

VIENNA EXCHANGE 2011
September 15th to 26th

Dear BG Music Student:

This September will be the 21st year of our Vienna Exchange program with friends from our sister school at the Landstraßer Gymnasium in Vienna, Austria. The dates of the exchange are September 15 to September 26, 2011, and we are looking for families to host a Viennese student in their home during this time. For many years, BG music department students have hosted the Viennese students and have found the experience to be richly rewarding. Feedback from former Viennese exchange students has indicated their favorite part of the American experience was the time spent with the students and families from BGHS.

At this time, we anticipate a group of approximately 40 students. Our hope is to have enough families to serve as hosts, with several as back-ups, if the need arises. Over the years the exchange committee has worked closely with the teachers at the Landstraßer Gymnasium to assure that we make the best possible match utilizing the information we have been given. Recent experience has proven that knowing about friends is one of the most important components of a compatible match. The attached application form includes some questions about your interests and activities that help in the matching process. If this is your first exchange you probably have many questions. Along with the application, there is a document that answers the most frequently asked questions regarding the exchange. You may also call any of the committee people listed below.

If you are interested in hosting a student from Vienna, please complete the host family application form, including the student and parent signature, and return it to your music teacher on or before April 21st. Last year we received several late applications after all the students had been placed so we encourage you to return the application to your music director on or before the deadline.

Shortly before the end of the school term, host families will be notified by mail and will be provided an information sheet along with a photo of their Austrian student. Thank you for participating in this exciting BGHS tradition. We hope to make this year's exchange the best ever.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

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