

## Why should you learn German?

German is the most widely spoken language in Europe (over 38% of all Europeans can speak German). Connect with over 126 Million German speakers in the world.

Germany is the #1 export nation in the world and has the third strongest economy in the world.

Knowing German creates business opportunities and prepares you for an international career. There are less native speakers to compete with in the US, compared to native speakers of Spanish.

Germans are innovators.

Germans are the biggest spenders of tourist dollars in the world.

German companies employ over 700,000 Americans.

Germans form the largest single heritage group in the U.S.

German-speaking countries have a rich cultural heritage.

Germany financially sponsors over 60,000 international exchanges each year. Over 800 U.S. High Schools have exchange programs with schools in Germany.

Study Abroad and see the world!

## Did you know that all these things came from Germans?

Diesel Engine, Christmas Tree, Hot Dog, ketchup, Hershey's Chocolate, Kindergarten, Levi's Jeans, Hamburgers, Maytag, Gummy Bears, tooth paste, periodic table, MP3, X-Ray and much more!

### Why take German at CHS?

- \*fun, engaging, hands-on classes
- \*Same classmates for 4 years
- \*very high passing rate for AP/IB
- \*dedicated, energetic teacher from Germany
- \*study abroad, exchanges, scholarships, certificates, awards opportunities

### Famous German-Americans

Albert Einstein, Angelina Jolie, Anne Hathaway  
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Barack Obama, Cameron Diaz, Victoria Beckham, Daniel Bruehl, Doris Day, Ben Affleck, David Hasselhoff, David Letterman, Diane Kruger, also speaks German from Inglorious Basterds, Donald Trump, Donna Summer, also speaks German, Heide Klum, Hilary Duff, Hilary Hahn, also speaks German, Jessica Biel, Johnny Depp, Keanu Reeves, Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst, Leonardo DiCaprio, also speaks German, Matt Groening, Michelle Pfeiffer, Neil Armstrong, Sandra Bullock, also speaks German, Sarah Chalke, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sigmund Freud, Till Schweiger, Tom Cruise, Elvis, Walter Percy Chrysler, Eberhard Anheuser, Babe Ruth, Dirk Nowitzki, Marlene Dietrich, Fritz Lang, Levi Strauss, Joseph Pulitzer, Roland Emmerich, Hugo Boss

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## German at Claremont High School

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Come and study German at CHS!

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You will learn a lot about the German language, German-speaking culture and people and maybe more about your own language and best of all, you will have a lot of fun while doing so!

Stand out in college applications and job interviews!

CHS is 1 out of 11 PASCH-Schools in the US, supported by the Goethe Institute. We have scholarships to send students to Germany for the summer. We award the Spanier-Ladwig Gartenfest scholarship award.

We have two different student exchanges to Munich and Gelsenkirchen. We also do student exchanges with Friendship Connection. We have exchange teachers from Germany, who teach our students about culture and slang.

We help out the community by going caroling in senior homes, doing International Days at Sumner and Sycamore Elementary School

We celebrate Oktoberfest, Gartenfest, have an active German Club (oldest world language club on campus) We go to German concerts and do flash mobs, sing and dance and have a blast all the time! We are creative and unique!

## GERMAN IS RELEVANT IN ALL AREAS OF STUDY

**Business:** German Products are considered very high quality and desirable. In 2007 -- for the 5th year in a row and despite the strength of the euro currency -- the Germans were world champions in exports. The country exported 940 billion US dollars worth of goods, just ahead of the US exports. Germans exported cars, machinery and industrial equipment, and also pharmaceuticals and household goods. BMW, Daimler, Siemens, Lufthansa, SAP, Bosch, Infineon, BASF, Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, T-Mobile, Allianz, Bayer Corp, BMW, Adidas, Heinz Ketchup und more.

**Medicine:** state of the art, German gives you the edge in chemistry, biology, engineering, medicine, finance and economics. Kobe Bryant went to Germany for his operation.

**Film:** Fritz Lang, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Werner Herzog, Leni Riefenstahl, Hans Zimmer (famous current German composer, composing for films)

**Environmental Studies:** Germany is very environmentally conscious, one of top countries for sustainability, world leader in wind and solar power production, and biotechnology firms.

**Music:** Bach, Brahms, Mozart, Beethoven, Händel, Schumann, Strauss, Wagner, Tokio Hotel, Rammstein, Nena-99 Luftballons

**English, philosophy, psychology:** English and German are modern languages that come from the Germanic Root, famous German works are read in translation in English classrooms: Siddhartha (Hesse), Metamorphosis (Kafka), Grimm's Fairy Tales, Friedrich Nietzsche, Immanuel Kant, Sigmund Freud

**Travel:** Germans love to travel, you are bound to meet Germans on your own travels. You can also enjoy the German-speaking countries from an insider's perspective and experience the culture, the language, the food, and the sights, such as the Danube river, Blackforest, the Swiss Alps and Castle Neuschwanstein, which inspired Disney. Don't miss Berlin, Hamburg, Vienna and Munich!



## GERMAN INVENTIONS

From Gutenberg's printing press to Hertz' discovery of electromagnetic waves, from Ehrlich's development of chemotherapy to Einstein's theory of relativity, to Brandenburg's creation of the MP3 digital music format, throughout history Germans have proven themselves time and again to be great innovators. That trend continues today. 4 of the world's 10 most innovative companies are located in Germany and at 12.7% of the world's patent applications, the country ranks 3rd in the world. Consequently, 200,000 businesses introduce new products on the market each year.

### Take German at CHS and be inspired!

Below are a few examples:

Bicycle, 1817	<i>Karl von Drais</i>
Electric light bulb, 1854	<i>Heinrich Göbel</i>
Telephone, 1861	<i>Philipp Reis</i>
Refrigerator (using liquid ammonia), 1876	<i>Carl von Linde</i>
4-cycle internal combustion engine, 1876	<i>Nikolaus August Otto</i>
Automobile, 1885	<i>Carl Benz, Gottlieb Daimler</i>
X-ray, 1895	<i>Wihlem Conrad Röntgen</i>
Aspirin, 1897	<i>Felix Hoffmann</i>
Television, 1930	<i>Manfred von Ardenne</i>
Jet engine, 1939	<i>Hans von Ohain</i>
Binary computer, 1941	<i>Konrad Zuse</i>
Bar scanner, 1963	<i>Rudolf Hell</i>
Chip card, 1969	<i>Jürgen Dethloff, Helmut Gröttrup</i>
Fuel cells, 1994	<i>Christian Friedrich Schönbein</i>
MP3, 1995	<i>Karlheinz Brandenburg</i>

## YOU ALREADY KNOW SOME GERMAN

German words have become part of the English language. You already know some...

- Alzheimer
- Angst
- Aspirin
- Autobahn
- Automat
- Bildungsroman
- Blitz
- Blitzkrieg
- Bratwurst
- Concert Meister
- Dachshund
- Das Auto
- delicatessen
- diesel
- Doberman pinscher
- doppelganger
- Fahrenheit
- fest
- Frankfurter
- Gesamtkunstwerk
- gestalt
- Gesundheit!
- Hamburger
- Hamster
- Heimlich
- hertz
- hinterlands
- Kaiser
- Kaiser
- kaput
- Kindergarten
- Lager
- Leberwurst/Liverwurst
- kitschy
- Lederhosen
- Levi's
- Poltergeist
- Rottweiler
- Sauerkraut
- Strudel (apple strudel)
- Wiener Schnitzel
- Zeppelin

German is either the official language or spoken in large quantities here....

Argentina, Austria, eastern Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, eastern France, Germany, Hungary, northern Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Namibia, Netherlands, Romania, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Slovakia & many, many more countries!