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# NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Friends of the GHLS Community,

Another school year is upon us, and we hope that you have all had a restful, safe, and joyful summer. We are excited to start the 2021-2022 school year with you all. Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, we will continue to keep all classes online for at least the first Term (September-January). While we will do everything we can to resume in-person classes for Term II, we will re-evaluate the situation and make a decision based on the Nova Scotia public health guidelines in early December.

Although classes will be online only, we are pleased to be able to organize a number of in-person events to celebrate our school, our students, and our German language and heritage. Please see the “Upcoming Events” section below for more information. This information is also available on our website and on our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you online in September and in person throughout the Fall at our community events. Lasst das Lernen anfangen!



*Engagement Committee preparing for the Fall school start; Arne Martens, Verena Eichhorn, Christine Hoehne, Caroline Dantz, Paula Dumaresq, Christine van der Stege, and Julie Lefebvre. Photo taken by event host and Grill-Master Steffen Kaeubler.*

## A Message of Thanks from the Board of Directors

We appreciate the support you have continued to show to the GHLS and your commitment to learning German. The board is especially grateful to the teachers and the team who have done so much to keep learning interesting and engagement throughout.

## School Start

The 2021-2022 school year registration opened on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. **Classes will begin on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**, and will be solely online for at least the first half of the school year. We are pleased to offer a FREE half-hour online Preschool class on Thursdays from 4:30pm-5pm this fall (Sept-Dec). There is still time to register before the start of classes. Please go to our website’s registration page at <https://www.germanschool.ca/take-action> to do so.



## Registration and Class Dates

### TERM I - FALL 2021

September 23: First day of School

January 13: Last day of School

December 16: Last day before Christmas break

NO CLASSES FROM DECEMBER 16 TO JANUARY 5 (CHRISTMAS BREAK)

### TERM II - WINTER 2022

REGISTRATION FOR TERM II: starts December 10

January 20: First day of School

May 5: Last day of School

NO CLASSES ON MARCH 17 (MARCH BREAK)



## Upcoming Events

**September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021: Eröffnungsfeier** (GHLS School Opening Ceremony)  
**2pm-4pm @ Christ Church (61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth)**

Our Opening Celebration is an event held to give teachers, students, and their families an opportunity to meet and get to know one another, as well as to hand out books ordered in time for the first classes. There will also be an opportunity for children to make their very own Schultüten, which is a “school cone” that German children traditionally receive on their very first day of school. It is often filled with school supplies, sweets, and other goodies.

**October 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 6:30pm: Trivia Night with Daniela**

Time and Location: TBA

**November 13<sup>th</sup> 2021: St. Martin-Feier**

**5pm-7pm @ Christ Church (61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth – Lower Hall)**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> 2021: Weihnachtsfeier** (Christmas Celebration)

**2pm-4pm @ Christ Church (61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth – Lower Hall)**



## News

We sincerely thank **Arne Martens** for his role as GHLS Principal/Director over the last years, and wish him the best as he returns to volunteer status with the GHLS. He has done a wonderful job at leading and guiding our school and community. We would also like to extend our congratulations and sincerest welcome to our new GHLS Principal – **Dr. Christine van der Stege**. We know that her passionate, positive, and creative personality will be a huge asset to our school.



“The German Heritage Language School was founded 34 years ago and continues to be, until this day, the only German language school in Atlantic Canada. As the new principal I am thrilled to continue offering this German language service. As a mother of two GHLS students, and through volunteering in the Kindergarten class, I have been part of this friendly school community for years. The German language school experience has been vital for my children, who were born in Canada, to gain an understanding that they are indeed not the only German speaking children around. The GHLS does not only provide the language experience but a sense of community and a connection to other German speaking families as well. In addition to the lessons, our events and traditional festivities provide ample opportunity to connect and learn about the German culture. When I was 16 years old, I was a student at the German school in Nairobi, Kenya. I had the most exhilarating time and I am striving to provide the GHLS students, children and adults alike, an equally wonderful time and learning experience at the GHLS.”

Lastly, we would also like to congratulate **Caroline Dantz** on her new Admin position. A lot of work is associated with this position, and we are certain that she will do a wonderful job. We are very lucky to have her join our GHLS team.

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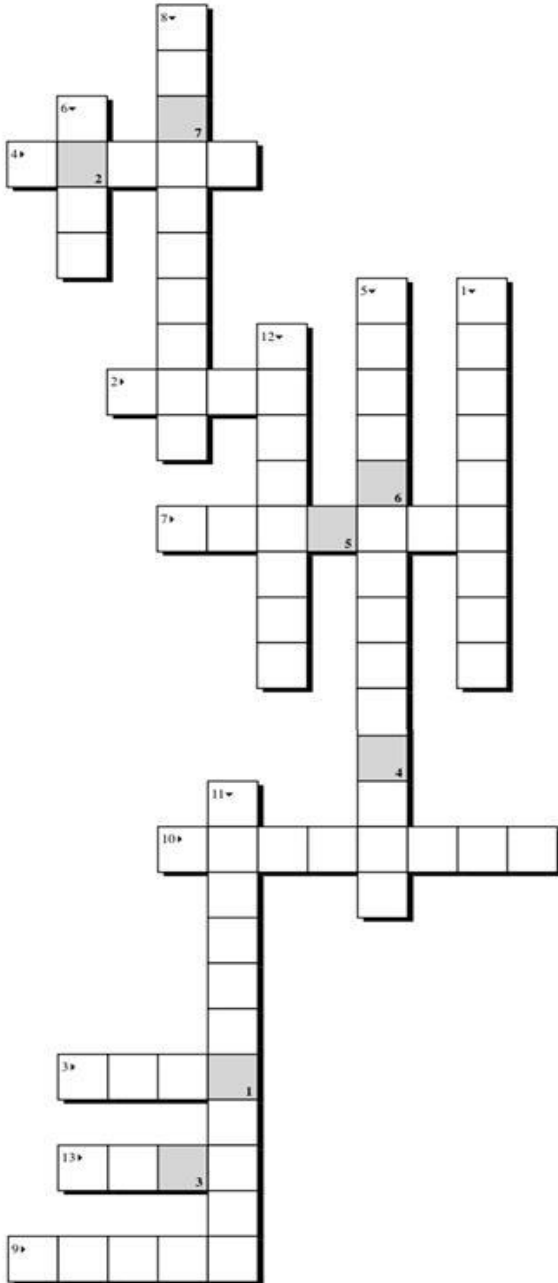
**\*\* Please email Barbara Kluge at [newsletter@germanschool.ca](mailto:newsletter@germanschool.ca) with any information or photos that you would like included in any upcoming Newsletters. Any suggestions and submissions are appreciated!**



## Zum Spass: Kreuzworträtsel über die Deutsche Schule

→ See answers on the last page ←

### Kreuzworträtsel



Schreibe die Antworten in das Kreuzworträtsel:

1. An welcher Schule macht man das Abitur?
2. Wie lange geht man in die Grundschule
3. Was ist die beste Schulnote?
4. Was ist die schlechteste Schulnote?
5. Wie lange dauert eine Schulstunde?
6. Gibt es in Deutschland eine Schulkantine?
7. Auf welchem Papier stehen die Noten
8. Für welches Fach braucht man einen Taschenrechner?
9. Für welches Fach braucht man einen Pinsel?
10. Was ist die erste Fremdsprache für deutsche Schüler?
11. Wo kann man studieren?
12. Für welches Fach braucht man einen Atlas?
13. Um wieviel Uhr fängt die Schule in Deutschland an?

Lösungswort:

Schreibe die Buchstaben der grauen Kästchen hier hin.

Das hast du gut gemacht! Du bekommst die Note:

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