



Villa Sainte-Marcelline
Collège international des Marcellines

CELEBRATING OUR TEN-YEAR PARTNERSHIP!

TWO SCHOOLS UNDER THE SAME ROOF



- **Collège international des Marcellines (pre-university college)** Two-year programs in Sciences, Social Sciences or Arts, letters and communication (languages) or three-year programs which are a combination of Sciences and languages or Social Science and language.
- **Villa Sainte-Marcelline:** primary and secondary school. Since the beginning of our partnership, all girls in their final year, grade 11, take part in an exchange with the Catholic schools of Bavaria



COLLÈGE INTERNATIONAL DES MARCELLINES

- All students are offered the opportunity to study German. Most have never studied German before.
- German is being actively promoted during student recruitment.
- Through the PASCH program, we have been able to offer our students scholarships to take part in exchanges such as the camp in Portland.
- Six levels of German are offered: level reached at the end is B2.
- Students have the option of doing a 3-month immersion in Germany.



VILLA SAINTE-MARCELLINE

Each year between 40 and 60 grade II students take part in an exchange with the Catholic schools of Bavaria. Preparation includes:

- **Preparation camp** : activities include preparing a Weihnachtsmarkt (crafts, baking), learning about culture and history, and taking part in workshops on various themes
- **German language lessons**: 45 minutes per week for all students all year. This has become part of the grade II curriculum. Focus is on basic grammar and vocabulary and culture.
- **Student exchange** with Bavaria, Germany: cultural visits, linguistic and cultural immersion. Hosting a group of Bavarian students in Montreal.



VILLA SAINTE-MARCELLINE : WEEKEND IMMERSION CAMP

A key aspect in the preparation of the grade 11 exchange with Bavaria is a **weekend immersion camp** at a resort in the countryside.

Student exchanges that are well prepared are always more successful. Students benefit from this preparation by learning to appreciate and better understand the host culture.





CULTURAL IMMERSION

During the weekend there are **group discussions** around important German texts to better understand German culture and history.

Students read excerpts from the following texts with their German teacher: *Die Deutsch Stunde* by Siegfried Lenz and *Geschichte eines Deutschen : Die Erinnerungen 1914 - 1933* by Sebastian Haffner.



INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES

- After reading the chosen texts, there are integration and application activities such as sketches and discussions.
- Students also watched and discussed the film *Sophie Scholl* and also read excerpts from *Die weiße Rose*.





PREPARING A WEIHNACHTSMARKT

Activities include preparing crafts to be sold during a Weihnachtsmarkt set up at the school on a parent-teacher meeting day. This is usually a very successful and popular activity and teaches students about a very German tradition.









During the weekend camp, students are busy making crafts and learning about German traditions. Even the food served at dinner is German!





WEIHNACHTSMARKT

The students are very proud to sell their creations and to give a German touch to Christmas preparations at the school.





Our stay in Jouvence really helped us **learn about German History**; talking about book excerpts, watching the *Sophie Scholl* movie, and creating sketches to understand what the people went through during the Second World War really **brought us closer together as a group**, and **prepared us** for the different visits and the trip in general.

We also **talked about the immersion** we were going to live, staying with German families, experiencing their way of living for a week or so, and learning about their different values, traditions and ways of expressing themselves.

The little bits of **German we learned** made the trip even more fun, trying to understand everyone around us and being so proud when we actually did!

- Mariane, class of 2018



WHAT SOME
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Our stay at Jouvence allowed us to learn much more about **German history**. We also got to talk about **German culture** and **traditions** in order to better understand their customs and prepare our trip. It was a great experience!

- Audrey, class of 2018



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Earlier this year, our class has had the opportunity to spend a few days at Jouvence. Thanks to this short trip, we were able to learn more about German culture for the immersion as well as learn to live together as a group. We made Christmas cards written in German. (...) We watched the tragic movie of *Sophie Schöll*, for a deeper understanding of history, and we also did activities in smaller groups to learn how to cooperate. It was a great experience.

Fanilo, class of 2018



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