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Initial Information for JFKS 8th Grade Ski Trip

Dear Parents of 8th Grade Students,

As things stand at the moment, class trips can finally be planned and hopefully carried out again without Corona restrictions with approval of the authorities in Germany and Austria. A trip of this magnitude must be planned well in advance. Therefore, I would like to provide you with initial information about the 8th-grade ski trip.

The 8th-grade ski trip will take place in Bruck, Zillertal/AUSTRIA from **Sunday, 03 March until Friday, 15 March 2024**. Our accommodation in Bruck is an Austrian guest house that is suitable for youth trips of our size. They offer 3-, 4-, 5- and 6- person bedrooms, including showers in every room.

Prior to the trip, during all bus rides, while skiing, at the guesthouse, and 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 for all ability levels, we will offer various events to improve social interaction for the entire group.

The school will provide mandatory classroom instruction for those students not participating in the ski trip. They are, of course, subject to compulsory school attendance.

In the spirit of the JFKS philosophy, the goals for the Ski Trip consist of:

- Improvement of relationships between Americans, international students, and Germans
- Respectful interaction with other cultures
- Integration of all students
- Collaborative activities with the entire 8th-grade
- Experience SKIING together with both first-timer and seasoned skiers

Every student has the opportunity to be a valued partaker of this milestone class trip; nevertheless, **participation is a privilege** that each student must earn.

The approximate cost will be: **715,00 €**

This includes the following:

Full board and lodging	486,00 €
Travel cost	85,00 €
Ski lift and other expenses	144,00 €

It is possible to rent equipment (skis, helmet, poles, ski boots) through the school. The rental price is a one-time extra cost of 70,00 €. Students who can ski already will pay 25,00 € 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@jfkberlin.org)

Payments, the full amount, and deposits can be done as soon as December 1st, 2023 into the following account. The final payment is due February 1st.

Bank	Commerzbank Berlin
IBAN	DE20 1004 0000 0324 1429 01
BIC	COBADEFFXXX
Ralf Müller	Klassenkonto/Skireise
Intended purpose	<i>“name of your child, 8. Klasse Skireise”</i>

Please consult with your insurance company about possible refunds in the event the trip is canceled at short notice. We have already negotiated cancellation regulations with the bus company (free of charge until March 2) and the hotel (free of charge until February 5). Further possible cancellation costs will not be covered by the Berlin Senat.

We wish to invite you to our **Ski Trip Parent Evening on November 28**, to discuss further trip information. This invitation will be sent out in a timely manner. Please understand that for further planning, **registration for the ski trip is due by December 1st, 2023**.

Please also refer to the John-F.-Kennedy-School website for any changes or updates. All information and forms can be found on the JFKS website under the link Sports Department – Ski Trip.

We look forward to sharing the experience and the journey with your children.

Best regards,
Ralf Müller
Sport Department