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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Herzlich Willkommen! (Heartfelt Welcome!) I am so excited that your child chose to learn German! German is an important language in engineering, science, technology, manufacturing and business (just to name a few areas). Learning German will hopefully open doors to many opportunities in your child's future and I am thrilled to be part of this amazing journey of learning another language. Please check out my [website](#) for more information on everything included in this letter.

We have a great Deutsch Klub here at SLHS. We meet once a week (Tuesdays during lunch), participate in campus events like Taste of Homecoming and Trick or Treat Street, sometimes take field trips, and participate in a state German competition. Deutsch Klub is a great way to learn more about German language and culture, as well as connect with fellow learners.

Our biggest opportunity to experience the German language and culture is an optional short term exchange program (GAPP- German American Partnership Program) with a partner school, the Staffelsee Gymnasium, in Murnau, Germany. In April we will have seventeen high schoolers from Germany come for about two weeks to stay with families who volunteer to host here at SLHS. In June or July we go and visit the same students and stay with their families for three weeks then travel to other parts of Germany and Austria or Switzerland for an additional week. Students who have taken 2 years of German, have a C or higher, and good behavior are eligible to travel. Freshmen may be considered if they demonstrated the necessary maturity and dedication to be successful. We participate in this program every school year and are one of the few schools to do so annually. It is a great opportunity for the whole family to learn about Germany, hospitality, and others' perspectives.

I would also like to explain that in the German classroom learning looks very different than learning in other subjects. In class I will speak mostly in German even in Level 1; some days will have more English than others depending on our lesson and goals for that day. In our classes, we create stories, sing songs, discuss culture and current events, talk about students' lives and play games, all as vehicles to deliver *German that they understand*. The best way to learn a language is to be immersed in it. Think about it: how did you start to teach your child English? Did you give him vocabulary lists? Did you make him sit and conjugate verbs? No! You spoke, sang, and read to him.

Your child will need a one-inch binder, supplies to decorate the cover (photos, stickers, postcards, etc.), their Chromebook, headphones and the classroom supplies listed below by course.

- German 1: Box of Kleenex and roll of Scotch tape
- German 2: Cheap Headphones or Earbuds with cord

German 3: 3 highlighters (multicolor) and a pair of scissors

German 4/IB: Ream of colored paper

If you would like to follow your child's coursework, please sign up for the Google Classroom summary- you will be receiving an invite from me to do so, please make sure your contact information on Infinite Campus is correct. If we work together it will make your child that much more successful! Please see my syllabi for more information on my courses.

[German 1](#)

[German 2](#)

[German 3](#)

[German 4/IB](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. It is faster to email me but calling is just fine! All calls are routed to voicemail, so be sure to include your name, child's name, and what days/times you are available for a call back.

Finally, here is my [Amazon Wishlist](#) for classroom items. Any donations are sincerely appreciated!

mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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