



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, 20 January	Parent Information Evening on Winter Camp with Outward Bound at 6 pm in the MS Project Room (House 3, Level 4)
Thursday, 21 January	ES Matinee at 3.30 pm in the MPR
Wednesday, 3 February	HS Career Day
Wednesday, 10 February	HS Informal Music Soirée at 7 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 11 February	Drama Grade 8
Mon, 15 – Tue, 23 February	Winter Break

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 21 January	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 28 January	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 4 February	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 11 February	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 18 February	Winter Break
Thursday, 25 February	11 am – 2 pm

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thomas Schaedler, Director

Dear BBIS parents,

I am sure you are all aware of the horrible catastrophe that has hit the country of Haiti, with tens of thousands of fatalities and many more wounded and stranded. Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Haiti.

With the international school of Atlanta coordinating the efforts, the international school network around the globe is in the process of setting up a specific response with CARE (they have their US headquarters in Atlanta) and their world-wide emergency response team (based in Geneva) who has now been deployed to Haiti.

<http://www.care.org/newsroom/articles/2010/01/Haiti-earthquake-deploying-emergency-team-20100113.asp>

During the coming days and weeks, our teachers are going to work with their students to come up with ideas for fundraisers in order to donate to the efforts of CARE's Emergency Response Team. Some of the aide workers from CARE (once they get back from Haiti) will keep our students posted via the school in Atlanta as to efforts on the ground. They would be happy to link our school into this through technology (Skype etc.).

Today, I kindly ask you to support the projects that our students will come up with and I would also like to encourage you to donate directly to any of the international disaster relief agencies generously.

With best regards,

Thomas Schaedler

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

Professional Training

Good international schools typically have faculty who are better qualified than might be typical in other schools, and BBIS is certainly such a school. Not only that, but our teachers often spend their own time further enhancing their qualifications. This weekend 15 teachers and other employees will be learning how to conduct educational research as part of a post-graduate London University qualification. We expect the ensuing research undertaken will focus on ways of improving BBIS still further and look forward to implementing some of the suggestions.

Trips Update

Trip Week from 3-7 May is a time when all the students in the High School take part in off-campus classes that further enrich the curriculum.

This year Grade 9 will be on an Outward Bound expedition here in Germany and, for the first time, will be able to undertake a practice expedition to fulfill part of the requirements on the International

Award (Bronze). Grade 10 will enjoy the lights of London with particular strands for Economics, History and Geography students. Grade 11 will have three trips this year: the High School Diploma group will be in Holland for training and work experience in a hotel, the biologists/geographers will as usual be at Slapton Sands in England, while the physicists enjoy a mixture of local and Dutch locations to help further their studies. As these trips are compulsory I will be happy to write a letter confirming that to any parent whose employer may then contribute to the cost.

High School Diploma

The BBIS High School Diploma has made a very successful start this year and the group now has 8 students with another expected to join shortly. This business-orientated course is really proving to be an exciting and worthwhile alternative to the IB Diploma and I would encourage all parents to look carefully at this option: http://www.bbis.de/content/school_guide/hstdiploma_site.htm The regular HSD newsletters also give a good insight into the day-to-day life of the students.

MYP Authorization

The International Baccalaureate Organisation sent a team of visitors to inspect our MYP programme (grades 6-10) last term (thanks to Ms Jung for a great effort preparing for this) and we have recently received the report which, in addition to confirming our continued status as an authorized MYP school contains much praise. I would like to share a comment that indicates the cherished BBIS spirit goes from strength to strength. The report states:

The school provides a stimulating learning environment for students, and the relationship between students and teachers is outstanding. ...the school is a truly inclusive school.

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

The MPR was abuzz this morning as the [Grade Four students displayed their science fair projects](#) to their parents and other classes. It was a great time to learn about springs, center of gravity, pendulums, etc... These projects are designed as an opportunity for the students to practice their independent work skills and also their presentation skills. Each child was able to competently and enthusiastically explain the question they investigated and their findings. They were using scientific vocabulary such as hypothesis, results, data and conclusion with real confidence. Well done Gr. 4!





We are still loaning money out to about 10 children per day to pay for their lunches. This is extra work as Felice then has to follow up with parents to get reimbursed. If you are still experiencing problems getting lunches ordered online, please let us know. But please only use the loan arrangement for emergencies. We want to be able to promise that no child will be refused lunch, but this is not a service that we want people to depend on, on a regular basis.

Most families are now back from their holidays. As we prepare the report cards (which include a record of the student's absences) we've noticed that some children have already had quite a few days of missed school. Our school policy is that if children miss more than 10% of the days, this may jeopardize their promotion to the next grade. Since we have about 180 school days, more than 18 days of absence are a serious matter. In cases of long illness we can of course make exceptions and provide work, but in many cases a large percentage of the absences are caused by extending holidays. In an international community like ours, we realize that cultural holidays may fall outside of the school holiday times and we acknowledge the importance of spending enough time at "home" to maintain family ties and cultural identity. However, please note that in an inquiry based program such as ours, it is not possible to replace the learning activities by simply completing a packet of work. Attendance at school is one of the cornerstones for successful education. Please make your vacation plans with the school calendar in mind!

We have finally ordered frames to hang in the EC-Gr. 1 and Gr. 4-5 hallways. I'd appreciate help putting the art work in the frames and getting them hung. Any parents who are interested in helping with this project please let me know. We would probably do it sometime next week. I'm looking forward to having a new way to showcase the artistic talents in our student community!

We still have a lot of BBIS calendars to sell. If you belong to any kind of club or organization (Verein, church, orchestra, team, etc...) please consider picking up 5-10 calendars from Camille's office and bring them to your next meeting. It is quite a nice product and all profits go to a good cause (UNICEF)!

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School:

- Jan 21 Elementary School Matinee (3:30 in MPR)
- Jan 22 New Parent's coffee at Christina Hatakka's house (8:30am)
- Jan 29 Report cards go home

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!

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

BBIS OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE TRIP

12-21 February 2010

There are only a few spots left! Please contact Katy Kennedy if your child is interested in coming.

We will have a [Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 20 January, 2010](#) in the MS Project Room at 18:00 to review the final details of the trip. Please bring your child along if possible.

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, adventure-packed itinerary](#) of downhill & cross-country skiing, snowboarding, 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. There are [only 24 spots available](#), and reservations are held on first come, first serve (paid) basis.

[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).

Sign-Up is available on the BBIS Website. Sponsors are welcome.

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

Katy Kennedy

BBIS SUMMER CAMP 2010

We are pleased to announce that the BBIS Summer Camp has opened registration for the summer of 2010. Our camps are back during the last two weeks of the summer break, [from 9th-13th and 16th-20th of August 2010.](#)

New this year in our programme is a [nutritious hot lunch](#), which will be served daily in our brand new school canteen. We also offer a new, exciting camp: [Climbing & Sports Camp](#) where students will be learning the basic climbing and abseiling skills on our very own climbing wall.

Our highly professional, English speaking staff will provide an educational but fun filled Summer Camp on our very own campus. Students from both BBIS and the local community are welcome to join our camps from the age of 5 until 16.

The following camps are available and students registration is taken on a first come, first serve basis.

English Enrichment & Activities Camp	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2	8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	12-16 yrs – week 1 12-16 yrs – week 2
Fun Games Camp	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2		
Football & Sports Camp		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
Adventurous Circus Camp		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
Climbing & Sports Camp (max 12 participants)			10-16 yrs – week 1 10-16 yrs – week 2

For detailed information about each camp and for the registration form please have a look at our web page http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/summer_camp_site.htm

For more information please contact Joost Langendonck or Remke Langendonck at remke.langendonck@bbis.de

Joost Langendonck
Summer Camp Coordinator

Remke Langendonck
Summer Camp Assistant

WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Please find in this article:

- [NEW SEASON](#) of Basketball has started
- Coming up Fixtures and tournaments for Basketball and Swimming
- Request for Housing and housing guidelines

[Coming up Basketball fixtures](#)

Our Basketball season has started and all teams have been training to get ready for a new set of games and trips with the goal to be ready as a team for the GISST tournament at the end of the season. Please find details below:

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.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Please come and support our students and teams, they need you all!

Month	Days	Date	Sport	Teams	Opponents	Where	Times
January	Friday and Saturday	15-16	Basketball	varsity boys	prague (ISP)	Praque Int. School	2 days
January	Friday and Saturday	15-16	Basketball	varsity girls	Praque (ISP)	Praque Int. School	2 days
January	Saturday	16	Basketball	U14 boys	Phorms + BBS + ISS	BBIS	8.30am – 4.15pm
January	Saturday	16	Basketball	U14 girls	Phorms + BBS + ISS	BBIS	8.30am – 4.15pm
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 GISST	MS and 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 GISST	U14 girls	at Neuss		Dusseldorf region
				U14 boys	at Bavaria		Munich
				Varsity Girls	at Hannover		Hannover
				Varsity Boys	at BBIS		Berlin

[Request for Housing for March 18th and 19th](#)

Dear parents,

The Athletic department is looking for families who can help to support us in housing 100+ students during the varsity Boys Basketball tournament, which will be held at BBIS on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th of March. Eleven schools will be visiting us and we need to house all their students with BBIS families.

This is a whole school event and we ask you for your help in providing a place to sleep for our visitors on Thursday night and Friday night, 18th and 19th of March 2010. If you can, would you be so kind to fill out the form below and return it to the Athletic Director Mr. Joost Langendonck in the PE office.

Our housing guidelines are printed below the form.

Kind regards,

Joost Langendonck

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To be returned to Mr. Langendonck

Please fill out the two tables below and indicate how many students you can house on that evening.

Housing Date	Teams visiting	Age group	Are you available to house?	If yes, how many students could you host?
Thursday 18 th March + Friday 19 th March	10 GISST schools GISST Tournament	Varsity boys (100 beds)		

Family name:		Child's name	Child's grade:
Parent mobile phone:	Family home phone		Family Email address:

Parent/guardian signature: _____

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Housing Guidelines for Host families

1. When hosting students you stand in place of their parents. Please exercise all supervision and care that you would normally exercise with your own children.
2. Please pick up your students at the designated time.
3. No student is allowed out in the evening unless chaperoned by the host parents. This includes the journey home after the event has finished on the designated evening and the journey to the school on the following day.
4. Under no condition are visiting students to be left alone in the home without host family supervision.
5. Students are not permitted to change housing arrangements.
6. Please arrange for suitable transportation. Normally this is expected to be a private car to and from the designated events. Students, if possible, should not take public transportation.
7. Please provide your guests with a suitable meal at whatever time may be necessary because of the scheduling of their event.
8. If the host parents would like to take their students out for an evening meal they should not expect their students to pay for the meal. **All students should be back home by the curfew time of 22.00/ 23.00 hours.**
9. Curfew hours set cannot be extended.
10. The use of tobacco, illicit substances and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted.
11. Ensure the students have your name, telephone number and address.
12. Please provide your students with a packed lunch for their journey.
13. Should any problems occur while you are housing students, please inform the Sports Coordinator as soon as possible.

ADVERTISEMENT/DONATION FOR BBIS YEARBOOK 2009/2010

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 see further details and deadlines below:

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

Deadline for submission: 31 March 2010

Advertisement 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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FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN "TAKE A SEAT" COMPLETED

At the end of December 2009 our fundraising campaign, [Take a Seat](#), ended. On behalf of the school, I would like sincerely to thank the following parents and friends of BBIS who donated one or several new chairs for our Sports Hall:

Alexandra Becher
Maximilian Kunte
Barzani
Dres. Muhle, Gewalt and Tosch-Muhle, Anke
Emilia Schreck
Ha, Yinyoung and Ha, Minyoung
Mertens
Seeling Family
Young Gyu Ahn
Ensser Family
C. and R. Zimmermann
Ines and Frank Hennig
Dr Qingjun Han and Lanhua Zheng
Rachela and Patrick Reich
Carsten R. Eggers
Beat and Monica Geissler
Dr. Schultz Family
K.-W. Liebrecht
Gelman Family
Markus Family
Marco Witte
Gertrud von Storch
Axel Herr
Shaul Shani and Nicole Schauder-Shani
Wolfgang Siederer and Jana Prokop



Yoshinori Fujiyama
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Peter and Susanne Sonnenthal
Dr. Oyedupe Gläsmann
Per Olov Jonsson
Frank Hägele
Von Berenberg Family
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Höller Family
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Anthony F. Hauschild
Dr. Ursula Münstermann and Dr. Jürgen Laartz
Von Gierke Family
Dr. Dorothee Zimny-Schattling
Dieter Kroll
Harrison Family
Dr. Johannes and Katrin Niewerth

Kiene IT – Service & Consulting
Reifen-Müller, Georg Müller GmbH & Co. KG
EMB Erdgas Mark Brandenburg GmbH
HENNIG Haustechnische Gesamtplanungen
AHNER/BREHM
Böttger GmbH
Märkische Projekt Bau
Marotzke Malereibetrieb GmbH
ARS IMMOBILIA GmbH & Co. KG
Egenter & Czischka Projektentwicklung GmbH

Altogether **142** chairs have been donated by these parents and companies.
If you still want to participate in this campaign, please send me an email as soon as possible.

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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