



## Kreuzgymnasium Dresden and New School of Northern Virginia Scholarship Exchange 2018-19

As a result of the mutually successful October and March exchanges with two boys from each school, through the generous sponsorship of the Kreuzgymnasium Förderverein we have been invited to continue this exchange. We are looking for motivated students with reasonable language proficiency, good academic standing, and sufficient maturity to benefit from this opportunity.

An exchange involves living with another family as well as hosting a guest student. This allows all four exchange students the best opportunities for developing language skills, gaining insights into different national, family, and school cultures, and forming good friendships.

The Kreuzgymnasium students will stay for the month of October with the families of their exchange partners from the New School.

The New School boys will spend a month with their partner student families in April 2019.

### FALL 2018

The Kreuzschule will have two candidates for the trip, most likely sophomores. The Dresdener boys will be traveling together to the New School from the Kreuzschule, and will be with us for the month of October. Virginia will plan some field trips, but their New School host families are expected to show them around the DC area and introduce them to some favorite places and spaces.

### SPRING 2019

For the two New Schoolers visiting the Kreuzgymnasium, the ideal time next year is April. There are no direct flights from Washington-DC; we will be flying with one stopover in Munich. Virginia might again accompany our students on the way over and spend a week as guest teacher with the school. Virginia proposes leaving from Dulles on **April 5/6** (evening flight), and returning on the weekend of **May 4/5**. Our students will be missing 2 full weeks of school (the weeks before and after our break), which means that they need to work ahead and/or continue work with their classes electronically. They will receive some support for this at the Kreuzgymnasium, but need to be able to work independently.

For more information about Dresden, here's the city's info [website in English](#), the famous [Kreuzchor \(Dresden Boys Choir\)](#) and the [school website](#) (both in German), and a [Wikipedia entry](#) about the historic Kreuzgymnasium, one of the oldest surviving schools in Germany.

New Schoolers interested in applying for this unique exchange scholarship are encouraged to write a short letter to Steve Roushakes and Virginia Palmer-Fuechsel detailing:

- 1) why you want to go,
- 2) your academic interests and progress with German,
- 3) your thoughts on living with a German family and going to a German school,

- 4) your growth in self-awareness and organization (very important to living abroad)
- 5) what you hope to learn and gain from this cultural experience.

In addition, you will be expected to write a short letter of introduction in German (Steckbrief) about yourself, your family, interests, and hobbies, together with a photo and contact information. Applicants should be currently taking German and be in good academic standing.

