

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FALL of 2017

Dear DeMatha Community:

DeMatha is currently seeking families to host students for our Austrian Exchange Program. The students will arrive in the US on Sunday, September 10, 2017 and depart on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from DeMatha. DeMatha arranges to get the students to/from the airport to DeMatha. This is a great opportunity for families to learn about another culture.

In the past, we have had great response from our DeMatha families that have participated in this program. Often the families establish long term friendships that have lasted long after the visit is over. The students come with their own spending money and will require minimal adjustments to the host families' schedules. The visiting students will be 15-16 years old. Most days the students come to and from DeMatha at regular times, follow our students' schedules and require only a couple of schedule adjustments in the afternoons. The students simply need a welcoming place to stay and usually breakfast and dinner. They are eager to learn about American life and enjoy the normal routine most families have in place. DeMatha will have both male and female students visiting. DeMatha would like for families to host 2 or 3 students if possible, but we will certainly consider placing a single student with a family. At the conclusion of their visit we will hold a farewell dinner for the Austrian students and their host families. While students whose families host are not required to participate in our DeMatha visit to Austria in February, students who host an Austrian student are given priority for our trip to Austria.

This year, we anticipate approximately 20 visiting students in total and I am anxious to get them placed with host families as soon as possible. I hope that a large number of DeMatha families will volunteer to support this valuable program. We would like to have all the visiting students assigned to host families by the end of the current school year.

If you are willing to host or would like more information please e-mail Mr. Reeves at: reeves@dematha.org or call 240-764-2262. Thanks to all for considering to participate in this opportunity both for our schools as well as your families.

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