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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Liebe Eltern, dear parents,

The holiday season is almost upon us, and we would like to thank you all for a wonderful and successful fall, full of learning, fun and pleasant surprises.

Next week, our junior classes will be going to Vancouver Christmas market. You can find the schedule for our Christmas market performance below. If you are going to be away and are going to miss the performance next Tuesday, please make sure to notify the teachers.

Since our Wednesday classes had a class cancelled on October 31st, we will have regular classes on December 19th.

I would like to wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful start of 2019!

Frohes Fest und einen schönen Start ins 2019!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR SCHOOL

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### **Christmas Market Performance Junior Classes**

VWGS would like to invite you to our **Junior Classes' Christmas Market Performance**.

**When:**

Tuesday, December 18th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

**Where:**

Christmas Market at Jack Poole Plaza in Vancouver Downtown (for location, please click [here](#))

**Important:** There are **NO CLASSES for our Junior (Tuesday) classes. All Junior classes are meeting at the Christmas market.** Parents are responsible for bringing students to/from the market. All our students and an

accompanying parent will get free entry to the market. Students will also get a free merry go around ride.

If you are unable to come to the performance, please let the teachers know.

**Meeting time and place:** 3:45 to 4pm at the Express Entry Point to the Christmas Market

Performance place: the white tent at the end of the market

Between 4 pm and 5:30 pm, the teachers will be responsible for the students. After the performance, the students will be given merry go around tickets and should join their parents to explore the market.

Here is the schedule:

**4 pm to 4:30 pm:** dress rehearsal

**4:30 pm:** greetings by the principal

**4:35 pm:** song ***A B C, die Katze lief im Schnee*** by DaF and DaZ Junior, DaF and DaZ Junior 1

**4:40 pm:** song ***Lasst uns froh und munter sein*** by DaF Junior 2 and DaZ Junior 2 (stanzas and chorus) and DaF Junior, DaF Junior1, DaZ Junior, DaZ Junior 1 (chorus only)

**4:45 pm:** poem ***Weihnachten*** by DaF Junior 2

**4:50 pm:** song ***Kling, Glöckchen, klingelingeling*** by DaF Junior 2 and DaZ Junior 2

**4:55 pm:** song ***Weißer Winterwald*** by Lea Mahintorabi (DaZ Senior 4) and Antje Mahintorabi

**5:00 pm:** poem ***Bratapfel*** by DaF Junior 3

**5:05 pm:** song ***Leise rieselt der Schnee*** by DaF Junior 3, DaZ Junior 3 and DaZ Junior 4)

**5:10 pm:** poem ***Eine Schneewolke*** by DaZ Junior 3

**5:15 pm:** poem ***Die heiligen drei Könige*** by DaZ Junior 4

**5:20 pm:** song ***Guten Abend, schönen Abend*** by DaF Junior 3, DaZ Junior 3 and DaZ Junior 4

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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### **Visit of St. Nikolaus at VWGS**

St. Nikolaus visited Junior classes at our school in the first week of December. He spoke with the children and let them sing a song. Fortunately, all the children affirmed that they were good and diligent in the past year, so there were gifts for each child as a reward.



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### **Future (with German) Fair**

The first Future (with German) Fair at VWGS took place on December 5th, 2018, and was well-visited and well-received. We hope to offer another fair similar to this one in the future to show how German language skills do open future prospects.

A huge thanks to participating organizations (German Consulate in Vancouver, BCIT, HAWK, UBC, SFU, ZfA, GCBA, Goethe-Institut) for very informative and engaging talks. Very special thanks go out to the Goethe-Institut Toronto for sponsoring pretzels at the event.



### **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. The competition will be open until December 21st. To participate, please check their [website](#).

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**December 18th, 2018:** VWGS is inviting you to our Junior Classes' Christmas Market Performance on Tuesday, December 18th between 4 pm and 5:30 pm.

**December 19th, 2018:** regular classes for Senior classes

**December 25th, 2018:** start of winter break

**January 8th, 2019:** classes resume for Junior Classes

**January 9th, 2019:** classes resume for Senior Classes

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### **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

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**Christmas Concert "A Joyful Christmas: Presenting Nicol Matt from Germany"****When**

Friday, December 14, 2018 at 8:00 pm

- \$38+Tax

**Where**

Pacific Spirit (formerly Dunbar Ryerson) United Church

2195 W 45th Ave

Vancouver, BC V6M 2J4

The Christmas concert will introduce Artistic Director candidate Nicol Matt from Germany. He will be leading a wonderful and diverse Christmas repertoire including Francis Poulenc's *Hodie Christus natus est*, Benjamin Britten's *A Hymn to the Virgin*, Ola Gjeilo's *Spotless Rose*, Ivo Antognini's *Laudate Dominum* and other seasonal songs and carols by Reger, Rachmaninoff, Busto, Ramírez, Sixten, Chilcott, Berring, Sandström and more. For details about the event check [here](#).

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**KEEP UP THE GERMAN**

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**Here is a selection of useful links:**

**Blinde Kuh** - A search engine for kids, organized by age, with news, videos, games, and more.

**Hamsterkiste** - Games and exercises on different school subjects.

**German Games** - German tutorials, practice games and quick test for over

100 German topics.

**SWR Kindernetz** - Portal of children's radio and television broadcasts of Südwestrundfunk. When it was started in 1997, the children's network was the first community for children on the Internet.

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