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NEWSLETTER

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Friends of the GHLS Community,

We are almost halfway through our school year, and the holiday break is upon us! Over the past few months, our GHLS teachers and board members have worked hard to create an engaging learning community online through our weekly online classes, as well as in person through several social events. From the Laternenfest to the Nikolausfeier, to our newly introduced Walk and Talks, our engagement committee has found some wonderful ways to learn about, express, and enjoy our rich German culture and heritage! Thank you to everyone who has made all of these events possible and to all those who came out to enjoy them.

As Term I is coming to a close, we have decided to keep classes online for the remainder of the year. We are working towards a more efficient registration process, and also towards the inclusion of our ever-growing out-of-city and even out-of-province GHLS students once we are able to return to in-person classes.

Over the coming months, we will continue to learn and celebrate the German language and culture through our classes and in-person and online social events. Below, you will find a list of upcoming events from now until June 2022. We look forward to seeing many of you there – both old and new members!

A Message of Thanks from the Board of Directors

We appreciate the support you have continued to show to the GHLS and your commitment to learning German. The board is especially grateful to the teachers and the team who have done so much to keep learning interesting and engagement throughout the past few months and leading into the future.

End of Term I and Beginning of Term II Classes

The last Term I classes will be held on **Thursday, January 27th 2022**. Term II classes will then begin on **Thursday, February 3rd 2022**, and these will continue to be online for the remainder of the school year. Registration for Term II classes begins on **December 27th 2021**. Please go to our website's registration page at <https://www.germanschool.ca/take-action> to register.

Class and Registration Schedule

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON DECEMBER 27, 2021

TERM I - FALL 2021

December 16: Last day before Christmas break

January 27: Last day of Term I classes

NO CLASSES FROM DECEMBER 16 TO JANUARY 5 (CHRISTMAS BREAK)

TERM II - WINTER 2022

REGISTRATION FOR TERM II: starts December 10

February 3: First day of Term II classes

May 19: Last day of Term II classes

NO CLASSES ON MARCH 17 (MARCH BREAK)

GHLS Events in Review

The GHLS community has been fortunate to be able to enjoy a few in-person events over the past four months. We have enjoyed seeing new and old GHLS members and their families at each event. These events are integral to who we are and to our commitment to fostering a vibrant German speaking community. There is no entrance fee to any of our events. Invitations to these events are sent out to our community via email. We want to emphasize that, even if you were unable to register this year, or if you have children too young to participate in an online class, you are still more than welcome to attend our events. If you are interested in receiving information and invitations and do not already receive our emails, please contact: engagement@germanschool.ca in order to be placed on our email list.



Some of the attendees at our first Walk & Talk Event (Point Pleasant Park, November 2021)



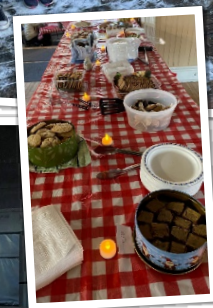
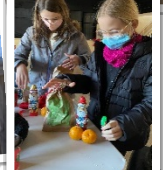
“Das war ja ein sehr nettes event, bei bestem Wetter, mit 12 TeilnehmerInnen aus den verschiedensten Klassen (preschool-adult 5). Sogar zwei junge Personen, die nicht in einer unserer Klassen sind, sondern einfach Spass daran haben Deutsch zu sprechen und Kontakte zu knüpfen. Wunderbar, wie wir so mit unseren events Kontakte deutschsprachiger Menschen in Halifax unterstützen können. Tolle Idee!”



Wir haben uns wieder zum Laternenfest getroffen. Alle haben so tolle Laternen mitgebracht. Das Wetter hat mitgespielt und wir hatten ein wunderschönen Umzug durch den Park. Vielen Dank an alle die gekommen sind, es hat Spaß gemacht. Wir sehen uns bald wieder! Das war eine schöne Runde durch den Park, genau richtig für die Kinder. Sehr schön!



Our annual Laternenfest (Lantern Festival), where we walked through the park and sang traditional German lantern songs. (Dartmouth, Nova Scotia)



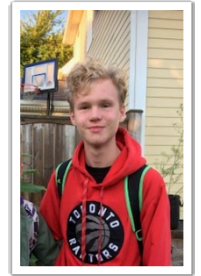
Sankt Martin (Dartmouth, December 2021)

“Advent, Advent, ein Lichtlein brennt! Erst eins, dann zwei, dann drei, dann vier, dann steht das Christkind vor der Tür.” Vor einer Woche hat unsere Schule Nikolaus und zweiten Advent gefeiert. Der Nikolaus hat jedem Kind eine kleine Überraschung mitgebracht. Es gab auch leckeres Weihnachtsgebäck zum mitnehmen. Es war wunderschön Weihnachtsgedichte von unseren Schulkindern zu hören und Weihnachtslieder zu singen. Wir wünschen Euch eine schöne Weihnachtszeit!

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DSD Level 1 Examination Diploma Recipient

Congratulations to Sacha Devred, who has successfully passed the examination for the DSD 1 (German Language Diploma)! DSD 1 is considered as proof (as recognized by the German authorities) that a student has reached a level of ability in German that is required for entry to a Studienkolleg in Germany.



Congratulations, Sacha!

Online Course Registration Process Development

We have been working on making our online course registration process more efficient and straight-forward. We look forward to hearing your feedback after the winter term registration.

Newcomer in our GHLS Community

We have had a German-speaking newcomer reach out to our school community in order to connect with other German-speaking residents of Halifax. His name is Khaled, and he has already joined us at two of our GHLS events. Below is a short introduction and explanation of what Khaled is looking for by making contact with us (with translation to English). If anyone has any information for Khaled, please Khaledbek940@gmail.com to make contact.

“Hallo an alle, mein Name ist Khaled und ich bin neu in Halifax und in Kanada. Ich bin im Iran aufgewachsen. Ich habe 7 Jahre in Europa gelebt. Die letzten 2 Jahre war ich in Deutschland. In Deutschland habe ich in Heidelberg gelebt, es ist eine wunderschöne Stadt. Heidelberg liegt im Bundesland Baden-Württemberg und ist in der Nähe der Stadt Frankfurt am Main. Ich spiele seit über 8 Jahren Volleyball. Ich suche einen Volleyballverein oder ein Volleyballteam, mit dem ich spielen kann. Ich würde mich freuen, wenn ihr mir dabei helfen könntet. Viele Grüße.” – Khaled

“Hello everyone! My name is Khaled, and I am new to Halifax. I grew up in Iran and lived in Europe for seven years, with the last two years being in Germany. I lived in Heidelberg – a wonderful city. Heidelberg is located in Bundesland Baden-Württemberg, and is near the city of Frankfurt am Main. I am a volleyball player and have been playing volleyball for over eight years. I am looking for a volleyball club or team to join here in Halifax, and I would love it if you could help me find one. Greetings.” - Khaled

“Sonne, Mond und Sterne, alles liegt in weiter Ferne, doch das Gute das ist ganz nah – ein glückliches und schönes neues Jahr!”

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