



# CLAREMONT HIGH

## 2023/2024



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## Willkommen in der Deutschklasse!

### About the German class

Learning a new language should be fun, engaging and anxiety-free. Our focus is on communication and comprehension, which includes listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture, using the communicative approach. Communication will be mostly in German. Successful completion of German 4 *Advanced Placement* or *International Baccalaureate* will result in German language fluency and earning a bi-literacy seal for their transcript and graduation sash from the State of California.

Students will interact in German with each other actively, either with a partner or in small groups, to form dialogues and skits, participate in games, competitions and other activities. Students will sing, dance, create and act in German. Classroom activities are designed for acquisition of active communication skills.

Students will learn to communicate in German about themselves, their friends and family, studying, leisure-time activities, their immediate surroundings and ultimately global topics and literature. In the process, students will learn about German, Austrian, and Swiss culture.

### About Frau Tsai

Guten Abend! Welcome to *Back-To-School-Night!* I was born and raised in Flensburg, North-Germany. At the age of 13, I immigrated to the United States and learned English as a second language, just like your child is learning German as their second language. In my free time, I enjoy singing, dancing, playing Pokémon Go and my joy are my dogs. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in German Studies and Masters of Arts in German Literature after 1800's from UCLA. I obtained my teaching credential from Cal State Fullerton. My passion is teaching German and I have taught at UCLA, Mt.SAC, VCC, LVC & GASA.

### About the German Club

The German Club at CHS is a cultural club, which promotes and participates in German cultural and community events. German Club puts on Oktoberfest for the entire student body, goes caroling in the winter at Senior Homes in the community, teaches Elementary School students German words and German culture at various International Days at our local Elementary schools and participates in German cultural events, such as exhibits at the Claremont Colleges or concerts and plays. German Club is open to all students. Students of German are highly encouraged to attend and will earn extra credit for participation. German Club meets once to twice monthly during lunch in room 811 on Wednesdays.

### About the German Exchange

The German Exchange is a student exchange which promotes intercultural communication and exchange. Students from German 2, 3 and 4 AP/IB are paired with a German partner, and ideally, will foster a life-long friendship. Their partner will first visit them in April for two weeks. Then, the Americans will spend two weeks in Germany during the summer: going to school, on field trips and living with a German host family. Students will visit museums, exhibits, other German cities and learn about the German culture through this exchange. Students will experience Germany from an insider's perspective, rather than a tourist's perspective. The German students will experience the American culture, attend CHS and visit our museums and other sights. This year, we are going to Munich. Students are encouraged to participate. Most students prefer to participate during their junior year.

#### **Informational Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2023  
from 6 PM -7 PM in room 811

## Frequently asked questions

### What can my child do with German?

Students who study German can pursue a variety of careers in: international business, engineering, medicine, the sciences, art, music and study abroad. They also stand out!  
www.stepintogerman.org --> German matters

### How can my child improve their German?

Students can improve their German by daily practice, (at least 20 minutes daily), reviewing, listening to songs, studying with classmates, use of Quizlet, Duolingo and other electronic apps, seeking help before falling behind, and setting their electronics to German.

### How can my child seek extra help or make-up work?

I am available in room 811 during lunch, and by appointment. Students can come in and seek extra help from me or student tutors.

### Where can I find the homework/assignments and check grades?

All the homework assignments are in the calendar section on Canvas. Additional materials are also available on Canvas. Grades are updated and available on Parent/Student Connect every two weeks.

### Are there any other opportunities for my child to study German?

Due to our relationship with Pomona and Scripps College, students, who have completed German 4 at CHS, may enroll in literature courses free of charge. Students, wishing to earn college credit during High School, may take German at MTSAC while concurrently enrolled in High School German. Please see your student's counselor for more information.

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## Highlights of the Week

In order to engage and encourage students to study and practice German outside of the classroom, the following activities will slowly be incorporated into the week:

### Musik-Montag/Music-Monday

Students acquire vocabulary, language and culture using songs

### Märchen-Mittwoch/Fairy Tale-Wednesday

Students acquire reading comprehension and writing skills by reading, analyzing and discussing short stories, novels and/or reading material of their choice. (comics, magazines, newspaper)

### Film-Freitag/Film-Friday

Students acquire comprehension skills by working with authentic multi-media and film.

Please contact me any time:  
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## Scholarships/Certificates

The German government and various agencies offer a variety of scholarships. The following are scholarships/certificates our students at CHS have earned in the previous years:

1. PASCH-Summer Study Scholarship through Goethe Institute
2. GAPP-Exchange Scholarship
3. Spanier-Ladwig Gartenfest Scholarship
4. G.L.O.W. National Award
5. DAAD Study Abroad Scholarship
6. Congress-Bundestag Scholarship
7. Goethe Institute Fit 1(A1) & Fit 2(A2) Exam
8. Biliteracy Seal of California
9. German National Honor Society

## Upcoming German Events

### Oktoberfest- October 26 at lunch

cultural day and fund-raiser, donations and adult volunteers needed

### Caroling at Pilgrim's Place-December

German Club carols at elderly homes

### AATG National German Exam- January

National German Exam given in Level 2-4

### Spanier-Ladwig Gartenfest & AATG National German Exam Awards Ceremony – February/March

German 3 and 4 AP/IB poetry recital at Scripps College. Selected German 2 students are also invited. Family and friends invited to attend and enjoy lunch together.

### German Exchange:

Exchange to Germany: June-July 2024

Exchange to Claremont: April 2024

### Claremont's Club and Culture Fest –

**April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 PM at 800 Quad**

Showcase of CHS clubs, fun for all ages

**AP Exam: May 17 IB Exam: May 6 & 7**

## Volunteers/donations needed

In order to run a successful German program, German Club & exchange and provide engaging, relevant & fun activities, I humbly ask for your support in the following:

Parent/Guardian Volunteers: please email me, if you could volunteer on any of the dates mentioned above

Donations needed: water, iced tea, Gatorade, baked goods, paper plates & cups, highlighters, arts & crafts material (glitter, heavy construction paper, ribbons, etc), tissues, German material (books, magazines, CDs, Films, etc)

Monetary donations: any monetary donation will help, no matter how small (\$5-20) or big.

Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you! Danke!  
Please make checks out to **CHS-ASB** or via Revtrack