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**MEDIA ALERT** – Monday, September 25, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS LEARNING AND EXPERIENCING AMERICAN CULTURE AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Fifteen foreign exchange students from Germany are enjoying a unique three-week experience to learn about American culture and the English language and to teach local students about their own culture at North High School.

**WHAT:** German Exchange Student Visitors  
**WHEN:** **September 15 to October 6**  
**WHERE:** North High School, 801 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Fargo  
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North High School is hosting 15 foreign exchange students from the Goethegymnasium located in Chemnitz, Saxony in Germany as members of the German American Partnership Program until their departure on October 6. GAPP facilitates biannual students exchanges, bringing German students to the United States and American students to Germany. This is the first time German students have visited North since before the COVID pandemic. North students visited Germany in 2022, their seventh trip since 2008, and will go for an eighth time in June.

The exchange students are experiencing a variety of social, cultural, educational, and recreational activities, including attending school at North High School, participating in last week's Homecoming festivities, attending high school and college football games, and enjoying fall activities such as corn mazes and haunted houses. Other planned activities for their stay include visiting Fargo City Hall and a trip to Itasca State Park.

The German students are staying with host families while in Fargo. They were greeted by their host families at the airport when they arrived on September 15 and have had the opportunities to form relationships with their temporary families and experience Fargo with their local hosts. Most host families include a current German language student from North.

With Chemnitz located in the former East Germany, this opportunity for the German and American students to learn from each other, interact, and create friendships would not have been possible a generation ago.

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