

To the members of the school community of
The European School Frankfurt

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Dear members of the school community,

Yes, we have made it. Even if we are not yet where we would like to be, we can nonetheless look back on a successful school year. We have been able to work the whole year with all school levels in the mode of face-to-face teaching and in the second half of the year we have also been able to organise our first excursions and get-togethers again. The first spring concert and the summer festival, as signs of a return to "normal" school life, were very enjoyable for all of us. The baccalaureate examinations could also be held without any significant restrictions. We have learned to adapt flexibly to changes and I can only thank everyone for the self-discipline with which everyone has adhered to ever-changing guidelines.

We do not yet know what the autumn will bring. We are in good spirits and assume that we will start the new school year in face-to-face teaching mode. Before school starts, we will definitely inform you of any news at the end of August.

The school year 2021/22 will not only be remembered as the 2nd Corona year, but rather will also go down in the history books because of the war in Ukraine. We would like to thank all members of the school community for their solidarity, the initiatives to support the refugees and the benevolent acceptance of some students into our school community. Despite a situation we had not experienced before, we managed well to deal with this challenge as well. My thanks go to all the teachers, the host families, the administration, EuroKids and especially to the Parents' Association, which has actively supported us and will continue to do so.

Celebrations should be celebrated as they fall. The ESF is "growing up" and celebrating its 20th birthday. For a whole year we will celebrate this anniversary with a series of initiatives and projects under the motto "United in Diversity". The spring concert on 9 May launched the celebration year, we are planning an official ceremony for October, and we will bring the anniversary year to a close with the finissage in May 2023. You have certainly already noticed visible signs of the implementation of our motto in the redesign of the outside wall at the main entrance. Many thanks for this project go to our art teachers and the hard-working, art-interested and artistically talented pupils.

For the pupils school ends on **Friday 1 July**. For the bacheliers, the proclamation ceremony will take place on Saturday 2 July in the Aula of the school. We are very happy that we can celebrate a formal and honourable graduation, separated by sections, in two rounds.

I wish all bacheliers a wonderful graduation ceremony and subsequently a good choice for their further careers. To all the other students and their families, the teachers and the school staff, I wish a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and a good start in September 2022.

Enclosed you will find some information for the coming school year. Further information will follow at the end of August for the respective school level.

At the end of this school year, I would like to thank everyone once again for their tireless efforts, positive feedback, critical thinking, constructive criticism and flexibility. The last two years have been a great challenge for everyone, but together we can and must support the children and young people entrusted to us on their educational journey to become mature and self-confident Europeans.

Take care of yourselves, stay healthy and enjoy the summer holidays!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Patscheider". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ferdinand Patscheider
Director