



**Victoria  
German  
School**



**Director's Message**

*Deborah Weber*

Dear parents, students, and friends of the Victoria German School,

First of all, I would like to congratulate our students and teachers for (almost) completing another successful school year! We will celebrate their achievements on Saturday, June 15, during our Abschlussfeier. We hope that your families will return next September and continue working and playing with us in German!

As we are heading toward the end of the school year, we are already looking forward to next fall and next school year. Most of our teachers will stay with us, but unfortunately, we will have to say goodbye to two of them. Daniela Keller, who has been teaching the Grundstufe 1 Immersion group this year, is giving up the class to focus more on her role as an ice skating coach. Luckily for us, she will continue to help out in our classes from time to time. Mareike Bracht has been the Spielgruppe and A1/A2 High School teacher, and will be on maternity leave as of next fall. Both Daniela and Mareike will be greatly missed by their students and colleagues. Thank you both very much for your excellent work this year, and we hope to see you back at the German School very soon!

As many of you already know, there will also be a change in the school's administration next fall, as I will be on maternity leave as of September. We are currently looking for a new director and new teachers to complete our team for the 2019-2020 school year. Please feel free to pass along the job postings published in this newsletter to German-speaking friends and family who might be interested in the positions.

For those of you who are eager to continue learning German, online registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. And for those among you who can't wait until September to speak German, consider signing up for our summer camp this August! (details below)

I would like to thank you all for making this school year a wonderful experience for me as a director. I will miss the German school and community very much next year, and am looking forward to returning soon. I wish you and your families all the best for the remainder of the school year.

Vielen lieben Dank und einen schönen Sommer! - *Deborah*

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**Early Bird Registration**

Families who would like to take advantage of our early bird offer need to register their children before June 30. The advantage of applying early is that your \$50 registration fee will count towards your child's tuition.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now online through our website:

**[www.victoriagermanschool.org](http://www.victoriagermanschool.org)**  
(online registration, children's classes)

After filling out the form, don't forget to pay your \$50 non-refundable fee in order to complete the early bird registration process. Payments can only be accepted via e-transfer or by cheque.

## Events & Dates

### Saturday, June 15 @ 9:30 am Last Day of School & Abschlussfeier

Saturday, June 15 is the last day of school and also the day of our Abschlussfeier. All our classes (including our Tuesday classes!) will start at 9.30am in the A-wing of the Clearihue Building at UVic. There will be Kaffee & Kuchen, and you can also buy pretzels and Bauernbrot.

For the first hour, the students will present their final projects to the parents and to each other. Then we will have our Abschlussfeier in the auditorium of the David Turpin Building. Report cards will be issued during the ceremony.

Parents are asked to stay with their children until the end!

### Important Dates for 2019-2020

- Saturday, Sept 7, 2019 - First day of school
- Saturday, Dec 14, 2019 - Weihnachtsfeier
- Dec 15-Jan 6, 2020 - Christmas break
- March 15-March 30, 2020 - Spring break
- Saturday, Apr 11, 2020 - Osterfest
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 - Abschlussfeier

A more detailed version of the 2019-2020 school calendar will shortly be posted on our website:

**[www.victoriagermanschool.org](http://www.victoriagermanschool.org)**



The Victoria German School is offering a summer camp in collaboration with UVic this summer. The camp is aimed at fluent German speakers aged 5 to 12, and is a great opportunity for kids to practice their German in an immersive, playful environment outside of the school and family context. Here are some more details about the camp:

#### **"Unter dem Meer" scheduled for Aug 12-16, 2019**

Climb aboard the SCAMPS submarine as we discover diverse sea life at the Salish sea center, create ocean-inspired crafts, learn about ocean processes with wacky science experiments, and much more! This week will also feature field trips, a beach day, camp games, sports and lots of time outside!

The cost of the camp is \$220, and the German School is offering a \$90 discount for any students already signed up with our school.

Please sign up for the camp here: <https://www.uvic.ca/humanities/about/day-camps>

## Job Openings with the Victoria German School for 2019-2020

### Director

The Victoria German School is seeking a Director for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a part-time position requiring approximately 15 hours per week. The Director is expected to be at the school during school hours and important events.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Management: Communicate with parents, board, and staff; be the main point of contact between the German Government and the school; advise the board on strategic direction of VGS
- Human Resources: Recruit and train teachers and offer them professional development
- Curriculum: Lead the development of curriculum; oversee the purchase of new learning resources; attend professional conferences

#### Requirements:

- Native-like fluency in German
- Strong communication, presentation, and organizational skills
- Previous experience in education, preferably language teaching
- Proficient computer skills
- Goal-oriented, hands-on manager, and a commitment to continuously improve the services provided
- Must be eligible to live and work in Canada

### Teachers

The Victoria German School is looking for German language teachers. This position is part-time, one class per week. The students are elementary school age.

#### Requirements:

- Native-like fluency in German and a solid knowledge of German grammar
- Experience working with children
- Excellent communication skills
- Criminal record check
- Eligibility to live and work in Canada

#### Assets:

- Previous experience teaching German or German as a second language
- First Aid Certification Level 1

**Please send your resume and cover letter to [info@victoriagermanschool.org](mailto:info@victoriagermanschool.org)**

### Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraising

Thank you for fundraising for the Victoria German School! We have raised almost \$1100 this school year which we have used for professional development for our teachers. We are grateful for your continued support of our school!





Spring Impressions

