



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Friday, 4 December	PTA Holiday Bazaar
Friday, 4 December	Payment and Sign up Deadline for Outward Bound Trip in February 2010
Friday, 4 December	High School Dance in the Heizhaus
Tuesday, 8 December	Music Trivia Night from 7.30 to 10 pm
Wednesday, 9 December	ES Winter Concert (Grades 1-5) at 1 pm in the Sports Hall
Thursday, 10 December	MS and Choral Concert from 1.30 to 2.30 pm in the Sports Hall (Parents can take home kids directly after the concert.)
Friday, 11 December	Sign up Deadline for Orchestra and Choir Project in March 2010
Wednesday, 16 December	EC Winter Celebration
Thursday, 17 December	Last Day of School (Early Dismissal at 11.30 am)

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 10 December	1 – 3 pm
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NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten



The final scene with all cast on stage

Those who did LOOK! at the performances of “All I really need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten” enjoyed a touching performance that was a feast of song, movement and home-spun philosophy. The cast and crew did a great job and put on a wonderful show, augmented by the band of teachers and students. Thanks to Ms Passey in particular: the Director’s role is always the most challenging!

HS Dance

The students are excited that the High School Student Council will take place TONIGHT, Friday, 4th December in the Heizhaus. We hope that many students attend this fun event but remind parents and students alike that admittance for both students and their guests is on only possible with a signed parental agreement form (which was sent by email to all parents previously: additional forms are available from Ms Puehmeyer).

International Award

The International Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all 14 to 25 year olds. Over 6 million young people worldwide have taken up the Award challenge.

The Award is tough but it is about individual challenge, not about reaching specific standards set by someone else. Young people design their own Award Programme, set their own goals, and record their own progress. The only person they compete against is themselves, by challenging their own beliefs about what they can achieve.

Young people who do the Award:

- Discover what they are made of
- Make an impact on their community
- Develop a set of life skills.
- Most of all, they have fun!

At BBIS the International Award Programme was introduced to Grade 9 students through an extended PE class when they had the opportunity to taste some of the skills they would develop (like Rock Climbing if they so choose: see photo)if they chose to be participants. The programme will run as an ECA and this year allow students to reach the “Bronze” level of the award. We hope to build on this so that “Silver” and, the highest, “Gold” are offered. Each of these will recognise the real achievements of the individual and will greatly enhance college applications and CVs in the future.

Those grade 9 students who choose to participate will have the opportunity to make the practice expedition during the grade 9 trip in May.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions concerning the High School please contact me on 033203 80 360, email richard.bartlett@bbis.de , or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

On Thursday and Friday, the Atrium of House 2 was transformed by our wonderful PTA into a [Holiday Bazaar](#) and the students excitedly chose presents to give to their families. It's heart warming the amount of thought children put into selecting just the right gift for each person!



Lots of wonderful things for sale at the Holiday Bazaar
(and wonderful parents volunteering their time to help)!



Gr. 4 boys testing the effect on the speed
of the swing ,with a longer pendulum string!

In fact as I walk around the school, I see lots of evidence of the Christmas season and beautiful as it looks, it makes me pause to think. As an international school, it is our responsibility to make all children feel equally welcome, understood and supported. Because of this it becomes delicate when we think about how to celebrate holidays. As a rule of thumb, in school we try to “observe” rather than “celebrate” holidays. To observe means that we teach something about the origin of a holiday and introduce the students to ways in which it is observed. To celebrate means to actually practice the rituals and celebrate the occasion.

In international schools, it is a very important thing to include aspects of the host country, including local festivals. Here in Germany, the traditions are primarily influenced by Christianity. Because many of our staff and students come from Christian cultures also, if we are not vigilant, this can mean that one aspect of world cultures may receive a lot more attention than others. To help with this we do have several units of inquiry that intentionally address comparative religion issues.

However, the most authentic and meaningful way to ensure balance is for all parents who have knowledge, experience or personal beliefs based in other religions/traditions to come to school and speak to the students in an on-going way, throughout the year. In this way we can share the wealth

of our community, as well as help all our students feel that their beliefs are important and respected by the school. Parents should not feel that they need to make a huge production about this. Our library has lots of books about different cultures and religions so if you just let us know when you are celebrating something special in your homes, we can provide quite a bit of support. We're looking forward to it!

The [Grade 3 Art Exhibit](#) got off to a great start today with the children singing Brent's composition "I Hate Art" (which gradually becomes I Love Art!). The living museum display of their creations was fabulous. Each child was so well prepared and proud of their work and passionate about "their" artist. I hope you were able to visit!



Three incarnations of Leonardo Da Vinci (with model!)



Magritte come to life



Justus' copy of Picasso's portrait

We had a meeting with the [Apetito](#) representative this week to try to iron out some of the glitches people have been experiencing with ordering on line. Hopefully that will improve soon! We are still ending up giving about 15 kids per day money to buy lunch because they haven't ordered and don't have a cold lunch with them. This is quite time consuming and is really only meant to be an emergency back up so no child goes hungry. Please, if you haven't ordered lunch for your child, send a packed lunch with them. Rest assured that if you have ordered (even if your child misplaces their card), they will get the meal they selected as we have a print out of the order so we can double check.

Apetito allows us to order packed lunches for kids when we go on field trips. However, some parents place their order in the morning on the day itself, therefore it is difficult for us to know how many packed lunches to prepare. In the future we will base our packed lunch order on the number of children who had hot lunch on that day, the previous week. Hopefully that will help us provide a lunch for each child without having extras that the school ends up paying for.

The [Elementary school BBIS calendar](#) will be on sale at the Winter Concert. It costs 15 euros and all profits go to UNICEF. Please keep it in mind as you plan your holiday gift shopping! The following is a note from Brent about the choices that go into planning the concert.

Choices

Sometimes it is very difficult to make decisions – especially when our choices have major consequences. It is difficult no matter what age you are, yet it is vital that we all learn to make responsible choices. We often expect children to make good choices, even though we, as adults, are constantly learning to make the best choices for ourselves and our families. Making responsible choices takes a lot of guidance and practice.

Students in Grades 1-5 make choices in preparing for the Winter Concert. These choices will affect how we all experience the concert. They choose which songs they perform, they choose whether to sing a solo, most choose which instrument they wish to play, they choose how to interact with the audience, they choose how well they cooperate with each other, and they choose how much of themselves they are willing to share with the audience. When their choices are not productive, we try to guide them to make different choices. When they lose faith in the choices they have made, we help them explore options that will make their choices work.

Many students have made their choices based on their experiences in past concerts. Their reflection helps them mentally anticipate the outcome of their decisions and the actual consequence of their choices. Their efforts and their cooperation will determine the quality of their performance next Wednesday.

Please join us on December 9 at 1:00 PM in the BBIS gym for our annual Winter Concert (or at 12:30 in the fitness room for a cup of coffee). We have chosen to sing songs from about 20 different cultures, using close to 20 different languages, playing a myriad of instruments, and providing solo opportunities for close to 200 students! We hope that our choices leave you with no choice but to enjoy the concert. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Brent Lund Bruning

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School:

Dec. 9	Winter Concert Gr. 1-5 (1:00)
Dec. 16	Early Childhood Winter Celebration
Dec. 17	School over at 11:30am
Jan. 6	School reopens, 8:00am

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

Jocelyn Gonzalez, Head of Student Support Services

CULTURAL TRANSITIONS COFFEE MORNING

Last Friday morning, Student Support Services held its first Cultural Transition Coffee Morning in the cafeteria. Our counsellors kicked it off with an informative presentation of some of the existing theories of transition. We were then very lucky to have three student representatives, Daniel Mayo, Abeer Al-Mujaini, and Yutaka Furui, discuss their experience with culture shock and adjustment. They offered the parents sound advice such as:

- Get your kids involved in sports and music, where language isn't such a big issue
- Encourage them to make friends, but don't push too hard
- Meet your home country community for the first friends, but make sure to spread out to other international and host country
- Be patient!

Our parent panel consisted of Tammy Levinrad, Frauke Zimmer, Julie Kennedy and our very own MYP Coordinator, Michaela Jung. Everything from personal stories of transition to ideas of how to support your kids cope with change was discussed. As a group, we thought of some ways our community can continue to help families transition in addition to our existing supports such as Student Ambassadors, and counseling sessions. Here are some of the ideas that were brought up:

- Parent buddy system for information such as shopping, doctors, etc.
- Smaller social get togethers
- PTA home visits
- Compiling a list of activities in home language (sports clubs, etc)
- Parent forum on BBIS website



Members of Student Support Services will be meeting again with the parent panel and other members of the PTA to move forward with some of these great ideas. If you have any suggestions please feel free to email Jocelyn Gonzalez, Head of Student Support Services: jocelyn.gonzalez@bbis.de

Jocelyn Gonzalez
Head of Student Support Services

World AIDS Day at BBIS

Did you know...?



- Today there are an estimated 33.4 million people living with HIV/AIDS.
- HIV and AIDS do not discriminate by age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status—everyone is susceptible.
- Just 2 pills a day that cost about 40 cents, can keep someone with HIV or AIDS alive and healthy.

This last Tuesday across the globe people wore red ribbons in support of a worthy cause. December 1st is recognized by the United Nations as World AIDS Day. This is a day where concerned citizens of the World can raise their voice and promote awareness of AIDS. Our community at BBIS was no exception to this event.

Knowing the facts about AIDS is the only way to promote awareness, reduce stigma, and find a cure. With this philosophy in mind ten of our CAS students took on the challenge of coordinating World AIDS Day at BBIS. Being new to our community here I was quite surprised at the creativity and dedication of these students. After consulting with Mr. Steve Gregory our Middle & High School Counsellor/PSHE Coordinator, the group formulated a plan of how to educate the student population about HIV and AIDS.

With posters in the halls, red ribbons to sell, and a presentation set up in the atrium World AIDS Day at BBIS was on its way. The CAS students set up an informative and eye-catching slide show in the atrium of House 2 during lunch time. Students could stop and read a few facts about HIV and AIDS. Before a student could buy a ribbon, CAS students asked them questions about HIV and AIDS. The CAS students felt that educating their peers was more important than raising money for the cause—'students should not wear this red ribbon unless they know what it stands for.' In addition, when you purchased a ribbon you also received a small package of gummy bears and another fact about HIV or AIDS.

At the end of the lunch period all red ribbons were sold. The money raised will go directly to the Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. What will the money go towards exactly? All donations to Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. will go towards AIDS research and education. BBIS raised just over 300 Euro! Congratulations to Phoebe, Bann, Moritz, Yutaro, Yutaka, Konrad, Terra, Alexis, Daniil, and Daniel for such a successful and educative community service event. Thanks also go to Ms Yvonne Nitschke for helping to arrange the ribbons and the contact with the Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. and to Mr Thomas Schaedler for providing the funds to support the event.

Megan Crist
School Counselling/School Psychology Intern
BBIS Student Support Services

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL BUS COORDINATOR

Dear Parents;

All students who have a contract with *Potsdam Bus Service* are allowed to take the bus to and from school.

From now on we have a **special offer** for those students who would like to use the bus but don't have a contract with us. They can carry on using the school bus without having signed a contract. However, we ask them to announce it to our office. We would then let them use the bus for 3

euros only, provided that there are enough seats available. The amount can either be paid in our office or by invoice. The students would also need to register directly on the bus they take.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,

Thomas Pinternagel
PotsdamBus GmbH
Am Hochwald 30
14532 Kleinmachnow
Telefon 033203 8849-25
Fax 033203 8849-45

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday 8th December
7.30- 10.00 pm



Who won the best music video at the VMA awards? – If you know this, then come along to the Trivia Night, if you don't you should come along and find out.

James Irwin, as part of his Grade 10 Personal Project, is organizing this [fundraising event](#) and it will go towards the BBIS 2010 "Habitat for Humanity" team's donation for their project in Veles, Macedonia. They are going there to help build a house.

During the night there will be a variation of music based questions, live performances and lots of fun! Some snacks and cake will be on sale. Only soft drinks, tea and coffee can be consumed. This is a NO ALCOHOL event.

Tickets are available now from James Irwin Grade 10 and Jessica Irwin Grade 12, at the price of 10 Euros (tickets include a free dessert). Tickets will also be available at the door for 15 Euros incl. dessert.

Simon Brodie
Habitat for Humanity Coordinator

BBIS OUTWARD BOUND TRIP

12-21 February 2010

Just a reminder that the payment and sign-up deadline is today.

After a highly successful trip last year to Baad, Austria, BBIS and Outward Bound have decided to team up again for this year's Winter-Ski/Adventure Trip! We are excited to invite all 7th-12th Grade Students on a comprehensive, 9-day itinerary of downhill & cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, navigating and winter challenges set in the beautiful mountains of Baad.

Students join a highly skilled team of Outward Bound Instructors, in conjunction with BBIS chaperones, for a week of outdoor adventure and fun.

Cost: 770,-Euro for 9 days.

*Cost is subject to decrease if maximum # is met!

**Cost Includes: Private bus transport to and from Baad, local transport, meals, guesthouse accommodations, OB Certified Course Instructors, ski passes, outdoor equipment & supervision (adult: student ratio is 1:4).

The registration form is available on the BBIS website under BBIS Community/Holiday Camps.
http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/holiday_camps_site.htm

For more information or any questions, please email katy.kennedy@bbis.de

Katy Kennedy
Outward Bound Trip Coordinator

COAT DRIVE

The Human Rights Club is pleased to announce that we have collected 82 coats through our Coat Drive. The Coats were delivered to St Marien Church yesterday afternoon by Mrs Waldraff.

A big thank you to her and to everyone who supported our action,

The Human Rights Club

TECHNOLOGY

The Technology department welcomes your unwanted clothes, fabrics, buttons, ribbons, etc for a recycling project!

Thank you in advance.

Alexandra Fontoura

WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Please find in this article:

- Match reports Badminton BBIS vs. BBS
- NEW SEASON of Basketball coming up. Sign-up and schedule available.
- Request for Booster club members

Badminton BBIS vs. BBS

Last Monday, 30th November, we welcomed the Berlin British School on campus for Badminton games between our GISST team. Both teams have been preparing for their GISST championship and have been looking forward to play some fixtures. Unfortunately, all our fixtures that were planned over the last month were cancelled by other schools due to swine-flu situations within those schools. This left our team with less practice games.

Still, our team looks very strong and after the clinic, a week ago, offered to our team by two Olympic Badminton players, they seemed very much ready to face BBS here at our own gym. The players have been a bit nervous about the opponents and were wondering how strong they are. This day proved that we are up there with the better schools in Badminton as we won all our 18 matches on the day. 18-0!! , not a bad days work.

Good luck to the team in Hannover on the 4th and 5th of December during their GISST tournament.

John Ward
Head coach

Coming up fixtures

Now that Football season is over, we still have Badminton and Volleyball games going on as well as a Swim meet in Frankfurt. Please find details below:

Days	Month	Date	Sport	Team	Opponents	Time	where
Friday and Saturday	December	11 th -12 th	Swimming	U14-varsity	Friendly against GISST schools	2 days	Frankfurt

Basketball season is starting soon! Sign-up now

Dear parents and students,

As our Football season has now come to an end and practices have stopped from next week onwards (except varsity girls), we now only have Volleyball and Badminton games and practices for the coming weeks. Basketball practices will start soon (end of November) once hall space becomes available. The students can sign –up for Basketball now on the GISST notice board in the sports hall. This will give us an indication of how many students will join the season. Students will still need to sign up through the ECA sign-up (officially). See below a overview of the basketball season with all the weekend games.

Month	Days	Date	Sport	Teams	Opponents	Where	Times
January	Saturday	9	Basketball	varsity boys	BerIS	BBIS	10am-1pm
January	Saturday	9	Basketball	varsity girls	BerIS	BBIS	10am-1pm
January	Friday and Saturday	15-16	Basketball	varsity boys	prague +?	Praque Int. School	9am-3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	15-16	Basketball	varsity girls	prague +?	Praque Int. School	2 days
January	Saturday	16	Basketball	U14 boys	Phorms + BBS	BBIS	9am - 3pm
January	Saturday	16	Basketball	U14 girls	Phorms + BBS	BBIS	9am - 3pm
January	Saturday	23	Basketball	Varsity girls	BBS	BBIS	9am - 3pm
January	Saturday	23	Basketball	Varsity boys	BBS	BBIS	9am - 3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	23	Basketball	U14 boys	Bonn + BBS	BBIS	9am - 3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	23	Basketball	U14 girls	Bonn + BBS	BBIS	9am - 3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	29+30	swimming	MS and			
			GISST	Varsity	GISST schools	Frankfurt	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 girls	Bonn + Bavaria	Bavaria	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 boys	Bonn + Bavaria	Bavaria	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varisty boys	Bonn + Neuss	Bonn	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varisty girls	Bonn + Neuss	Bonn	2 days
February	Saturday	13	Basketball	free weekend	free weekend	free weekend	free weekend
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varsity boys	Bavaria + Leipzig	BBIS	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varsity girls	Bavaria + Leipzig	BBIS	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 boys	Wroclaw Int. School	Wroclaw	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 girls	Wroclaw Int. School	Wroclaw	2 days
March	Thu-Sat	18.19.20	Basketball	U14 girls	at Neuss		Stuttgart
				U14 boys	at Bavaria		Munich
				Varsity Girls	at hannover		Hannover
				Varsity Boys	at BBIS		Berlin

Looking for parent volunteers to join

- Athletics Booster club members
- Housing coordinators + host families

BBIS Athletics programme:

Our Athletics programme is expanding and more and more students make use of the sporting opportunities that are available at BBIS. This also means that we will host more games and tournaments this year than ever before, among which two GISST events (varsity boys basketball and Track and Field).

Housing:

When our teams travel, the other schools host and house our students. When they come to play here at BBIS, we return the favor. This keeps the costs for sporting trips low and provides an opportunity for our students to meet and get to know the students and families from other schools. It is a fantastic and true international experience when total strangers look after you. It is also a wonderful experience to host children from various countries and offer them your hospitality and care.

Can you host children for BBIS?

We are always looking for families who are willing to host athletes from other schools. Any family within BBIS can host. It is not necessary that your son or daughter takes part in our programme or is part of the team that played that weekend.

How can you get involved?

Please come and see me or contact me through email. Further details about specific dates and housing requirements will be distributed in the coming weeks through our website and kaleidoscope.

Who organizes the housing for BBIS?

The Athletic Director will coordinate this process. Our parent helpers contact the parents of students who we would like to house but this is a big job. With 2 extra parents, this job would become very manageable. These parents and the Athletic director together will form the Booster club, an initiative that started last year. We have many new ideas that we would like to realize and look forward seeing new members joining us.

Kind regards,

Joost Langendonck
Athletic Director

HAVE A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR SOME VERY SWEET AND FRIENDLY RATS?

We have 2 cages with 2 male rats in each cage that are looking for some kind souls to provide a warm home for the holiday break. If you can take one of the cages please email Charise Adams at charise.adams@bbis.de or stop by room 2309.

Charise Adams
BBIS Zoo Club

PET FOOD DRIVE



The Zoo club is having their 2nd annual collection pet food drive for Tiertafel Deutschland from now until the winter holidays. Please help us and them out by bringing in food for cats, dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, or rabbits. You can drop off your donated food to room 2309. <http://www.tiertafel.de/>

Charise Adams
BBIS Zoo Club

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN “TAKE A SEAT” COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

Our new fundraising campaign, [Take a Seat](#), launched in May 2009 to support the purchase of new chairs for the BBIS Sports Hall. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank those parents and friends of BBIS who have been so generous with their donations. [We have already purchased over 120 new chairs with the donations we have received](#) (a few are pictured below: simple, functional, comfortable – and stackable).



At the end of December 2009 this campaign will end. Therefore I would like to ask you please to consider joining this important effort, if you haven't already.

With a donation of 100 Euro you finance a new chair for the BBIS Sports Hall!

Each chair donated will get a permanent plate with the donor's name on it. All contributors' names will also be recognised on a plaque in the entrance area of the BBIS Sports Hall and on our website.

Your donation is tax deductible. You will receive a statement certifying the donated amount immediately following its receipt.

PAYMENT

If you would like to make a donation to support the purchase of new chairs for our BBIS Sports Hall, please make a bank transfer to the following account:

Organisation:	BBIS GmbH
Account number:	858 105 502 2
Bank sort code:	100 900 00
Bank:	Berliner Volksbank
Description:	BBIS Chairs

If you have any further questions about the campaign, please have a look at our website (http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/donations_site.htm), take a flyer with you from the BBIS reception desk or open the flyer attached, or contact me personally.

Tamara Hager
Fundraising, PR, Marketing
Tel. 033203 8036-184
Email tamara.hager@bbis.de

DONATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION AT BBIS

Dear Parents,

In February 2010, Berlin Brandenburg International School will have the honour to host the 13th ISMTF International Senior Mathematics School Competition. Over 180 of the best students in mathematics from over 30 countries worldwide and different school systems will visit our school for 3 days to enjoy mathematics and compete for the best results.



We would like to ask for your support in celebrating their achievements in mathematics. We would need THREE prizes for approx. 100 – 250 Euros each for the best three individual results.

The contributors' names will be recognized in the Mathematics Competition Awards Ceremony on 28 February 2010, the Competition Booklet, and the BBIS newsletter Kaleidoscope.



Your donation is tax deductible. You will receive a statement certifying the donated amount soon following its receipt.

If you would like to [donate a prize](#), please contact the Competition Coordinator Tatiana Uspenskaia on 0176 48243 816 or at tania.uspenskaia@bbis.de

If you would like to [finance a prize](#), please make a bank transfer to the following account:

Organization: BBIS GmbH
Account number: 858 105 502 2
Bank sort code: 100 900 00
Bank: Berliner Volksbank
Description: Maths Competition

Additionally, please contact the Competition Coordinator Tatiana Uspenskaia on 0176 48243 816 or at tania.uspenskaia@bbis.de to inform her about your donation.

If you have any further questions about the competition, please have a look at our website (http://www.bbis.de/content/new-events/math_comp_site.htm) or contact

Dr. Tatiana Uspenskaia
HS Maths Teacher
Email tania.uspenskaia@bbis.de

„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

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS OF BERLIN ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR PROJECT 2009/2010

[Dear Parents,](#)

I would like to announce an exciting project which is taking place in cooperation with five international Schools in Berlin; Berlin International School, Berlin Brandenburg International School, International School Villa Amalienhof, Berlin British School and Nelson Mandela School.

We will be performing a joint concert on the weekend of [March 13th and 14th 2010](#) at a location in Berlin to be announced. There will be four groups of student musicians from the schools performing, a junior choir, junior orchestra, senior choir and senior orchestra.

Music teachers from each of the schools will take on the responsibility of rehearsing and conducting these ensembles for three rehearsals, one in January, one in February and a dress rehearsal before the main concert. As soon as your son or daughter's participation has been approved, we will send

out music (in January). Given that we are only planning two rehearsals, it will be important that this music is practiced with your son or daughter's music teacher before the first rehearsal. The rehearsal dates and locations will be sent to you as soon as possible.

[Here are the general guidelines for eligibility for the orchestras:](#)

Ensemble	Age	Ability Level	Director
Junior Orchestra	Up to 11/12 years old	Beginner/Intermediate	Claudia Neuse BBS
Junior Choir	Up to 11/12 years old	Beginner/Intermediate	Gary Beaner Nelson Mandela School
Senior Orchestra	11-18 years old	Intermediate/Advanced	Adrian Leang BIS
Senior Choir	11-18 years old	Intermediate/Advanced	Panni Kovacs BBIS

Please contact me if you are not sure which orchestra or choir your son or daughter would be eligible for and I'd be happy to advise.

Please fill out the slip below to confirm your son or daughter will be participating, [by Friday 11th December](#). The location and times of the rehearsals will be sent out as soon as possible.

Sincerely
Panni Kovacs

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I would like my son or daughter to be considered for the following groups for the International Schools of Berlin concert on [13/14th March 2010](#). (Please cross which ensemble, maximum of two). I will be responsible for making sure he/she attends the two rehearsals and the final concert (dates to follow)

Junior Orchestra **Junior Choir** **Senior Orchestra** **Senior Choir**

Name of StudentSchool

Age

InstrumentNumber of years playing instrument

Name of parent (please PRINT)

Signature of parent

Email address of parent