



THE KALEIDOSCOPE

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CALENDAR DATES

Thursday, 29 January	Sports Shop open from 11 am to 2 pm
Friday, 30 January	ES Report Cards go home
Saturday, 31 January	Berlin Walking Tour for new MS/HS students
Thursday, 5 February	Sports Shop open from 1 to 3 pm
Wednesday, 11 January	ES Principal's Coffee at 8.15 am
Wednesday, 11 February	Informal Musical Soirée
Thursday, 12 February	ES Open Day from 8 to 10 am
Thursday, 12 February	Sports Shop open from 11 am to 2 pm
Friday, 13 February	MS/HS Report Cards go home
Mo, 16 to Fri, 20 February	February Break – No School

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

The management team met with the caterer, Herr Keller, and ironed out some new agreements this week. Knowing that the quality of the food at school is a big concern for many parents, I thought you'd like to know what has been agreed.

- Appropriate quantity of food will be delivered so that nothing runs out for the last students.
- Food will be delivered on time and there will be two deliveries of main dishes if needed.
- The salad bar will be refilled at 11:40 am in time for the Elementary School students.
- Fresh fruit or raw vegetables will be served every day.
- Bottled water (flat and bubbly) will be available on each table instead of sweet drinks.
- The school shop will only stock items that have been approved by the school (ie avoiding overly sweet items and ones that have a high salt or saturated fat content).
- 20 main dishes will be selected from the current menus (using a balance of student appeal and nutrition as the criteria). This limited, but higher quality, menu will be served to the students on a two-week rotation starting in February. Mr Bartlett and I will make the selections, but your input is welcome!

We hope that these changes will help to rectify some of the problems we have been experiencing. Once the new menu service starts in February, we have assured Herr Keller that the school will take responsibility for answering questions about the choice of food served, so please send any questions on that issue to us.

On 27 January, Renate Stein who serves food in the cafeteria will be retiring after 17 years of service to BBIS. She joined the school when it was still BPIS in Potsdam and she was in charge of cleaning the classrooms. Her role has evolved as the school has moved and changed. We wish her all the best in the years to come. If you and your child want to write a card, send a flower or a donation, it would be welcome. We will have a retirement party for her in Jane Leonhard's room at 2:15 pm on Tuesday. All are welcome!

Moving out of the cafeteria and into the woods for a moment...

Several students and parents have asked about the trees that are being chopped down right now in our woods. Our facilities manager, Juri Till, informed me that this clearing is being done by directive of the "Forstamt" (the organization in charge of Germany's forests). They are cutting down old, sick trees and also trees that are not native to this region. Through this, they are rejuvenating the forest and restoring it to its original composition. The rejuvenation means that they are making room for the existing young trees to flourish and also making room for the 12,000(!) baby trees that we will be planting later in the year. These are to replace the ones being chopped down now and also those that were chopped down to make room for our track, playing field and gymnasium. The trees that will be planted will be quite young (less than a meter tall) and of 5-6 different varieties. We are hopeful that this process will be one that the students can participate in. More on that soon!

It is fun walking down the halls today and seeing so many "twins". There are even some sets of triplets and quadruplets! Some teachers have also joined the fun either by being "twinned" with a colleague or even with a group of students. Thanks to the Student Council for organizing this spirit day.



Upcoming Events in the Elementary School:

- Fri, Jan 30 Report Cards go home
- Thu, Feb 12 Open Day (parents visit classes)
- Wed, Feb 11 Principal's Coffee (8:15 in her office)
- Mo-Fri, Feb 16-20 Vacation

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me on 033203 8036-125, email camille.duaine@bbis.de or simply drop by my office for a visit. Parents are always welcome!

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

Dr. Christina Limbird, Head of Department

BERLIN WALKING TOUR, 12PM – 3PM, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2009

Dear New Middle and High School Families,

The Student Ambassadors at BBIS have organized a walking tour of Berlin for all new Middle and High School students on Saturday, 31 January from 12 pm, to 3 pm. Letters have been posted to all new Middle and High School families today, so please check your mail.



Professional tour guides from Berlin Walks (www.berlinwalks.com) will escort us through the city centre with anecdotes and historical information relating to important Berlin sites. Additionally, we hope it will be an opportunity for old and new students to get together and spend the afternoon exploring our amazing city. We will end the tour in the Caras Café on Potsdamer Platz, where the students can either be picked up by their parents, or make their way home independently.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend, please complete the reply slip, on the bottom of the information letter, and return it to Student Support Services by Wednesday, 28 January, along with 6 Euro. Please indicate on the information letter/reply slip whether your child will be picked up by you, or has permission to go home independently. As we will be outside for at least 2 hours, regardless of the weather, please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and clothing, so that they can enjoy the experience. The cost for the tour will be 6 Euro per student, plus they should bring some pocket money for drinks and snacks (and a valid BVG day ticket, if your child is travelling independently). If you are delayed, or dropping off your child late, please call Mr. Steve Gregory on 01733 979 268 and we can arrange an alternative meeting place, as we will depart promptly at 12.10 pm.

A General Itinerary for the Walking Tour – Saturday, 31st January 2009:

Cost: €6 each (Which covers the cost of the professional tour guide)

12:00 pm:	All Meet at Hackescher Markt at Starbucks Café in Berlin Mitte Rosenthaler Strasse 40/41, 10178 Berlin (S Bahn Hackescher Markt)
12:10 pm - 2:15 pm:	Guided tour of city centre sites
2.15 pm:	End Walking Tour at Potsdamer Platz, followed by socializing and reflections in the Caras Café.
3 pm:	End of event, students can either be collected from Caras Café (Leipziger Platz 1, 10117 Berlin near the Sony Centre at Potsdamer Platz), or they can go home independently, if permission is granted.

We look forward to meeting the students on Saturday, 31 January. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

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FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

January 2009

January 24:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

February 2009

Mid-year reports due for most American universities March 2009

March 2009

March 4

Career Day at BBIS

March 31:

Universities and colleges should aim to have sent decisions on all applications received by January 15.
www.ucas.com

SAT registration deadline for May 2 test (JFK)

May 2009

May 2:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

May 5:

Outstanding replies from applicants declined by default where the last decision from universities and colleges was received by 31 March (except those living overseas and Extra). www.ucas.com

May 5:

SAT registration deadline for June 6 test (JFK)

May 9:

Outstanding decisions from universities and colleges on applications received by 15 January are rejected by default. www.ucas.com

June 2009

June 6:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

June 15:

Contact the JFK School if your child is interested in taking the October 2009 PSAT/NMSQT.
Reservations should be made by latest August 2008 with Mr Blount at JFK School.

June 30:

Last date for receipt of applications for immediate consideration. Those received after this date held for clearing. www.ucas.com

Please see Mrs Kamphausen in Room 2404 if you need any other information
(Hours: Mon/Wed 8.30-14.30, Fri 9.00-12.30) or send an email to leslie.kamphausen@bbis.de

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

<http://www.bbis.de/content/new-events/index2.htm>

NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

BBIS Athletics – Basketball Season – Team Registration / Hosting Commitment Sheet

Your son/daughter may be selected for a BBIS squad/team this winter. If your son/daughter is not on the team your offer to house will be greatly appreciated as well.

The success of the athletic programme is dependant on a reciprocal housing arrangement between international schools. When travelling on overnight trips to other schools, BBIS athletes are housed by host families of those schools. Likewise, when teams visit BBIS, they need to be housed with the families of BBIS athletes. Housing involves picking up and dropping off athletes, providing a place to sleep, and providing dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch.

- If your child is selected to play on a squad/team this year your family will be expected to provide housing for two (or more if possible) members of a visiting team maybe twice during the year. If this would cause hardship for your family due to specific circumstances, please let us know.
- Please mark the dates below in your calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts. If for any reason you are unavailable to house on any of the dates, please cross them out on the list. As soon as possible, the housing coordinator will let you know by email on which two dates your help is needed.
- Visiting schools request that players be housed at least in pairs for one night, which makes the time away from home less awkward for the athletes and host families. Please indicate below how many guests you are able to accommodate.
- It is possible that not all eligible families will be needed during this sport's season. If this is the case you will be expected to offer your home later in the school year.

Please remember that the success of this programme depends upon the support of everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued commitment to BBIS sports.

Steve Vandersteen

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BBIS ATHLETICS SQUAD REGISTRATION SHEET

Name of student: _____

Class: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

BBIS TOURNAMENTS / FRIENDLIES THAT REQUIRE HOSTING:

DATE	EVENT	TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS REQUIRING HOUSING	TICK THE DATES YOU CAN HOST
MARCH 6-7	VB/VG BASKETBALL (HIGH SCHOOL)	10 BOYS AND 10 GIRLS BAVARIA	
MARCH 13-14	U14 BASKETBALL (MIDDLE SCHOOL)	10 BOYS AND 10 GIRLS WROCLAW, POLAND	
MARCH 27-28	VARSITY GIRLS GISST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	70 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS	

No. of students we can host: _____

We have/do not have pets in our household: _____ (Details)

Please return the bottom part of this form by **Friday, 30 January**.
Ensure you have noted the dates for hosting in your calendar.

ADVERTISEMENT/DONATION FOR BBIS YEARBOOK 2008/2009

The Yearbook team is currently working on this year's edition of our BBIS Yearbook.

As the Yearbook is being read by the entire school community and also by new families arriving in Berlin, it is an excellent opportunity to place your **advertisement** in the Yearbook and thus make your company or services known to a wider public. If you are interested in placing an ad in the yearbook you are very welcome to do so.

If you would like to support the printing of the coming Yearbook by making a **donation** you are very welcome to do so, too. As in previous years, donations are announced in the Yearbook. You will receive a donation receipt for your tax-return.

If you place an ad or make a donation you will get the Yearbook free of charge. Please contact me by phone (033203 8036-184) or by email (tamara.hager@bbis.de) if you have any questions or comments.

BBIS Yearbook Ad -Technical Data

Print submissions:	PDF, TIFF, EPS
Pictures:	Minimum resolution 300 dpi
Printing colours:	CMYK/Euroscale
Data media:	CD-ROM, DVD
E-mail transmission:	Up to 10 MB maximum

Formats and Prices

Whole page: 750 EUR*

a) 1/1 portrait 190 x 280 mm within type area

b) 1/1 portrait with bleed: 210 x 297 mm + 2 mm trim on all sides

Half page landscape: 400 EUR*

a) 1/2 landscape 190 x 140 mm within type area

b) 1/2 landscape with bleed: 210 x 148 mm + 2 mm trim on all sides

Quarter page portrait: 200 EUR*

a) 1/4 portrait 90 x 140 mm within type area

b) 1/4 portrait with bleed: 105 x 148 mm + 2 mm trim on all sides

* All prices exclusive of value added tax

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Deadline for submission: 15 April 2009

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„SAMMELDRACHE“

The school needs your old/empty printer cartridges. We need as many as we can get because each container of cartridges gives us points, and when we have enough points we trade these in for electronic equipment.

All types of cartridges are welcome. Please send your empty printer cartridges to the IT Department.

Harry Klooster
Head of IT Department

