



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, 3 February	HS Career Day
Thursday, 4 February	ES Student Council Bake Sale: Help Haiti
Tues, 9 – Thu, 11 February	Grade 4 Toy Sale: Help Haiti
Wednesday, 10 February	HS Informal Music Soirée at 7 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 11 February	HS Musical “Translation needed”
Mon, 15 – Tue, 23 February	Winter Break – No School

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

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

SEARCH FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that the search committee has met this week and we are happy to report that the school has received three applications for the job of Middle School Principal, i.e. Ms. Michaela Jung, Ms. Elisabeth Johnson and Mr. Csaba Magyar. The search committee has developed the following process for the interviewing and selection procedure:

Monday, 1 February, 3:15 PM to 5:15 PM: The candidates meet (on a rotation basis) with three subcommittees of the search committee (for 30 minutes each). Each subcommittee focuses on a different aspect of the job, namely: Students, Staff and Curriculum.

Wednesday, 3 February: Candidates meet individually with student representatives (1:20 PM to 2:55 PM), Parents (1:20 PM to 2:55 PM) and MS staff (3:15 PM to 4:15). For the parents and staff meetings, the candidates prepare a 5 minutes presentation on the topic: "The Middle School Student and what he/she needs".

Monday, 8 February, 3:15 PM to 5:15: The candidates individually meet the whole search committee for a final interview (40 minutes each).

We all think that this is a fair and thorough process which will allow us to select the best candidate and present him/her to the BBIS supervisory board for final confirmation.

All interested parents are invited to come and meet the three candidates on Wednesday, 3rd January from 1:20 to 2:55 PM in the Multipurpose Room in house 3.

On behalf of the committee,

Thomas Schaedler

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

Berlin International Music Project

This exciting collaboration between us and four other international schools is taking momentum. We have finalized the rehearsal dates and the big concert will now be held on Sunday June 13th at BBIS.

If you have returned your slip we will be emailing you shortly with details. Later today, the blog will also be up and running where you can find all the information you need.

If you have not applied, we are still taking applications. There are four categories: Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Junior Orchestra and Senior Orchestra. Please contact Ben Kestner or Panni Kovacs if you'd like more details.

Please visit our blog for further information too: www.bimp2010.wordpress.com

Middle School Dance

A definite date has been set! Thursday, 4th March, in the Heizhaus.

Our student leaders and houses are working on getting the Heizhaus ready.

Middle School Trip

Next week, we are meeting with the representative from Outward Bound who we are using for our camping trip in May. We will be planning a number of exciting activities for the week. More information will follow soon. We will let you know soon when the parent information evening takes place.

[Ben Kestner's Blog](#)

A reminder that you can read about my current thoughts on education matters on my blog: www.benkestner.wordpress.com.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Middle School please contact me on 033203 8036-768, email ben.kestner@bbis.de , or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

[Elementary report cards](#) are coming home today. The teachers have worked hard to put into words what they know about your child. If after reading the report and discussing it with your child, you have some questions, the teachers welcome a chance to meet with you. Just call or send an e-mail to set up a convenient time. Below are some pointers that may help you discuss the reports with your child.

[Nine Tips for Talking With Kids about Their Report Card](#)

1. If you think you might be upset by something in the report card, [read the report card yourself, before sharing it with your child](#). If there is something upsetting, don't start the conversation before you are calm.
2. [Sit down and review the report together](#). Make sure that there are no distractions so you can focus on one another and the conversation.
3. [Start with empathetic and positive comments](#). Highlight something positive about the report card or about your own impressions of your child.
4. [Help your child concentrate on their own progress](#), think about the things that they can do now that they couldn't do at the beginning of the year. Discourage any comparison to other students or siblings.
5. [Emphasize the effort they have put in](#). This helps them believe that they can affect the outcome next time.
6. [Keep the pressure off](#). We are more efficient and can focus on what really matters when we are relaxed, not stressed.
7. [Listen to your child](#). Recognize your child's struggles. School can be tough. It is helpful to students to know that someone is listening to their concerns and complaints.
8. [End with a plan](#). Be optimistic and identify any next steps before you leave the table.
9. [Keep it in context](#). Remember that this report card is but a single snapshot of a child's progress up to this point—it's not the complete picture of a child's potential and there is still plenty of time to make necessary changes.

The Human Rights club raised [€ 984,40](#) for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and is sending the money off to CARE. Thanks for your generosity and empathy.

[Trip week is May 3-7](#). For those of you who are new to the school this is the time that all the classes Gr. 1-5 take overnight trips. This is a part of the school curriculum and is not optional, but every year we end up having some children withdraw at the last moment.

[For financial planning purposes, please let us know now if you have any conflicting commitments that might interfere with your child's participation in the trips.](#)

Despite the cold weather, we do take the kids outside to play. Please ensure that they are bundled up! Yesterday we finally had packing snow and the kids had a great time creating these snowmen!



Grade 3 are designing work spaces as part of their unit on Office Space in the How We Organize Ourselves strand. Several children have chosen to construct a model library. Their input will be very useful as we plan the new library which will open next August in the level 1 of House 1!

We are beginning to do “big picture” planning for next school year and part of that is hiring new staff. Therefore I’m off at a recruitment fair in London.

Enjoy the fresh snow this weekend!

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

- Jan 29 Report cards go home
- Jan 29 Student Council Spirit Event: Twin Day
- Feb. 4 Student Council Bake Sale: Help Haiti
- Feb. 9-11 Gr. 4 Toy Sale: Help Haiti
- Feb 10 Principal’s Coffee 8:10 Camille’s office
- Feb. 12-23 Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**

Clarification: **There isn’t an ES Open House on Feb 11.** This event was already held on November 18.

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

Jocelyn Gonzalez, Head of Department

BBIS CAREER DAY

Student Support Services is planning a [Career Day on February 3, 2010](#) during the school day. We will be hosting professionals from 10 different career fields to lead a round-table discussion with the High School students at BBIS. (In groups of 20) Students will have the opportunity to ask individual questions about professional training, university study and future job situation, in order to gain a sense of the real life situation in these professional areas. Participation in this workshop will help assist the students in acquiring a view into work life and deciding on career orientation.

The following professions will be represented at Career Day:

Law, Medicine, Business, Hotel Management, Journalism, International Relations, Art & Design, Architecture/Interior Design, Music, Science & Research

Format of Career Day

08.20 - 08.40	INTRODUCTION OF PRESENTERS (BBIS Sports Hall)
08.50 - 09.30	WORKSHOP I
09.30 - 09.40	Break
09.40 - 10.20	WORKSHOP II
10.25 - 11.05	WORKSHOP III
11.15 - 11.30	WRAP UP AND THANK YOU TO PRESENTERS

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SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

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:

- Match report Basketball last weekend
- Coming up Fixtures and tournaments for Basketball and Swimming
- Request for Housing and housing guidelines

[Match reports](#)

Last weekend was another fantastic weekend for BBIS Basketball. We had a full schedule here at our own sports hall with varsity, junior varsity and U14 boys and girls games on at the same time. Please read the reports below to see how the teams performed.

[U14 Boys \(15/16th January\)](#)

The U14 boys basketball team played two quality opponents and won some hard fought games. The boys played the GISST defending champions Bonn team on Friday and were able to win 37-27 on a strong defensive outing. The next morning, Bonn got their revenge and they were able to beat BBIS

35-30 in a game that went down to the wire. After losing a heartbreaker to Bonn the MS boys were able to regroup and hold on at the end for a 31-30 victory against BBS. The final game of the weekend was the rubber match against Bonn, the boys got off to a great start and were able to hold off the defending champs for a 32-28 victory. Overall, the team is playing strong defense and playing well as a team.

"Don't give up. Don't ever give up!" Jimmy Valvano

Coaches: Chamberlain and Smith

[U14 girls \(15/16th January\)](#)

The U14 girls played games against Bonn and BBS last weekend. They performed well showing continual improvement throughout the day. The team had a slow start on Friday night against Bonn and was losing 0-11 at half time but a spirited comeback in the second half saw the score finish 10-17. In the first game on Saturday, the girls played Bonn and once again they had a slow start but came back into the game eventually losing 8-19. In the second game they played BBS, and a young team including 4 grade 6 girls battled all game and was unlucky to lose when a shot in the last second from one of the BBIS girls went around the rim and went out again. In the final game BBIS girls played Bonn for the third time. During a fantastic game the BBIS girls produced an aggressive and spirited defensive performance to first stop the Bonn players from getting any easy baskets and secondly forcing 10 turnovers and 20 rebounds. The girls ran out comfortable and deserved winners 18-12.

Coach: Darren Hornell

[Varsity girls \(15/16th January\)](#)

The Girls Varsity basketball team defeated the Berlin British School on Saturday, with a score of 40-4. BBIS came out strong as a team, and remained focused throughout the game. Our intensity was evident, and the girls were able to mix up their game with both strong fast-break play as well as continuing to work on team offense. The team travels to Bonn next weekend, but you can be sure to see them play on our court the weekend of 5-6 March. The way the girls played as a team bodes well for an exciting season, with plenty of good basketball, so be sure to come catch them in action!

The Girls JV Team had their first official match on Saturday. The team, like the Varsity, took on Berlin British School, beating them by the same score as the Varsity, 40-4. The girls played with extreme heart, and exhibit a great deal of potential as a team and as the future of girls basketball at BBIS. They improved on defense, had some wonderful plays under their own basket, and started to work as a team. We look forward to the matches to come, the next one being the weekend when Bavaria comes to BBIS, on 5 & 6 March – be sure to come out and support these rising stars!

Coaches: Lisa Pavlock and Graham Maltby

[Varsity boys \(15/16th January\)](#)

In our home debut this season, we met the BBS (Berlin British School) for two games on Saturday, January 23rd. Our first game focused on applying lessons learned in Prague and polishing systems and team play, employing primarily lead Varsity Players. We were able to win handily and clarify some training needs. During the second game, concentrated on more extensive use of Junior Varsity players to provide game while experience while still having a core of experience to guide the systems. BBS had also learned from the first game. The play was intense, and the score at times very close or even tied, however the boys maintained their discipline, refocused their energy and prevailed to win the contest by a safe margin. The boys did a great job.

Coaches: John Vanden Branden and Mike Williams

[Coming up GISST Swimming and 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 (18th -20th March). Please find details below:

Students will still [need to sign up through the ECA sign-up](#) (officially). See below an 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	29+30	swimming GISST	MS and Varsity	GISST schools	Frankfurt	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	UI4 girls	Bonn + Bavaria	Bavaria	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	UI4 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	UI4 boys	Wroclaw Int. School	Wroclaw	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	UI4 girls	Wroclaw Int. School	Wroclaw	2 days
March	Thu-Sat	18.19.20	Basketball GISST	UI4 girls	at Neuss		Dusseldorf region
				UI4 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.

„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

