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Seven Days Bulletin



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Save the Date



COMING SOON

14.10.2026 (13h00-17h30)

Grade 6 I&S Trip to Plötz Waterfall

14.10.2026 (09h45-10h30)

Les Roches University Visit

16.10.2026 (13h30)

Parent Community Café with
Head of Teaching and Learning

16.10.2026

Term 1b & 2 Activities sign-up opens

20.10.2026 (All Day)

Grade 9 I&S Fieldtrip

20.10.2026 (09h20-10h00)

Hult University Visit

21.10.2026

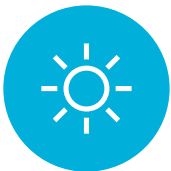
Community Building Day

21.10.2026 (08h00-12h00)

Open Day

**23.10.2026 (On Campus: 08h00 - 12h00/
Online 13h00 – 15h00)**

Parent - Student -Teacher Conferences



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Saturday 10th October

Saltmines Hallstatt

Ice Caves Werfen

Sunday 17th October (08h00 - 14h00)

Volleyball Matches - Boys, Girls Developmental
and Girls Varsity Teams
American International School
Parent support is very welcome!

*These are the activities planned for the weekend,
however there can be last-minute changes!*

Calendar 2026/27

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026/27



Shaping Our Future

WHAT FUTURE ARE WE PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR?

What future are we preparing our children for—and what do they need from us to thrive in it?

This important conversation will begin with a series of student, parent, and staff sessions facilitated by **Homa Tavangar**, co-founder and CEO of the **Big Questions Institute**.

For more than three decades, Homa has worked at the intersection of innovation, strategy, leadership, global citizenship, belonging, and cultural competence. She is a trusted thought partner to educators and schools across five continents, helping them imagine and create more purposeful, inclusive and “irresistible” futures for all students.



Homa will help us engage with some of the big questions facing our children and our school community. Together, we will explore our shared ambitions, develop a common vocabulary, and, where necessary, identify and embrace the tensions that arise when we think deeply about the future we want to create.

Parent Lunch with Homa Tavangar

We warmly invite parents to join us for a conversation and lunch with Homa:

Friday, October 23

12:00 noon

StGIS Conference Room

This is an opportunity to step into the conversation, share your perspectives, and help shape a shared vision for the future of our children.

We hope you will join us.



MS MÖTZ
Head of School



Bell Race 2026

“EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE”

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year’s StGIS Bell Race—whether you ran, walked, or mixed the two, you can be proud of your climb to the top to ring that bell!

The Bell Race reminds us that achievement and progress often comes with challenge and sometimes discomfort. Just like running up a steep hill, the road to our goals isn’t always easy, and the urge to stop can feel strongest right before you turn the corner to the finish line. But when we dig deep, keep going, one step after the other, and support each other along the way, we uncover resilience and strengths we never knew we had, and often surprise ourselves in the process. As the first major challenge of the school year, the Bell

Race sets the tone for what’s ahead. Let it inspire you to step outside your comfort zone, embrace the challenges that come your way, and show the resilience to keep moving forward.

We would like to thank Mr. Fleming for capturing the spirit of the event through his outstanding photography, and every staff member who helped make the Bell Race possible.



MS RILEY
Head of Movement and Wellbeing/ Athletic Director

A special congratulations must go to our age group winners, who raced to the summit in impressive times!

Bell Race - Pictures

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Grade 4-9						
Place	Boys	Time (min:sec)	Grade	Girls	Time (min:sec)	Grade
1.	Rudolf Schmid	07:54	7	Mia Grugger	09:23	5
2.	Hannibal Auersperg-Breunner	08:33	6	Carla Romana Graf-Perner	09:28	8
3.	Max Strasser	08:53	7	Severine Auersperg-Breunnerl	09:44	8

Grade 10-12						
Place	Boys	Time (min:sec)	Grade	Girls	Time (min:sec)	Grade
1.	Wilfred Packwood	07:34	10	Roze Van Herpen	11:30	12
2.	Daniel Söldner Mateo	07:38	12	Lisa Sunk / Stella Uhrig	12:28	11
3.	Vincent Gastberger	08:04	10	Frida Cunningham/ Liya Hofmann	12:35	10



**Exit
Nova**
eine Einrichtung der Caritas

StGIS Charity Run

Get ready to run while making a difference, together with our school community! We are excited to invite you to our StGIS Charity Run, where every lap counts towards supporting young people in need.

When: Friday, 16 October, after school at 15:00

Where: Around our school campus

The concept is simple: students complete as many laps as they can around the school campus (each lap is about 300 metres), and for every lap, their parents or sponsors donate a certain amount of money. You decide how much you would like to give per lap. Whether you do one lap or ten, every contribution makes a difference and goes towards a good cause.

You don't have to run! Walking with your friends is just as welcome, because everything makes a difference. All students stay for about 20 minutes, and after that they are free to leave or to keep going for as long as they like. To make it more exciting, there are prizes for the top three

students who complete the most laps.

Please note: On the day of the run, the school bus will leave at 15:30 instead of 15:15.

We are raising money for Exit Nova, a youth emergency shelter in Salzburg that supports young people aged 12–18 who are experiencing difficult situations. The organisation provides a safe place to stay, basic necessities, and support for young people who may not have a safe place to go.

By taking part in our charity run, we can help support this important organisation and maximise the impact of every single donation we collect together.

More details about how and when donations will be collected will follow soon.

We hope to see many of you there!



ARTHUR
Grade 11 Student



Music Lessons

UPDATE ON THE INDIVIDUAL LESSON PROGRAM

It is not too late to **register for the Individual Lesson Program**. Private music classes are offered during the school day with expert tutors at the rate of EUR 30 for 30 minutes and EUR 60 for 60 minutes. If you register or express interest, I can forward all details about the program to your email address. There are limited remaining slots for:

- **CELLO:** Tuesday afternoons
- **DRUMS:** Wednesday afternoons
- **SAXOPHONE/CLARINET/BEGINNING FLUTE:** Wednesday afternoons
- **PIANO:** Mondays and Thursdays, various times available
- **AND....announcing POP/ROCK GUITAR, CLASSICAL GUITAR, and ELECTRIC GUITAR on THURSDAYS**



We have found an energetic guitar teacher who can offer classical guitar, pop/rock guitar, and electric guitar lessons. Welcome to Mr. MARIANO SCARPACI who will be joining us on Thursday mornings. If those slots fill up, then he can extend

further into Thursday afternoons.

Mariano is an Italian guitarist and has been playing for over 15 years. His main focus is classical guitar, but he has experience performing in a wide range of musical genres, both as a soloist and in ensembles and bands. As an experienced teacher, the most important thing for him is to build his students' confidence and develop a deep passion for music, while keeping the lessons interesting and fun. He believes that every student has something unique to say, and his job is to help them express it through music!

For students who have already started lessons, please direct scheduling questions to your child's individual lesson teacher and cc me. As well, make sure you/your child have communicated any times they need to be out of class to their classroom teachers. I will be providing the schedule to Faculty next week when all loose ends are resolved.

j.lodi@stgis.at

Individual Lesson Program
Coordinator –

REGISTRATION LINK

Gilgenseeng! Choir Director



MRS LODI
Teacher of Music



Challenge Your Mathematics

WATERLOO MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS
OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

The Mathematics Department would like to invite students in Grades 9-12 to participate in the University of Waterloo's mathematics competitions this November. Grade 9 and 10 students are eligible to enter the Intermediate category (CIMC), while Grade 11 and 12 students may participate in the Senior category (CSMC). Information about the competitions with further details were emailed directly to students.

These internationally recognised competitions provide students with an opportunity to engage with challenging and creative mathematical problems that extend beyond the regular curriculum. They encourage logical reasoning, perseverance, and problem-solving while allowing students to experience the enjoyment of tackling unfamiliar questions. Participation can also demonstrate intellectual curiosity and a willingness to engage in

academic enrichment beyond the classroom.

The competitions will take place on 19 November and are each two hours in duration. While no formal preparation is required, students who would like to familiarise themselves with the style of questions can access past contest papers and solutions through the University of Waterloo CEMC website click [here](#).

Interested students should register their interest by emailing n.ambigaibalan@stgis.at by 20 October. We encourage students who enjoy mathematics, problem-solving, and intellectual challenges to consider participating.



MRS AMBIGAIBALAN
Head of Mathematics



THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING (CEMC) CANADIAN SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS CONTESTS

2026

DESIGNED TO GIVE STUDENTS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN AND
DEVELOP THEIR MATHEMATICAL
PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES.

Thursday, 19 November 2026

INTERMEDIATE: GRADES 9 – 10
SENIOR: GRADES 11 – 12

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- 9 questions; 6 are answer only and 3 are full-solution.
- 2 hours with a score out of 60.
- Each submitted solution is assessed for completeness, clarity, and presentation style; a correct solution, poorly presented, will not earn a full score for that problem.
- Written in school, on paper.
- Calculators allowed (and will be provided)



SCAN HERE TO FIND PAST CONTESTS

SIGN UP NOW!

SEND AN EMAIL TO MISS A
(N.AMBIGAIBALAN@STGIS.AT)
BEFORE 20 OCTOBER TO
EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST



Golf & the IB

Bernhard's recent golf achievements give our school community plenty to celebrate. Over the summer, Bernhard was nominated to the Austrian U18 National Team, proudly representing his country at the European Boys' Team Championship in Spain.

His success did not stop there. He recently became the Youth Club Champion at GC Mondsee. Then, from September 25-27, he competed in the Austrian Men's State Match Play Championship at his home course. Against Austria's top players, Bernhard fought hard. "My first two matches were very close and came down to the last hole", he shares. After winning his semifinal 3&2, he secured an incredible 2nd place finish as the Vice State Champion. "I lost the final after a tough match, but I am still happy and proud of 2nd place", he reflects.

As a Grade 12 student, navigating the demands of the IB requires incredible discipline. "Balancing my sport with the IB Programme is not always easy, because tournaments and school deadlines can come in the same week," Bernhard explains. To manage both, he plans his week ahead and uses his free time well to finish assignments while maintaining his practice schedule.

Ultimately, the lessons learned on the green translate directly to the classroom. As Bernhard notes, "Golf has taught me to stay focused, be patient and learn from my mistakes". His experience is a reminder that hard work takes time to show results. And that there is much to celebrate along the way. Congratulations, Bernhard!



MR CAZORLA GARCIA
Head of Languages



We would like to invite you to our **Parent Community Cafe** with the **Mrs Sommerville - Head of Teaching & Learning**



Invited: Parents
When: October 16th 2026 at 13:30
Where: Conference room



Library Spotlight



PEACE, DONATIONS AND MORE TO COME!

The start of the school year is always a busy time in the StGIS Library. There are new books to welcome, generous donations to add to the collection, fresh displays to create, and plenty of exciting events to organise.

Monday 21st September was the UN International Day of Peace. This year the theme was: **'Invest in Peace - For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day'**

Under this theme, this year's International Day of Peace honoured the ordinary people who build peace—people driving local action, laying the

groundwork for stability, and creating the conditions for lasting peace.

Peace is shaped by everyone, everywhere, every day.

During Mentor Tutor time on that day, the students came together to discuss peace and what it meant to them, and the result was a peace acrostic poem. Each group produced their own poem, and it was a great way for the school community to share their message on peace, a complex matter using a simple structure.



This week is Banned Books Week, find out more in the next Library Spotlight!

We've started the year with new staff members sharing their favourite books with the school community. Over the past couple of weeks, Mr. Sommerville has shared his favourites—a broad mix of genres, including fantasy, historical fiction, humour, and childhood favourites.



Now on display are Mr. Graben-Ball's favourite books. He is a huge fan of book series and young adult fiction, particularly stories with plenty of

adventure and a great plot! A particular favourite, the author Cassandra Claire and the following series of books, The Mortal Instrument, The Infernal Devices and The Dark Artifices.

The StGIS Library is always grateful to receive donations of books, and I've been slowly working my way through them, adding new titles to our collection.

Occasionally, however, I end up with more than one copy of the same book, which can leave me wondering what to do with the duplicates. This time, we found a wonderful solution!

A huge thank you to Ms Ruppert, who let me know that Thalgau Library had a very limited selection of books in English and was looking to expand its collection. The StGIS Library was only too happy to help. We were able to donate a number of books to their library, which Ms. Ruppert delivered recently.

So, please keep those donations coming! Thank you for helping us share the joy of reading with our wider community.



MRS LA RONDIE
Teacher-Librarian

An aerial photograph of a lakeside town, likely in Switzerland, featuring traditional European architecture with dark roofs and light-colored walls. The town is nestled between a large body of water and a green, hilly landscape. A prominent blue banner with the text "Menu for the Week" in white serif font is overlaid on the left side of the image. The banner has a faint, stylized background pattern of buildings and trees. The overall scene is bright and scenic, with lush greenery and a clear sky.

Menu for the Week

If you have any feedback or questions, please send an email to catering@stgis.at



Accreditation

