

German Newsletter

Wir lernen, wir haben Spaß, wir diskutieren.

Featured Profession – Caregiver



Several vocational positions have been left empty due to an ever-decreasing number of young adults in Germany able to take the such jobs. With an increasing average age, caregiver positions are often passed along to non-Germans, especially if they can speak basic German. Caregivers may work in private homes, nursing homes (Altersheim), hospitals, or many other environments.



Featured extra-curricular German: Christmas baking

Germans often enjoy homemade baked goods, but Christmas time is extra special. Many Christmas cookies are less-sweet than their American counterparts. There is also a bread called Stollen. It is a fruit bread, traditionally covered with powdered sugar. The original recipes come from eastern areas such as Dresden.

Word of the Week: Weihnachtsmarkt

Weihnachtsmarkt, known as the Christkindlmarkt in Bavaria and Austria, is a Christmas market. Each town has their own, but among the most famous is Nuremberg, Bavaria. People go from all over the world to see it and shop at the various booths. There are also a traditional drink called Gluehwein available, most towns serving them in collectable mugs.

Wissen Sie schon? Did you know?

Silent Night's original title is Stille Nacht – it was written by Joseph Mohr in a suburb of Salzburg, Austria.

News from the classroom: German 1

Accusative case and Merry Christmas!

German 1 is still working on the accusative case, but in preparation of winter break, we have focused our energies on a collaboration activity with a French class, watching the movie Merry Christmas (in German, French, and English, with English subtitles). It takes place during WWI, on Christmas Eve. Students will have homework over break, as German 1 will be writing a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) summarizing the film using the vocabulary they were given the week before.

News from the classroom: German 2

Past tense, die Welle

German 2 has been watching “die Welle” and learning the vocabulary that goes along with it. Students are encouraged to work on the packet at home and ask questions in class when they get to difficult points. This packet is put together for intermediate-level German students and includes vocabulary and grammar exercises.

I must say, I was surprised at how well students connected to the messages within this film. We have spent much more time in it than planned because of the deeper connection. Students will have homework related to it over break.

News from the classroom: German 3

Berlin, Berlin and Merry Christmas!

German 3 is taking a break from Berlin this week in order to focus on a collaboration project with French. They watched Merry Christmas last year, so we are hoping that they can dig deeper into the film this year. Over Christmas break, if they are behind in the Berlin packet, they will be expected to catch up. They will be writing a 3+ paragraph essay

summarizing the film using the vocabulary given to them last week. This must be turned in before the end of the semester in January.

News from German Club:

Leavenworth, Krampus, and into the new year

German club went to Leavenworth on December 2nd this year – students enjoyed experiencing Leavenworth on a weekday. Several students went to the real German bakery, and even got to celebrate St. Nikolaus day with German treats.

We have been attempting to create shirts with a Krampus theme, but unfortunately because I’m new to the area, I haven’t gotten the attention of any screenprinters. (They aren’t responding to my quote requests!) If anyone has connections, please let me know. I would love for the student designs to still make it to print, even though it’s after Krampustag this year.

German Club does not intend to slow down in the new year. We will continue to meet every other week and shoot for a larger event about once a month or every other month. There are many spring events that we can celebrate.