

Schiller-Gymnasium

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Dear Parents,

The first week of the new school year 2022/23 is now behind us. On Monday, 22 August 2022 in a celebratory event, we welcomed 157 new 7th grade students and our new Welcome Class (*Willkommensklasse*) to our school community. We currently have 912 students attending our school. In the name of the faculty, I want to welcome back all new and returning students.

The guiding principles of the Schiller-Gymnasium are now emblazoned on green ceramic tiles in the stairwell of the B building, visible for all to see. This is our mission statement. We live and experience diversity in an atmosphere of trust, tolerance, and democracy. We take conscious responsibility. In doing so, we all work together with transparency, attention, appreciation, care, and reliability.

Review of last year

In the 2021/21 school year, 136 students completed their Abitur degrees with an average grade of 2,09 – well above the local and national averages. It is especially remarkable that 56 students achieved a grade between 1,0 and 1,9 – four students with a 1,0.

Building refurbishments

Great progress was made in refurbishing the school building during the summer holidays; however, due to supply chain delays, the final completion of the art and science rooms was not possible. Lessons will resume in these rooms by the end of the autumn holidays at the latest.

Instruction in the 2022/23 school year

We are able to staff all lessons. Additionally, our **large upper school** with ca. 300 students enables us to offer almost all subject combinations in the three required areas of study; we did not need to exclude any of the 42 subject combinations possible (*Regelzug*). By offering individualized and unconstrained subject combination choices, we enable students to develop their specific skills and abilities.

Academic support

How we **support** our students: **Language support with divided groups:** In the lower school, students learn in small groups not only in English and French, but in Geography and Science as well. In **Math**, we include small group instruction in the 8th grade time table. An **additional German tuition class** for the lower and upper school provides interdisciplinary support in textual analysis and production. We support the subjects **Latin** and **Italian** through literary offerings; as an official **school with a French profile** and **first foreign language French instruction** we cooperate with our partner primary schools.

Technological capabilities:

The digitalization of our school is making great strides. Currently, every second classroom has a Smartboard. In addition to three computer rooms, we also have 5+ laptop/iPad carts, which can be used in any room. In addition to hardware, we are conducting regular mini-workshops for faculty in order to help develop and broaden skills in teaching with digital media. In the week before the school year began, the first BarCamp took place at Schiller, so that the teachers could work intensively on different means of digital instruction. A fiber-optic connection for the school is still pending.

How we **challenge** our students: Our **especially high-performing and talented students** will also receive individual mentoring in the current school year, not just within the *Studium ab 16* program (tertiary studies for over 16-year-olds). The *Bundesjugendspiele* (Federal Youth Games) is an annual athletic highlight. **Rowing, Tennis, and Winter Sports** are well established at Schiller and complement our extensive offering of physical education courses.

Verkehrsverbindungen:

U 2	Ernst-Reuter-Platz
M45	Ernst-Reuter-Platz
X 9	Ernst-Reuter-Platz
245	Ernst-Reuter-Platz
☺	Savignyplatz und Bahnhof Zoo

Sprechzeiten:

Montag-Donnerstag	08.00-15.00 Uhr
Freitag	08.00-12.00 Uhr
Termine nach Absprache	

Beginning in this school year, we are an accredited **ERASMUS+ School**. Therefore, we will be able to expand our international cooperation programs. Take advantage of our diverse **exchange programs with our partner schools**; whether in Lithuania, Italy, the UK, or at our various partner schools in France, these programs are valuable experiences!

School atmosphere

We all care about creating a school atmosphere that is enjoyable and fair. For this reason, we offer clubs and working groups in many areas: improvement of the schoolyard; mediation training; various offerings in musical and artistic areas; encouragement of open discourse and diversity. Towards the end of the previous school year, additional areas crystallized, in which working groups with representatives of the entire Schiller community could be formed, so that all interests, ideas, and inputs can be heard and understood, so that mutually agreeable solutions could be formed. These are new proposed working groups:

1. Digitalization – Schiller 2.0 – What does that mean?
2. School regulations / House regulations
3. Communication
4. Recess, Rooms, and Time Table organization, including schoolyard design

We welcome your voices, expertise, and advice. In the parents association (*GEV*) meeting on 26 September 2022, the individual working groups will be presented in more detail. Meeting dates for these groups have already been added to the school calendar under the category “*Steuergruppe*”; in this way, participation can be organized in the long-term.

Special thanks to our many supporters inside and outside our school who through their engagement have made our successes possible. All changes to our school will be discussed and determined in our school committees. Lend your support and participation; this is essential for our school development. Take part as a parent representative; support the booster club (*Förderverein*); assist with special projects. You can enrich our school life with your commitment. Please write to schulleitung@sgym.berlin.schule.de to get involved.

How to become a parent representative:

The parents of each class elect two coequal parent representatives. The upper school parents assembly also elects parent representatives for the 11th and 12th grades. An equal number of deputy representatives will also be elected. In the upper school, the parents of students under the age of 18 are eligible to vote in the selection of grade representatives; the upper school assembly is open to all. **Invitations to the parent-teacher nights and the upper school assembly will be sent via the homeroom teachers and the upper school tutors. See the calendar on the homepage for additional dates.**

Parent-Teacher Night / Parents Assembly 7 th -9 th Grade:	Tuesday, 06.09.22	7:00pm
Parent-Teacher Night / Parents Assembly 10 th Grade:	Tuesday, 06.09.22	7:00pm
Parents Assembly Upper School:	Tuesday, 06.09.22	7:15pm
Informational Assembly MSA 10 th Grade:	Tuesday, 06.09.22	6:00pm
Parents Association Meeting (GEV)	Monday, 26.09.22	6:00pm

Absences

Please read the school regulations regarding attendance and absences carefully; sick notes must be written and signed by the parents. Please be aware that as a general rule, requests for leaves of absence outside the scheduled vacations cannot be approved. For Jewish and Muslim holidays, please submit a written leave request.

A request: The **Booster Club (Förderverein)** operates the wonderful “Schiller-Café” and the school library. In order to successfully manage the cafeteria, **parent volunteers are needed** to staff various shifts. If you are available to help now and then, please contact the booster club at schillern@gmx.de. **Your membership and contributions to the booster club profit the school and thereby your children. We welcome all parents to join in!**

For additional, current, and standard information about our school, I recommend regular visits to our homepage at www.sgym.de. I look forward to continuing the collaboration between home and school and wish you and your children a successful school year and a lovely rest of the summer season!

Andrea Kunze
Principal