

#### **NEWSLETTER**

#### JANUARY - MARCH 2024



### -Director's words-

Dear Etablissement Daniel's friends, Recently, more than 150 participants involved in Christian education in France, Switzerland, Germany, Chad, Albania and even Nicaragua gathered in Guebwiller for the annual Mathurin Cordier seminar. It was an opportunity to encourage teams in schools, parents teaching at home, and any initiative to give a faith-based rooted in faith to the younger generation. Every speakers provided advices to develop schools, focusing on subjects such as the appropriation of clearly identified biblical objectives, healthy and respectful relationships within the educational community, a pedagogy aimed at the development of the whole child, the opportunity for each pupil to experience an authentic discovery of the Christian faith, and finally, strategic tools for the growth and multiplication of schools.

The mayor of Guebwiller, M. Kleitz, encouraged participants to make schools a source of hope for our towns.

School dreams are developing in the region and throughout the country, and the school, in conjunction with the school network, is mobilizing to encourage and support these project leaders.

Thank you all for your daily commitment, that shows to everyone that thanks to god's grace, a Christian school education is possible in our country !

Patrick Schmitt, Etablissement Daniel's Director





# On the Middle School side :

Here's a living reproduction made by the 4th grade class based on David's painting: "Sacre of Napoléon the 1st and coronation of Empress Josephine in Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris on December 2, 1804". **M. Garnier, Director of the college** 

Eine Talent-Show in der Klasse 8!

In German lessons, 4th graders had the opportunity to honor each other's abilities and talents in Luther's language! Thank You Lord for Your gifts... and for life! **M. Klein, German teacher** 

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10 King James Version

#### Alert at the zoo!







The students presented a song using "handchime" at the school's Christmas party.

The 10th grade students became journalists for a class thanks to the "investigation class" device proposed by the Clemi organization. After learning about the disappearance of two felines from a zoo, they consulted several sources to gather information. Equipped with their reporter's notebook, they thought about the formulation of a discourse. Then, they filmed themselves in the way of a televised news program.

Mrs. Fischbach, French teacher











# On the Elementary School side :

#### Young poets in the CM2 Grade

In French class, we studied poems in alexandrine alexandrines (these are 12- syllable verses), versification, the interplay of rhythms and sounds, etc. CM2 students then set about creating their own poem on the theme: "One day in the forest...".

"Un jour dans la forêt nous vîmes mille feuilles
One day in the woods, we saw a thousand leaves,
Et peu de temps après, nous vîmes un écureuil
And shortly thereafter, a squirrel we perceived.
Alors nous allâmes dans la petite cachette
So, we ventured into the cozy hideaway fair,
Des feuilles orange et jaunes parmi toutes les noisettes"
Among orange and yellow leaves, with hazelnuts rare"

# Museum of the daily life in the XXth Century

Following a visit to the Théodore Deck Museum in Guebwiller, pupils in the CE1-A class created their own museum on the theme of 20th-century 20th century history, which was visited by parents and grandparents. **Daphné Richardson, teacher of CE1-A class** 







#### **Parents Showcase**

Parents of schoolchildren presented their professions, musical instrument, or their region of origin to the children. Congratulations to the parents, who captivated our students and opened new horizons by high quality performances ! **Ms. Trifault, Elementary school's Director** 



# Representatives of Christian schools meeting at the European Parliament.

"Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." **1 Peter 3:15 King James Version** 



With these words, the 40 or so school and network representatives from 13 EU countries, as well as Switzerland, the UK Albania and the USA started their working meetings in Brussels on January 30 and 31. January. The aim of these meetings is to bring together the heads Christian schools and Christian Members of the European Parliament, who bring to the Parliament thr Christian values and promote freedom of education, facing today's popular ideologies (gender theories, feminism, ecology, state neutrality, etc.). In several countries, the networks are highly developed (Netherlands, Germany, Hungary), while in others the number is still small but growing. However, there are many obstacles. In some countries the state does not finance schools, which holds back many parents, particularly in the current economic state. The political climate in Sweden, for example, is particularly Traduction de la Newsletter 3 hostile to religious schools. In Belgium and Austria, for example, it's hard to find teachers who share the school's vision. The participants promised to work towards developing fraternal links between countries and setting up a permanent representation at European level.

#### Patrick Schmitt, Etablissement Daniel's Director



#### Mathurin Cordier Seminar -February 2024

M. Kleitz, mayor of Guebwiller, sends his greetings to the participants of the national seminar of Christian schools, gathered this weekend.





# Portrait : Valentin and Philéa Meyer



As new teachers at Daniel, God has clearly guided our lives over several years to equip and prepare us for His service, in our personal journey, our studies and our church life. Philéa, who holds a Master's degree in Educational Sciences, is a teacher for the younger sections of kindergarten and teaches sports at secondary school. Valentin, who holds a master's degree in Environmental Sciences and a degree in Theology, is head teacher for the Bible culture classes and several scientific subjects (physics, chemistry, mathematics, numerical sciences, science classes) at several middle and high school levels. Please pray for us, so that God may continue to equip us to face the challenges of our commitment, and that we may know how to teach our students in an intentional balance between deep love and genuine demands!



# On the renovation side

#### News about the "Container Project"

Établissement DANIEL has decided to shift priorities in the expansion of the structure. The Committee decided not to go ahead with the installation of the containers, but to renovate, as a first step, the sheds made available by the neighboring Evangelical church. Various well-considered reasons, as well as spiritual convictions, convinced the Committee members of the relevance of this decision. Even if the Daniel Establishment does not currently have the answers to the growing number of students, we remain confident in the Lord's powerful action and faithfulness.

#### The Committee

Michel Loiret, Alain Munier and Manuel Romo de la Fuente re-did the ceilings in the corridor and teachers' dining room on the 1st floor. Someone gave money for this work, and the lighting was donated by Benjamin Sabou. We thank the Lord for this!



Manuel Romo de la Fuente, works and maintenance manager.



#### No shortage of needs !

Pictured here is the beautification of the 3rd floor. Almost all the materials were donated: paint, parquet flooring, etc. Thank you, Lord!



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# **Thanking Subjects :**

- Pre-registrations for the 2024/2025 school year ;
- The first fruits of our sponsorship initiatives;
- The first alumni evening on March 9 a great -success !
- The opportunity to speak and transmit the vision of Christian education in several assemblies in the region.

# **Prayer Subjets :**

- Renewal of the team's strengths in the latter part of the school year;
- **Successful orientation of students**, particularly those in troisième and highschool;
- Upcoming school trips to the Netherlands in March for 3rd graders, to Finland in April for 4th graders;
- **Provision of staff** and premises to meet student enrolments for the start of the **new school year**;
- Project to convert the chalets of the Église Évangélique de Guebwiller (EEG) into classrooms;
- The continuation of the **Colmar school project**. Let's pray for a **project** leader: a person, a family or a church.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the students who are serious about their learning, and to the parents, staff and friends of the school who faithfully support us, often behind the scenes. THANK YOU!

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