

**NEW !!! German Language Enrichment Summer Program 2018**

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Please review the details about the program and registration at the end of this newsletter or on the school website: School Life/ Summer Enrichment Program. Please use your parent username and password to log in. Registration will begin tomorrow, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OUTDOOR WINTER CLOTHING**

**Die Winterkleidung** Provided by [deutschdrang.com](http://deutschdrang.com)



**Auf dem Kopf:**  
die **Mütze** (knit hat); die **Wollmütze** (wool hat); die **Ohrenwärmer/Ohrenschützer/Ohrwärmer** (pl.; ear muffs)

**Um den Hals:**  
der **Schal** (scarf)

**Am Oberkörper:**  
die **Jacke** (jacket); der **Mantel** (long coat); der **Anorak** (parka/windbreaker); der **Pullover** (sweater)

**An den Händen:**  
die **Handschuhe** (pl.; gloves); die **Fausthandschuhe/Fäustlinge** (pl.; mittens)

**An den Beinen:**  
die **Hose** (sing.; pants); die **Strumpfhose** (sing.; pantyhose); die **Leggings** (pl.; leggings)

**An den Füßen:**  
die **Socken** (pl.; socks); die **Wollsocken** (pl.; wool socks); die **Schuhe** (pl.; shoes); die **Stiefel** (pl.; boots)

Es ist Winter und wir freuen uns alle über den Schnee. Unsere Schülerinnen und Schüler der Grundschule benötigen nun winterfeste Kleidung (s. Zeichnung). Auf unserem Schulhof liegt viel Schnee und wir ziehen jeden Tag unsere **Schneehosen** an. Die Schneehosen können am besten in der Schule bleiben (so wie unser Sportzeug).

*It is winter and we are all thrilled about the snow. Students in our Lower School need to wear their warmest*

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*outdoor winter clothing (see diagram). There is a lot of snow on our campus and students need to put on snow pants. It is recommended that outdoor clothing remain in the school (just like gym clothing).*

### BOOK FAIR 2018



Many thanks to the wonderful parents and colleagues who volunteered their time to help make this year's book fair such a success! Whether you helped set up and decorate according to our safari theme, assisted younger students in filling out their wish lists or scanned books, your time and effort are greatly appreciated. In addition to encouraging our students' love of reading, the book fair enables us to expand our English department's library as GISNY receives a percentage of the sales as a bonus from Main Street Books.

Thank you again!

Karlynn Tabb (English Department, Lower School)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Attended "Human Rights Institute for Middle School Student Leaders"

On Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 seventh grade students of GISNY attended the third annual "Human Rights Institute for Middle School Student Leaders", which took place at New York Medical College in Hawthorne. Fourteen middle schools from Westchester and Fairfield counties participated in this daylong event. The goal of the Institute is to lay the foundation for encouraging students to be *upstanders* rather than bystanders. The two main themes were *Respecting the Individual* and *How to Be an Upstander*. The program included a keynote presentation by Sheila Arnold, two breakout sessions, and an afternoon session in school groups.

Leo Brömme, one of our participating students, wrote an interesting article about his participation, which you can now find in our school's student newspaper: <https://thelensgsny.org/860/news/fun-and-fairness-at-hhrec/#photo>

Enjoy reading!

Julia Collins (Head of History Department)



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## CHESSE AG

Sign-up and registration for the second semester of the **Chess AG** will open today, Wednesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please use the link below to sign-up your child via SignupGenius or go to the school website: School Life/After School Program /AGs Lower School/ AGs Middle and Upper School

Chess AG for grade 1 on Mondays (\$ 260 / 13 sessions February 26 - June 11)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044babae2da5f58-chess9>

Chess AG for grades 2-6 on Thursdays (\$260 / 13 sessions February 22 - June 14)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044babae2da5f58-chess10>

Registration Form: [LINK](#)

## FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Flu season is here. Local Urgent Care and Emergency Rooms are seeing an uptick in flu cases. As we all know, flu is a serious contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. You have the power to protect yourself and your family this season with these three actions to fight flu.

- **Get a flu vaccine.** Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against the flu. As long as flu viruses are circulating, ***it is not too late to get vaccinated!***
- Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs. Wash your hands often with soap and water, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and wash your hands often with soap and water. If you become sick, limit your contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. If you get the flu, medicine, called antiviral drugs, can be used to treat flu illness. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.

## How is influenza spread?

- Influenza is spread easily from person to person; when someone who has it sneezes, coughs or even talks, the virus passes into the air and can be breathed in by anyone nearby. People can also become infected by touching something – such as a surface or object – with influenza virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose.



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**What are the symptoms of influenza?**

- Influenza can come on very suddenly and usually includes a high fever with fatigue, aches, headache, cough, sore throat, a runny nose, and muscle pain. Children may have additional symptoms such as ear aches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**In order to keep everyone safe we ask that you:**

- Please notify me if your child, or a family member, has been diagnosed with the flu. My email is: [nurse@gisny.org](mailto:nurse@gisny.org)
- Please keep your child home if he/she is showing signs of a flu-like illness. When calling to report an illness-related absence, please let us know if your child has any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever
  - Fatigue
  - Cough
  - Body aches and pains
  - Sore throat
  - Headache
  - Runny nose
  - Muscle Pains

**For our part, we will:**

- We will closely monitor flu-like symptoms, both in our school as well as the surrounding community.
- We will keep parents informed.
- We have instructed our cleaning team to pay special attention to shared surfaces, door knobs, desks, tables, chairs etc.

**Link to the CDC's 'Flu Guide for Parents':**

[https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/fluguideforparents\\_trifold.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/fluguideforparents_trifold.pdf)

As always, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me!

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**FROM THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: Let's Build the GISNY CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE**

**GISNY CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE** is closely related to the construction project of the new cafeteria and library at our school. It should become a benchmark where we see our school in the future and what steps will take us there.

Our current students in the Middle/Upper School are thrilled by the new Energy Garden and our Pre-K through grade 4 students continue to enjoy the lower school playground, both major projects of the PA in the last couple of years.

**What is next?**

What do we want to spend the money on at the upcoming fundraising GALA on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018?

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students, School Staff and everyone interested in the future of our school,

**YOUR idea could be the next project of the PA!**

Please submit your suggestions by February 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 to: [suggestions@gmx.info](mailto:suggestions@gmx.info) or leave a note in the mailbox provided on the table of the Gala Committee during ticket sales.

We are looking forward to your ideas. Please feel free to contact Henriette Boehmert-Leske at [suggestions@gmx.info](mailto:suggestions@gmx.info) for any questions you might have.

**Let's Build the GISNY CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE**

**GISNY CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE** – damit verbinden wir bislang in unserer Schule vor allem das Bauprojekt der neuen Cafeteria und Bibliothek. Aber wir wollen mehr – **CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE** soll ein Maßstab werden. Wo sehen wir unsere Schule in der Zukunft und welche Schritte bringen uns dahin?

*In den letzten Jahren hat der Elternbeirat mit dem Bau des Energie Gardens für die Upper School und dem Spielfeld für die Lower School einen großen Beitrag geleistet, der von den Schülern begeistert aufgenommen wurde.*

**Was kommt als nächstes?**

*Wofür wollen wir das Geld verwenden, das bei der bevorstehenden Fundraiser Gala am 24. März 2018 erzielt wird?*

*Liebe Eltern, Lehrer, Schüler, Mitarbeiter und Interessierte an der Zukunft unserer Schule,*

***IHRE Idee könnte das nächste Projekt des Elternbeirats werden!***

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*Senden Sie uns bis zum 9. Februar 2018 Ihre Ideen per Mail an **suggestions@gmx.info** oder werfen Sie eine Nachricht in unseren Briefkasten, der während der Ticketverkäufe auf dem Tisch des Gala Komitees steht.*

*Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Vorschläge. Bei Rückfragen können Sie sich gerne an Henriette Böhmert-Leske unter **suggestions@gmx.info** wenden.*

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Minimum registration is 15 students per group and maximum is 20. If minimum registration is not reached, the group will be cancelled. Families would be responsible for providing transportation and snack/lunch.

### **DATES, TIME, COST**

The program will span 2 weeks with students having the option to attend 1 week or both weeks:

Week 1: August 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

Week 2: August 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost for per week: \$400\* for each child

\*An early payer discount will apply if you register and remit payment in the amount of \$360 for each child **by Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

### **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Registration is for GISNY students only**, on a first-come, first-serve basis. It includes a completed registration form (attached) and full payment. Registration opens Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and closes Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# Registration: German Enrichment Language Summer Program 2018 at GISNY



Group 1: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades

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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Female  Male  Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept. '18 \_\_\_\_\_

## Address

Street \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else important to know (allergies etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's health insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company

Policy number

Parent/Guardian #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency contact (other than parent/guardian)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## Please indicate who is eligible to pick-up other than parent/guardian:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment:

Cost for one child: \$ 400 for one week

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Please make check payable to: GISNY and return with registration form to the Front Office!

**Please fill out registration form for each additional sibling!**