



## **Guten Tag Eltern!**

I am very excited to announce that the German department is founding an exchange program with Phoenix Gymnasium, located in Dortmund, Germany; in partnership with GAPP--the German American Partnership Program. Starting in 2018 we will begin biennial exchange trips with our new sister school where we participate in short-term exchanges during even-numbered years.

### **What is GAPP?**

GAPP is a nationally lauded exchange program which focuses on cultural connection via travel, as opposed to just visiting top tourism sites. GAPP is one of very few exchange programs based on long-term, sustainable partnerships which are not only between students, but between teachers, administrators, schools, and communities. GAPP is the largest and most successful bilateral student exchange program of the US with any other country. GAPP is supported by the German Foreign Office as well as The U.S. State Department. For more information, visit [www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de).

### **What is a short-term exchange?**

A short-term exchange means that our students will travel to Dortmund Germany, stay with a participating high school host family, and attend classes with their German counterpart for 3 weeks. We will then host German students the following fall.

### **When will the exchange take place?**

We will travel to Germany June 16-July 7, 2018. German students will come here in October, 2018.

### **How much will the program cost?**

Because we will be staying with host families, GAPP is much more affordable than other student travel programs. Not including spending money, the trip will cost **\$2499.00**

### **Will my child get do anything besides attend classes?**

YES!! Along with visiting museums and parks (and maybe a soccer game) in Dortmund, we will also be taking day trips to nearby cities like Cologne, Hannover, or Bremen.

### **Who can participate?**

Any student who has completed German 1 by June, 2018 can take place in the exchange.

*More information on the other side...*



**Can I meet my child in Europe at the end of the program?**

YES!! As long as travel plans have been finalized in advance, you can join your student in Germany at the end of the program.

**Additional questions?**

Call or email me with any questions. We will have an in depth information meeting later during the spring semester.

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