GERMAN-AMERICAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 15, 2015

Dear Parents,

If your child wants to go to Germany next year you might find the following information helpful.

Just about one month ago we hosted 15 students and 3 teachers from the Franziskus Gymnasium in Mutlangen near Stuttgart, Germany. Feedback from our host families and our guests about this first phase of the exchange was highly successful. The Record Journal ran a very positive story about the benefits of the exchange.

Moran's Mr. Andreson summed up the experience at Moran Middle School as "electrifying".

Our guests returned to Germany and it is now time begin the early planning phase for the return visit.

We are planning to have next year's visit towards the end of June 2016, approximately a week after our last day of school, depending on the number of snow days. Note that Franziskus Gymnasium's school year goes to the end of July.

These are the parameters to consider for an application:

- The students who hosted and want to travel next year will get first consideration.
- We anticipate that an additional 5 – 10 students will be able to travel, aside from those who hosted.
- We are seeking applicants at both Sheehan High School and Moran Middle School.
- Preference will be given to those students who are enrolled in the German program at Sheehan.
- 8th grade students at Moran can still sign up for German in their freshman year in high school, but will have to do so through the Sheehan guidance department.
- Early decisions will be given preference. Ideally by the end of this school year!

This will be an incredible opportunity for our students to travel to one of Germany's most successful states, the home of Porsche, Mercedes Benz, Bosch and many more globally successful businesses.

They will travel for approximately 2 weeks, attend school with their German host students and be welcome by their guest families. German hospitality is world renown and the regions is known for great cuisine.

This exchange will allow our students to get to know Germany and German culture through personal connections and finding new friends. We anticipate the cost to be approximately $ 1,500. Additional fundraising could lower the cost!

For more details see **the hosting application.**

Do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Andreson with any questions you might have:

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GERMAN EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Wallingford Public School Student Exchange Program 2016
Sheehan High School & Franziskus Gymnasium Mutlangen, Germany
Please return to Mr. Andreson on or before June 19, 2015

Name of student: _____

Date of birth: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M or F

Current language course and level: _____

Name of current language teacher: _____

Parent(s) name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Parent phone #1: _____ Circle one: cell/work

Parent phone #2: _____ Circle one: cell/work

Parent email address #1: _____

Parent email address #2: _____

Student email address: _____ Student cell phone # : _____

Accommodations: Student wants his/her own room? Yes / No

The exchange partner of my child should be a boy /girl /gender does not matter, (circle one).

Note: If the student is sharing a room, he/she must share a room with someone of the same sex.

Please list any allergies, medical conditions or other issues that would affect exchange student pairing:

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Exchange Coordinator Contact Information:
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Please note: If selected you will receive an information packet regarding your host family, along with a photo and an introductory letter. We will ask you for a photo of the members of your household, as well as an introductory letter to be delivered to your host family.

I give permission for my child to participate in the student exchange program.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: Early applicants will be given preference, please return this application before the end of the school year!