



## CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL EAST

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Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

After a significant hiatus due to COVID-19, international exchanges are set to resume here at Cherry Hill High School East! While we will all have to remain flexible and ready to adapt to any new circumstances that arise due to new variants or international travel regulations, we look forward to welcoming 2 - yes, two! - groups of Germans between April 2023 and October 2023.

- A. Our new partner school, the **Humboldtschule**, from the city of Bad Homburg in the German state of Hessen, is visiting **CHE** in late April through early May, for approximately 10-12 days. **CHE** will travel to **Humboldtschule** in the summer of 2023
- B. Our standing partner school, the **Gymnasium Puchheim**, near Munich, will visit **CHE** for 10-12 days in the fall of 2023. **CHE** will travel to **Gymnasium Puchheim** in the summer of 2024

**\*\*Please note that 1) the summer travel portion of the exchange is \*not\* a school district-approved trip and 2) it typically starts 4-7 days after graduation, lasting 2.5-3 weeks, in other words, until about mid-July.\*\***

International school exchanges thrive on the openness, curiosity and hospitality of the local communities. That is where you come in! The experience of hosting an exchange student is a net gain for your family -- in fact, the vast majority of families feel like they have gained, for a short time, a son or a daughter. In an ideal situation, the American host student would travel the following summer to complete the exchange, but you do not need to plan on traveling in order to host a student. While students who take German will be given preference, we will accept applications from all students in good standing at East. Having a positive record and adults who will vouch for you is an important aspect. (As well, if you are not taking German but would like to be on a contact-list if we need host-families after all applications are received, please send me an email: [agraff@chclc.org](mailto:agraff@chclc.org).)

A definite advantage of hosting is that your spot on the trip the following summer is--provided that you remain in good-standing across the board-- assured up through about early-November, when planning for the following summer's German leg of the exchange will be in full swing.

I hope you and your family are as excited as I am! We are still looking for host families for the spring through the end of September, approximately, and you can already send in an application for hosting next fall. (Interest meetings for hosting in the fall and travelling in the summer of 2024 will be held in March of next year, 2023.) the meantime, please send questions my way: [agraff@chclc.org](mailto:agraff@chclc.org)

Sincerely,

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**PS: scan QR code for the webstie!**



