

First Information Regarding the 9th Grade Ski Trip

Dear Parents of 9th Grade Students,

Many things will be different this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. For the first time in almost 50 years, we will have a one week ski trip for this year's 9th grade students, partially making up for last years cancelled trip in 8th grade. Currently we are allowed to **plan** this year's ski trips, and, hopefully it will also be able to take place if the pandemic in both Germany and Austria remain hopeful. Although this future development cannot be predicted, it does take time to plan and organize such a trip; therefore I would like to give you the initial information concerning the 2022 9th grade ski trip today:

The 9th grade class trip is, as is the 8th grades class trip, traditionally a **S K I T R I P**. This year's trip is scheduled from SATURDAY, 19 March 2022 until SATURDAY, 26 March 2022. The trip will take place in **Bruck, Zillertal/AUSTRIA**. Prior to the trip, during the bus rides, while skiing, in the guesthouse and also during free time students will have to follow a hygienic concept. Our guesthouse is following the guidelines for Tyrol in Austria.

This trip is one of the well-known school sponsored activities for our students. Besides providing qualified ski instruction on all ability levels, we will offer various events to improve social experiences for the entire group.

The school will provide mandatory instruction for those students not participating in the ski trip.

The accommodation in Bruck is an Austrian guest house that is quite suitable for the purpose of our class trip. There are 3-, 4-, 5-and 6-bedrooms, all of them with showers.

The goals of this class trip are very important ones - especially for the students from our school:

- improvement of relationships between Americans, international students and Germans
- integration of all students
- dealing respectfully with other cultures
- entire grade level participation
- offering a sport (SKIING) that is new to many students

Every student has the opportunity to be an important member of our class trip; nevertheless, **participation in this class trip is a privilege** that each student must earn. Therefore, inappropriate behavior from individual students will revoke this privilege.

Approximate cost will be: **420,00 EURO.**

This includes the following:

full board and lodging	255,00 EURO
travel cost	80,00 EURO
ski lift and various other expenses	85,00 EURO

It is possible to rent equipment through the school. The rental will be **50,00 EURO** extra (for skis, helmet, ski boots and poles). Students who can ski already will pay **20,00 EURO** extra for higher lift ticket expenses during the first days.

No child should have to stay home for financial reasons, if at all possible!
(Contact: A.Nagel, andreas.nagel@jffksberlin.org)

Payments, full amount and deposits, can be done as of January 15th, 2022 into the following account:
Commerzbank Berlin

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Last payment will be due February 15th.

Please do not forget to state your child's name with the purpose „9th grade ski trip” for each money transfer.

Please talk to your insurance company about possible refunds in case the trip will need to be cancelled on short notice. We have already negotiated cancellation regulations with the bus company (free of charge until March 18) and the hotel (free until Febr. 18).

This first information will be followed by an invitation to a parent evening (November 16), which will concern the ski trip only to provide you with further information. A separate invitation will follow. Registration for the trip will be due latest by December 1st.

Please also refer to the John-F.-Kennedy-School website during the next weeks. You will soon be able to find more information and important forms on the JFKS website under the link Sport Department – Ski Trip. Therefore, please refer to this website for further details

!!Attention!!

**Please follow new developments concerning the 1G, 2G and 3G regulations in Austria.
Vaccination offers best protection against a spreading of the virus within our group.**

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