

**CLEMENTS GERMAN CLUB AND
GERMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
2020-2021**

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Membership in the **German Club** (GC) is open to anyone who is taking or has taken a German course at Clements High School or who is interested in German language and culture. Membership in the **German National Honor Society** (GNHS), on the other hand, is by invitation only, based on one’s grades in German (minimum unweighted GPA of 3.6 or average of 90 in all German courses) and one’s overall average in all subjects (minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0). Students in German II or above are notified in January whether they qualify for induction into GNHS.

Dues are \$10 for German Club and \$10 for GNHS this year. Everyone in GNHS is expected to join the GC as well, i.e., GNHS members pay a total of \$20 to be in both organizations. Pay dues on RevTrak: [German Club](#). [German NHS](#).

Members of GC and GNHS receive “**participation points**” for every activity in which they participate. Everyone should make sure to sign in at all meetings and events so that accurate records can be kept. Participation points are important for two reasons: 1) you can earn a letter jacket based on participation points (more information below), and 2) GNHS members must accumulate 20 participation points this year in order to remain in GNHS for next year (or for seniors to get their graduation cords this year).

Of the 20 participation points that GNHS members need to earn this year, at least 5, but no more than 10, should be “**service hours**,” i.e., for volunteer work in the school or the community (the same types of service that would count towards the YES program). You can submit hours on a YES form (but don’t double-submit the same hours to YES or any other organization!) or you can use a [GNHS service hour form](#).

Fundraising: We probably will not need a major fundraiser this year since we had fewer expenses than normal last year and almost certainly won’t have as many expenses this year. We may have a small fundraiser with a local German restaurant – details coming soon. If we find that we need a fundraiser in the spring, we will plan one then.

We participate in the **Randalls Good Neighbor Program** and the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. These are the easiest fundraisers ever invented, and we encourage members’ parents, relatives, and friends to participate by linking their Randalls Remarkable Cards and Kroger Plus Cards to our German Club account. ([See separate handout.](#)) For each household that a member convinces to sign up for the Kroger program (documented by bringing in a printout or screen-shot showing a successful registration), the member may receive 1 participation point, up to a maximum of 5 points.

German Letter Jacket: Junior and senior members of GNHS can receive a letter jacket (or an additional letter if you already have a jacket) in German! ([See separate handout.](#)) Because you must participate in *many* German-related activities over the years in order to earn a letter, you should start participating in lots of events as a freshman and sophomore if you hope to earn one.

T-Shirts: We design a new German Club T-shirt every two years, and this is one of those years when we are NOT creating a new one. We have a plentiful supply of last year’s design still for sale this year for \$10. Here’s the design (white shirt):



Social media: Please request to be added to the “**Clements German Club**” Facebook page, follow us on **Instagram** @clementsdeutsch, and sign up for reminders from **Remind 101** by texting “@clementsgc” to 81010 (this is a new account from last year, so you’ll need to re-subscribe if you joined last year).

Schedule of Events for 2020-2021 (definitely subject to change depending on how the pandemic develops)

- starting September 2 Virtual **club fair** on library Schoology page.
- Wednesday, September 9 Online **scavenger hunt**: 3:00 p.m.
- October **Sign up for Houstonfest** (regional German contest). After discussing the contest in class, we'll have sign-ups either online if we're still in online mode or before school (7:00-7:25) and during classes on one specified day if we're on campus. We need maximum participation and dedication from everyone!
- Saturday, October 10 **Clements online Oktoberfest**, 2:00 p.m.: bake cookies (or something else) from a German recipe in your own kitchen while a couple of our officers conduct a live cooking show, plus online games and a root-beer-chugging contest.
- Wednesday, November 11 Online **movie and game night**, 7:00 p.m.

Notice how easy the three main fall dates are to remember: 9/9, 10/10, 11/11 !!!

- January Determination and announcement of **new inductees to GNHS** (but actual induction will follow at banquet in May).
- Saturday, February 6 **Houstonfest** online German contest (results announced Saturday, February 13 – watch party?).
- Saturday, February 27 **Texas State German Contest** online (results announced Saturday, March 6 – watch party?).
- Tuesday, May 18 **German banquet** to celebrate the year's accomplishments, honor graduating seniors, formally induct last year's and this year's new members to GNHS, and say *Auf Wiedersehen* to you-know-who: Commons, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The officers do not feel it is wise or even possible to plan anything specific beyond what you see above, and we may have to revise even that as things develop, but we promise that there will be more! So much depends on when we return to having school on campus, which restrictions will be in place, and how much social distancing will be required for how long.

Most years, we would have the following activities, and if conditions improve, we'll schedule some of them for this year as well. If not, we'll keep trying to come up with fun virtual activities.

- **Holiday cookie bake-off** with the Travis High School German Club on the THS campus
- **Nikolausfeier holiday party** at the home of one of the officers
- **Cookout** at Sugar Land Memorial Park or Brazos Bend State Park
- Organizing the Germany booth at the **Clements International Festival**
- **Bowling** or **ice-skating** or **laser-tag** social
- Meeting to **elect next year's officers** with refreshments and games
- We go to the **symphony** and/or the **opera** every year to hear works by German/Austrian composers. Unfortunately, the one German-language opera that was originally scheduled for this year, Wagner's *Parsifal*, has already been cancelled. However, Houston Grand Opera is still scheduled to perform the much-loved musical [*The Sound of Music*](#) in late April and early May. It will be sung in English, but it's *set* in Austria, so hey, that's close enough. If the pandemic allows, we'll go!