



**November 4, 2009**

**Contents and Attachments:**

Reminders, Recycling, UNICEF Trick-or-Treating Report, Letter from the Director, Picture Day, SCRIP Fundraiser, PTO Parents' Night Out, Calendar November & December

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please remember that the deadline for Elternbrief articles is Monday mornings 9 AM.

**REMINDER: Early Release – Every Wednesday – 2:30pm**

- **School Pictures**  
Please see attached schedule for your child's school picture day next week. We need 2-3 volunteers per class to escort children to and from the cafeteria and for supervision. For each shift a volunteer signs for he/she will receive one FREE 5x7 print of their child's photo. This is on a first come first-serve basis. Please contact the office to sign up.
- **WANTED: Narrow Recycling Containers**  
As the greening initiative at TCGIS gets underway we find ourselves in need of large narrow containers to facilitate the primary students in their recycling efforts. Please contact Ursula Hargens, 1b parent, ([ursula@andiron.net](mailto:ursula@andiron.net)) for details. Perhaps you'd like to purchase these bins as a boost to the greening initiative, or perhaps you know of a resource for used or inexpensive bins! Vielen Dank!
- **UNICEF Trick-or-Treating**  
Our UNICEF count is in, and it's great news: 85 TCGIS kids raised \$553.59 for UNICEF this Halloween! That's enough money to immunize 85 kids for measles and polio for life; buy each of them a storybook, a notepad, and a pencil; buy 2 soccer balls and pumps for them to share; and buy nearly a half ton of emergency food rations! Because our kids raised over \$500, TCGIS now qualifies a "Delegate" in the UNICEF program—something only 12 other Minnesota schools accomplished last year. Thanks to all of our TCGIS kids who trick-or-treated for others this year! We're proud of you!
- **PTO Parents' Night Out**  
Parents' Night Out at Sweeney's on Tuesday, November 17 (see attachment)
- **REMINDER: Martinstag**  
Please join us for Martinstag at the Landmark Center on November 8 from 4 - 6 pm. This event includes lantern making workshop, singing, a horse-led lantern parade around Rice Park and a short play of the St. Martin story. Our students are invited to sing at 5pm.
- **Scrip Fundraiser**  
Orders Are Due 11/13. For details please see attachment.

**Educating children for active, informed world citizenship  
Andere horen, andere sehen, weltoffen denken und handeln**

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Families,

Each year we write an annual appeal letter to members of our community to raise money for the school. This year the first phase our annual appeal campaign will be coordinated with an opportunity for matching dollars through [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org), a new organization that helps nonprofits to raise money online. To celebrate its launch, GiveMN.org has designated November 17 “Give to the Max” day. On that day, starting at 8AM, several area foundations will match 50% of the first \$1 million donated through GiveMN.org to eligible Minnesota charities—including TCGIS. Donations can be made online, at a link that we will distribute closer to that day. TCGIS supporters will want to consider making their annual donation first thing on the morning on that day, using the link that we will provide.

You may have friends or relatives who might be willing to donate to the school and might be particularly motivated to do so, knowing that their donation would be matched. In preparation for Give to the Max day and the annual appeal, we would like to collect names, emails, and addresses of individuals who you think might like to support our school. **Please send contact information to “[donate@germanschool-mn.org](mailto:donate@germanschool-mn.org).”**

Twin Cities German Immersion School thrives due to the generous donations of time, money, effort, skill and insight from so many members of our community. Above all we thrive through your faith in us as the educators of your children and the parenting that you do of our wonderful student body. Thank you for the many ways you contribute to this community.

Annika Fjelstad  
Director  
Twin Cities German Immersion School

# TCGIS School Pictures Schedule - Nov. 10-12



Portraits will be taken in the cafeteria (group photos: spring of 2010).

	Tuesday, Nov. 10	Wednesday, Nov. 11	Thursday, Nov. 12
KA	1:10 - 2:30 pm		
KB			8:30 - 9:45 am
1A	9:45 - 11:00 am		
1B		1:20 - 2:20 pm	
2A	12:05 - 1:05 pm		
2B		12:00 - 1:05 am	
3A	8:45 - 9:45 am		
3B		9:50 - 11:00	
4			9:50 - 11:00 am
5		8:30 - 9:45 am	

**Makeup Day: Tuesday, November 17**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Our school photographer Monte Swann is offering one FREE 5x7 each shift (class time slot) for parent volunteers. First come - first serve. Please contact the office at [info@germanschool-mn.org](mailto:info@germanschool-mn.org) or 651-492-7106.



## *An Introduction to TCGIS' Shop with Scrip Fundraiser*

### *What Is Scrip?*

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like groceries, clothing, gas, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization. The gift cards are the same cards you would get if you walked into one of the stores to purchase one, but with one important difference.....

### *How scrip generates revenue for TCGIS*

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our organization's revenue. Last year we earned over \$1,200 for the school from Scrip sales!

### *Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"*

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

### *Find Out More*

There are hundreds of participating retailers! Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for the full retailer list and to place orders. Contact your scrip coordinator listed below for any questions. Then put your shopping dollars to work for our organization! Our first order is DUE 11/14; keep us in mind for your holiday shopping!

*Twin Cities German Immersion School*

*Enrollment Code: 4CA2AE9714L14*

*Deb Helmel, Scrip Coordinator*

*[debh@siewertcabinet.com](mailto:debh@siewertcabinet.com) or 612-729-8415*

# Getting Started at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

ShopWithScrip.com is the online ordering system that our organization will use to gather your scrip orders. This site offers you convenience – you can now order scrip from any internet-connected computer at home, school, or office.

## Who Can Use ShopWithScrip?

Any family can use ShopWithScrip – however, to place orders, **you have to create a free account at ShopWithScrip.com.**

## How to Register

To register with ShopWithScrip, first open up your web browser, and go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). To register a new account, go to the green **Family Sign Up** box on the left side, and click “Create Account”.

### Family Sign Up!

Ready to get started? Create a ShopWithScrip account now!

Create Account

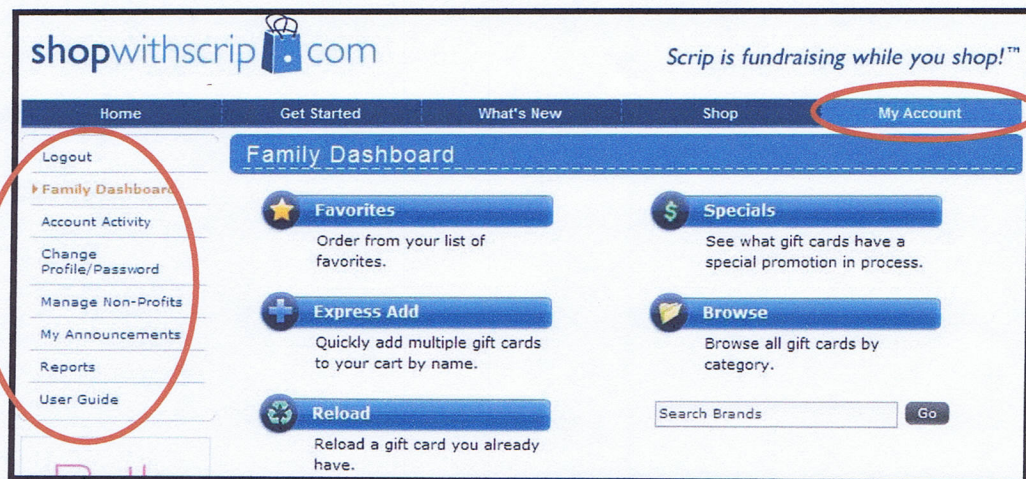
Follow the simple registration instructions and accept the terms and conditions of using the site.

Before you can place an order, you must enter our organization’s enrollment code, listed below. By associating this code with your newly created account, the ShopWithScrip system will correlate your shopping activity with our non-profit organization.

## Using ShopWithScrip.com

You can manage your account through the Family Dashboard. To access your Dashboard, click “**My Account**,” at the top of any page.

From here, you can check your account activity, change your profile and password, add, remove, and modify organizations you belong to and read coordinator and site announcements.



## Six Easy Ways to Order

To place an order, you can shop right from your Family Dashboard!

- **Favorites:** Order the same products each week? Add these items to your Favorites list for easy ordering in the future.
- **Express Add:** Know exactly what you want? Quickly add the items to your cart using this feature.
- **Reload:** Don't want to wait for your card to be shipped? Easily add funds to selected cards here.
- **Specials:** Want to order the best discounts possible? Add these items to your cart directly from the specials list.
- **Browse:** Looking for a gift? Not sure what's available? Use this feature to shop by category.
- **Search Brands:** Know what you want but not sure if it's available? Enter all or part of the retailer name in the box to find a list of items containing those letters.

ShopWithScrip Enrollment Code:

4CA2AE9714L14

Scrip Program Coordinator:

Deb Helm

debh@siewertcabinet.com

612-729-8415

Orders due by 11-13

Pickup 11-23 in office

Happy ordering,

Deb Helm

# **Parent's Night Out**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7-10**

**(Come when you can, leave when you must!)**

**Join other TCGIS parents at Sweeney's  
for fun and froth, mingling and mead,  
beverages and shooting the breeze!**

**Conceived by the PTO**

Twin Cities German Immersion School

Nov 2009 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30pm - PTO meeting	3	4 2:30pm - Early Release	5	6	7
8 4pm - Martinstag Celebration	9	10 School Pictures 6:30pm - Finance Committee	11 2:30pm - Early Release	12 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	13	14
15	16	17 School Pictures - Make-up 7pm - PTO Parents' Night Out	18 2:30pm - Early Release	19 3:30pm - Craft and Bake Sale	20 3:30pm - Craft and Bake Sale	21 9am - Craft and Bake Sale
22 12pm - GAI Holiday Open	23	24 End of 1st Trimester 6:30pm - Board meeting @	25 No School - Thanksgiving holiday 2:30pm - Early Release	26 8am - Kaffeeklatsch	27	28
29 No School - teacher grading	30	1	2 2:30pm - Early Release 4pm - Information Session	3 CANCELLED: Winter Concert	4	5

Twin Cities German Immersion School

Dec 2009 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 No School - teacher grading	1	2 2:30pm - Early Release 4pm - Information Session	3 CANCELLED: Winter Concert	4	5
6	7 6:30pm - PTO Meeting	8 6:30pm - Finance Committee	9 2:30pm - Early Release	10 4pm - Evening PT 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	11 No School: P-T conferences	12
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winter break						
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2:30pm - Early Release						