

Dear Austrians,..time for a new report!!

I have been very busy the past few weeks, I hope you have enjoyed your holidays. There has been a lot going on lately.

Two weeks ago I changed my schedule, so that I have athletics and I have joined the track team!! It is so much fun, Coach Spurlock and the girls are very nice. The first few days were very tough because I was a little bit out of shape and had to run 3 miles right away but by now it is going very well!! I have practice every day and once a week I have afternoon practice.

At the beginning of April I will have track competitions twice a week, hello sore muscles :)

I signed up for 800 meters and one mile and the coach may also put me into a relay team.

Right now there are school Council Office Elections. There are bright posters everywhere. It is unbelievable how much time the pupils (who candidate for reporter, president, parliamentarian, treasurer, etc) put into their advertisements. The candidates hand out buttons and bracelets with their names on them, it's like on TV!!

Last weekend there was a basketball tournament at our gym and we played our last two games. Unluckily we didn't make it to the state championships but we had a pretty good season and the audience was screaming and cheering like mad, it was so much fun!! Friday starts the baseball season, I do hope that will be as exciting as basketball was.

The last Sundays I went to a catholic church with our neighbour Annie (my host-parents are Methodists). She is French and a very funny person. After the mess the church offers free doughnuts and coffee and Annie and I always visit our favourite coffee shop afterwards, talk and make fun of the American way of life :P so I can brush up my French a little bit,.. The church here is so different to ours, the priest is very funny and reflects upon current, interesting topics. I have the impression that the people really like going there and enjoy listening to him.

In March there will be an International Food Day at our school. I think I will prepare "Schnitzel", my friends and host family already love it, and I can earn some points for a class project!! Maybe I will also wear my Dirndl and show some school spirit :)

In three weeks is Spring Break but I am not yet sure what I'm going to do. Most of my friends go snowboarding to Colorado, I hope I will be able to join them!!

I will keep you informed!!

Yours,

Kristina