors, arts & crafts, and childrens entertainment. Also check out the Christmas display table for Germany. More info about the event [here](#).

When

Saturday, November 17, 11 am – 4 pm

Where

Stanley Park Pavilion

Christmas Bazaar at the German Canadian Care Home

The German-Canadian Benevolent Society of B.C. invites to their annual **Christmas Bazaar**. Come and enjoy an afternoon with German food, Glühwein and sweets. An auction, a raffle, a book sale and much more will provide entertainment and give you a chance to browse for Christmas gifts.

When

Saturday, November 17, 2018, 12 pm - 4 pm

Where

German-Canadian Care Home, 2010 Harrison Drive, Vancouver

Additionally, a **Christmas Benefit Concert** will be taking place on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 2 pm at the Vancouver Alpen Club (admission: \$15) for the benefit of the German Canadian Care Home.

Vancouver Christmas Market

The **Vancouver Christmas Market** brings a centuries-old German tradition, the Christkindl Markt, to Canada. More than 80 huts invite to wander, browse and nibble, no matter if you want to shop for gifts or just want to enjoy the pre-Christmas season in an idyllic atmosphere. Kids will love riding the Christmas Carousel, embarking on a market-wide scavenger hunt, and frolicking with Vancouver Christmas Market mascots "Holly and Jolly," as well as meeting Santa himself while their parents enjoy a typical German Glühwein (mulled wine) or other German specialties.

When

Nov. 21 to Dec. 23 – Open daily from 11:30 am to 9:30 pm

Dec 24 – Open 11:30 am to 6 pm

Where

Jack Poole Plaza, 1055 Canada Place, Vancouver

The German Canadian Business Association's (GCBA) Christmas Gala

The GCBA invites members, VIP Guests and friends to their 55th Annual Christmas Gala. There will be a caroling, a tombola, a buffet dinner as well as a dance to a live band ("One Headlight") taking place.

When

Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 5:30 pm

- Members: \$110

- Non-members and Guests: \$125

Where

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver

Please RSVP at secretary@germancanadianbusiness.com.

Formal attire requested.

KEEP UP THE GERMAN

Here is a selection of useful links:

Duden - Minibildwörterbuch - The small picture dictionary German with topics like body, clothes, family, professions and more.

Sing mit mir - Kinderlieder - YouTube Channel with many children's songs to sing along.

Amira - Reading program for primary school students in 9 languages.

Kikaninchen - Multimedia pre-school offer of the Kinderkanal (children's channel) of ARD and ZDF.

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