



Jaguar Jargon

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Math Matters DoDDS Reads

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The **Sigonella Post Test for School Improvement in Math and Science** will be taking place this **Wednesday , April 16th** during all advisory and seminar classes.

- Thank you for your continued support of the Sigonella School Improvement Plan

Chemistry experiments:

In April my three chemistry classes are doing experiments with the kindergarten and child development classes. The high school chemistry classes will be using a rubric for their presentations and creating lab procedures along with data sheets for the young children to use during the lab experiments. The experiments will be safe, non-harmful, and hands-on laboratory experiences. It will be a challenge for our high school students to teach chemistry to children between the ages of 3 and 7. AFN and the Signature will be covering this.

Here are the dates and times.

Tuesday April 22: 1:05-2:00 Chemistry experiments with Ms. M.'s and Mr. B.'s Kindergarten classes

Thursday April 24: 9:20-10:20 Chemistry experiments with Child Development Children and 1:05- 2:00 Chemistry experiments with Ms. F. Kindergarten class

Friday April 25: 9:20-10:20 Chemistry experiments with Child Development Children

Thanks,
Mrs. J. B.

Chemistry and AP Biology

PRE-REGISTRATION....

Pre-Registration for 2008-2009 is just around the corner. Sigonella MS/HS & Stephan Decatur Elementary will be holding **pre-registration on Friday, April 18th from 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, and Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon in Knight's Hall.**

If you already know that your child will not be attending school here next year please call or stop by the office to let us know. Thank You!!!

Calendar of Events

LinguaFest Mar 31
Oberwesel GE - Apr 4

End of Third Quarter Apr 3

Teacher Work Day
No School for Students Apr 4

Spring Recess Apr 7 - 11

Begin Fourth Quarter Apr 14

SAC Meeting 1445 Apr 16
Media Center

PTSO Board Meeting 1230 Apr 17
Conf Rm 145

Parent Teacher Conferences ~ AM Apr 18
CSP SIP ~ PM
No School for students

Junior Leadership Seminar Apr 20
Oberwesel - 25

Model Senate Apr 21
Pavillion GE - 25

HS Academic Awards Apr 23
1100 Base Chapel

MS Academic Awards Apr 25
1230 Base Chapel

SIP Early Release Apr 30
1100 Dismissal

Memorial Day No School May 26

Graduation Jun 6

Last Day of School for Students Jun 12

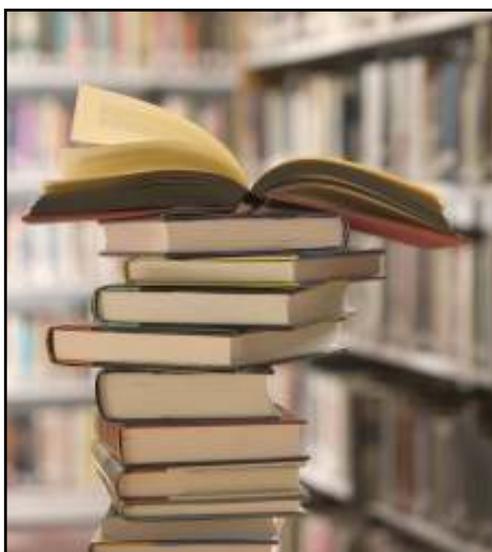


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PTSO Update

The PTSO, Navy Marine Corp Relief Society and Navy Federal Credit Union are teaming up to offer the essay contest again this year. The title of the essay is "What Financial Responsibility Means to Me." The essay must be double spaced, not more than 300 words and must have a cover page that includes the students name and the advisory/seminar teacher's name. The students name cannot appear on the essay page and they can make no references to family members by name. There will be three \$100.00 savings bonds given to the winners. One winner from seventh/eighth grades, one from ninth/tenth, and one from eleventh/twelfth grades will be chosen. The deadline for the contest is Wednesday, April 30th, essays received after that date will not be considered. Essays can be turned in to the front office for placement in the PTSO box. A reminder will be sent out in February and March. Thank you for your support.

BOOK FAIR...BOOK FAIR...BOOK FAIR!



Our Book Fair has been rescheduled for April 15th through the 19th. We would love to have extra help.

Please contact L. B. at 642-0157 if you have some time to help out.

April 15th – 19th
7:45 am – 3:00 pm
Bldg. 216 Room 372

Football 2008-09 Meeting

Tuesday April 22nd at 5:00

in the Sigonella High school JAG-gym.

At the meeting we will be handing out all necessary paperwork for next years season- Medical power of attorney forms, physical forms, student-parent athletic handbook, announcing upcoming fundraisers, handing out information on football camp Aug 12-15 in Ansbach Germany, discussing ordering of jerseys for next years season, and introducing Naval coaching staff. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting leading to a great football season in 2008!

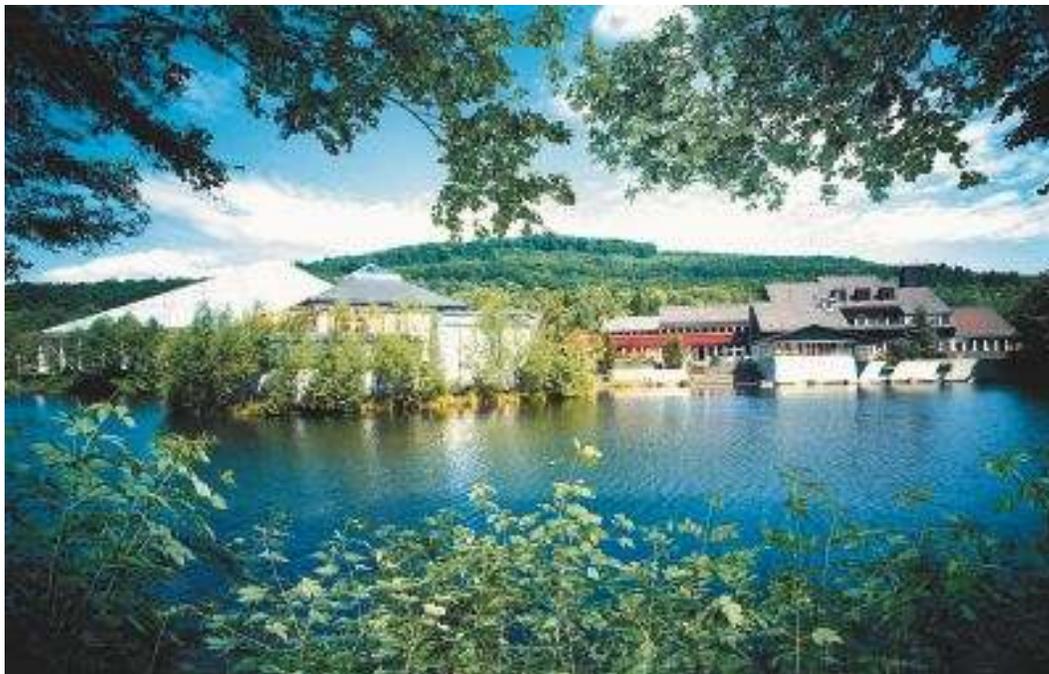




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Academic Games 2008

Written by B. G.



Hambachtal Resort

Five students and one teacher from Sigonella Italy travelled to Germany for the Annual European Academic Games Competition. The games were held at the Hambachtal resort, located in Hambachtal, Germany from March 5-7. A record thirty schools from DoDDS and other International/American schools competed to test their smarts on the European level.

The Academic Games competition is a team event similar to Jeopardy for high school students, with questions from all academic backgrounds. Each team consists of five students, one from each grade level and one alternate. Four students can compete at one time during a match. The competition was bracket style play with four pools of seven or eight teams.

Preparation for the Games started over a month before the competition. H. B. (senior-alternate), B. G. (senior-captain), R. B. (junior), J. R. (sophomore), and A. G. (freshman) all met in sponsor M. M.'s room every day during lunch to practice. This daily practice honed the students' trivia skills and prepared them to answer any question at a seconds notice.

Travel for the competition started early Wednesday morning from the Catania Airport. After a lay over in Rome and a bus ride to Hambachtal the students settled in to their cabin and decided to take advantage of the resorts' pool. As the students swam they met many other students from DoDDS Europe also there for the competition. Many friendships were formed with teams from other schools such as Ankara, Bahrain, Rota, and Aviano. After making many new friends the team went back to the cabin and prepared for the competition scheduled for the next day.

The first day of competition yielded a number of wins and losses for the Sigonellans. The first match was a victory over Bamberg. The next was a tie with Aviano. The third game was another tie with Hohenfels. The next was a last minute loss to Baumholder, and the final match was a loss to Heidelberg. The team from did not make it out of pool play. The next day was spent watching the competition between the final eight teams. In the end the powerhouse Heidelberg won the Championship.

The DoDDS Europe Director, Diana Ohman, gave a speech during the awards ceremony proclaiming the entire competition a success. In the end Sigonella did not win first, but with regards to the competition there were two small victories. One; Sigonella did better than last year. Two; of all the Navy schools at the competition Sigonella was the only one to win more than one match, thus placing them as the first place Navy school in Europe. Also, there was another victory had by all teams. Diana Ohman stated it best in her closing address, "You are all intelligent students, competing in an Academic Competition. To myself, the other superintendents, and your teachers, there could be no greater victory."



Honors Music Festival 2008

Written by B. G.



The Kurhaus at Wiesbaden, Germany

The DoDDS-Europe System held their annual Honors Music Festival this year from March 16-21. The Festival was comprised of a one-week seminar followed by a performance in Weisbaden, Germany. Each year this festival is held to give DoDDS-Europe students a chance to practice and perform in an honors music program similar to honors/state music programs in the United States. There are three music groups students can audition for; Concert Band, Chorus, and a double String Quartet. Every year guest conductor from the U.S directs each group. For the chorus it was a Dr. Russell Robinson from the University of Florida. For the band it was Dr. Robert W. Smith, and for the String ensemble Harpist Valery Webber.

Selection for the festival began in January with digital auditions that had to be submitted for review by a committee. Out of the more than 300 students that auditioned Europe wide, about 150 were selected. After the selections, music and rehearsal notes were given to the participants to be practiced daily. The weeks before the seminar proved to be very busy for all musicians. The program included 6 strings pieces, 6 band pieces, and 9 choral pieces, and a combined finale.

B. G., a senior at Sigonella was selected for the chorus as a Tenor 1. G. travelled alone via Rome to Frankfurt Airport, then bused to Oberwesel Youth hostel, the site of the seminar. The next four days followed a very strict rehearsal schedule, eight to ten hours a day. Practices were hard and conductors were very demanding in their expectations. Friendships were formed and strengthened. Each evening presented a new activity for the students; the first was a performance by the Air Force Brass Quintet, the next evening was a Talent Show. The final two evenings held dances and a Banquet. The four days of rehearsal, though tough, passed by before the students could blink.

The spectacular seminar culminated in one grand performance in the 18th century Kurhaus concert hall at Wiesbaden, Germany. The students bused from the youth hostel that morning and had a dress rehearsal that afternoon. After a fantastic German dinner in Wiesbaden the musicians took their places for the concert. The chorus was first, singing each of their pieces with vigor and feeling. The selections included Handel, Mozart, Gospel, African Praise music, and American Folk songs. Next came the strings with their colorful melodies and lilting rhythms. Their repertoire included both classical and modern compositions. The band came next with a program fully composed by Robert W. Smith. Foremost among these was *The Inferno*, a musical representation of Dante's *Inferno*, the Renaissance literary work. After the band performed, awards and recognitions were given to teachers, students, and conductors. Among these were the Outstanding Band Member, awarded to L. H. (Heidelberg), Outstanding Strings Member, awarded to V. S., and Outstanding Chorus Member, awarded to B. G. (Sigonella). The finale was the premiere choral string, and band performance of "O Music, Speak!" Conducted by composer Russell Robinson.

After the performance the exhilarated students returned to the hostel. Every student agreed wholeheartedly that the performance was a major success. The final evening was an emotional time, each student spent there final few hours together differently. Some slept after a long days work, some talked, some played. Everybody knew that shortly they were going to say goodbye and return home. The next morning was full of both tearful and joyous goodbyes; friends hugged friends and said good-bye. No student was able to put into words the bond they now felt in their hearts. They could not deny that this brief week of music had changed them for the better. In this small group of military and contractor dependents, where change is the only constant in a young persons life; each student knew that something very special now bonded each of them together...music.



Month of the Military Child 2008

DoDEA Celebrates Month of the Military Child April 2008

Each year, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is invited to help promote the *Month of the Military Child* by highlighting the contributions our schools make to support military families. To assist schools with planning, DoDEA has compiled the attached package containing event/activity ideas, talking points, and promotion ideas.

School leaders can use this package to stimulate discussion in schools and communities on ways to commemorate this important month. Be sure to bring events to the attention of local military community public affairs officers (PAO) and your district and area PAOs, as well.

BACKGROUND

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

Throughout the month, numerous military commands will plan special events to honor military children. These events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle. These special activities include arts and crafts shows, picnics, carnivals, fairs, parades, block parties and other special activities, focusing on military children that highlight the unique contributions they make.

DoDEA joins the Department of Defense and the military community in celebrating April as the *Month of the Military Child*. At DoDEA, we know that military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and moving frequently. Deployments and family separations can be stressful times for children. DoD schools are part of the wide community support network available to families. Training is provided to our teaching staff on the various stages of deployment and the ways that children are affected. Teachers, counselors, and psychologists guide honest and open discussions with students. Schools link deployed parents and students by email and other technologies. Our most important contribution is to remain focused on the educational mission and provide a stable environment for the children in our schools especially during these times of stress.

Throughout the month, DoDEA will encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their every day duties and responsibilities. These efforts and special events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military Lifestyle.



*You are cordially invited to
 become active in the
 Sigonella Middle/High School
 Advisory Committee
 Wednesday, April 16th
 1445 Media Center
 It is time to begin talking about the
 2008-09 School Year Officers!*

**Senior
 Exam
 Schedule**

May 30th Friday "B" day	June 2nd Monday "A" day	June 3rd Tuesday "B" day	June 4th Wednesday "A" day
5 period EXAM	1	5	1 period EXAM
6	2	6 period EXAM	2 period EXAM
7	3 period EXAM	7	3
8 period EXAM	4 period EXAM	8	4

**9th, 10th &
 11th Grade
 Exam
 Schedule**

June 6th Friday "A" day	June 9th Monday "B" day	June 10th Tuesday "A" day	June 11th Wednesday "B" day
1 period EXAM	5 period EXAM	1	5
2	6	2 period EXAM	6 period EXAM
3 period EXAM	7	3	7
4	8 period EXAM	4 period EXAM	8



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High School Counselors' Corner

Dear Sponsors, Parents and Students, if you are PCSing some time during the current school semester, please read the important information below regarding ACCELERATION:

ACCELERATED CREDIT FOR DEPARTING STUDENTS

According to DoDDS regulations, a student that is withdrawing on PCS orders within **20 school days** prior to the end of the semester may be eligible to accelerate by completing advance assignments and final examinations and receive semester credit. **For the Spring semester of SY 07-08, the earliest date a student may leave school under an accelerated program is 14 May 2008. Students must attend school for the entire day on the withdrawal day.**

The parent/student must notify the Registrar at least 30 days prior to departure and provide a copy of the PCS orders. The Counselor will hold a meeting with student, sponsor, and teachers to develop an acceleration plan.

The following guidelines must be followed:

1. At the Acceleration Meeting, the student, sponsor, and all teachers will sign a contract that provides the student with advance assignments and due dates of all work, exams, and final projects.
2. Acceleration privileges will NOT be granted for any course that a student is failing. The school recommends that any student requesting to accelerate have at least a 2.5 GPA.
3. Upon satisfactory completion of all assignments and final exams/projects, the student will be granted semester credit. A copy of grades on the withdrawal form will be made available on the date of withdrawal. An official transcript will be forwarded once final grades are posted. Sponsors are requested to leave a valid forwarding address with the Registrar.
4. During the acceleration period, students who are absent from school may jeopardize their acceleration privileges. The principal reserves the right to make all determinations regarding the acceleration program.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS **MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE!!**

Advanced Placement Exams will take place during May 5 - May 16, 2008. On the given exam day, students are to report to the Main Office at 7:45am and will be escorted to the testing site

As your students have already been informed, the exams will be given on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, May 7, Calculus AB (7:45am – Noon).
Thursday, May 8, English Literature (7:45 am – Noon).
Friday, May 9, US History (7:45 am – Noon).
Monday, May 12, Biology (7:45 am – Noon).
Monday, May 12, Physics B (Noon – 4:00 pm)
Wednesday, May 14, English Language (7:45 am - Noon).
Wednesday, May 14, Italian Language and Culture (7:45 am – Noon).

We ask that students and parents be aware that the AP exams take priority over sports and other scheduled activities on exam days and the weekends prior to the exam days. We ask that you assist us with making the AP Exams a PRIORITY.

These AP students have worked very hard all school year. Remember, by taking these exams, students can possibly earn college credit helping to save you tuition at the college level. If a student does not take the AP exam, then no weighted grade is given. Good Luck students!



Sigonella MS/HS

APRIL Lunch Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
31 Chicken nuggets Mash potatoes & gravy Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Fruit jello	1 Beef porcupines Baby carrots Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Cookie	2 Hot dog on a bun Baked beans Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Vanilla pudding	3 Lasagna Spinach Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Ice cream	4 <u>TEACHER WORK</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
7 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	8 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	9 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	10 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	11 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>
14 Pasta w/meatballs Garlic bread Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Cookie	15 Cheese burger on a bun French fries Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Fruit jello	16 Hot dog on a bun Baked beans Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Chocolate cake	17 Pizza Spinach Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Dove dessert	18 <u>PARENT TEACHER</u> <u>CONF</u> <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
21 Beef ravioli w/tomato sauce Broccoli Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Vanilla cake	22 Fish stick Potato salad Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Cream caramel pudding	23 Cold ham & cheese sandwich Baby carrots Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Ice cream	24 Chicken nuggets Mash potatoes & gravy Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Cookie	25 Pizza Golden corn Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Fruit jello
28 Macaroni & cheese Garlic bread Green beans Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Cookie	29 Cheese burger on a bun French fries Fresh salad Fresh fruit Milk or juice Chocolate pudding	30 <u>SIP DAY</u> <u>EARLY DISMISSAL</u>		