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Activity Planner 2023 - 2024



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Dear students and parents of Eerde International Boarding School,

We are delighted to present you our activity planner for the academic year 2023 - 2024.

With more than 30 nationalities amongst our students and staff, learning at Eerde will allow our students to experience a true international atmosphere where we do our best to offer the best education we can.

Learning at Eerde is fun, full and challenging. Besides teaching hours, we try to alternate it with fun, and educational activities.

In this activity planner you will find more information about the activities that we set out for next year, when it is planned and the estimated costs (if applicable).

Note that if there is a paid activity, there is a choice to participate or there will also be a free activity.

This is a dynamic document, and only activities that are known are described in it. If you have questions, or remarks please make sure that you contact the administrative office or the designated teacher about this.

Kind regards

Team Eerde International Boarding School





Provisional Year Overview

Below is an outline of the events taking place across the year. The majority are explained in more detail below.

WHEN	ACTIVITY
20 August	Opening Reception
21 August	First day of school, introduction day
13 September	University Fair
20 - 22 september	Week Without Walls
25 September	Commencement of After School Activities
25 -29 september	International Celebration week
31 October	Halloween
5 December	Sinterklaas primary
13 December	Santa Lucia
14 December	Christmas dinner
27 January	International Holocaust Day
7 February	Career Carousel
10 February	Lunar New Year
13 February	Pancake day
17 February - 25 February	Ski trip
25 - 26 March	Art Exhibition
27 March	Eerde on Stage
4th May	Remembrance day
5th May	Liberation Day
17 May	IB graduation (depending on IB exam planning) + Prom (can still change)
27 June	International BBQ and last day activity



Opening academic year

Starting a new school year is always rather daunting.

However, at Eerde we structure the first day in such a way that our students get all the administrative information they need as well as creating community through team building activities.

Sunday 20th of August

We invite you all to come to our opening reception on Sunday the 20th of August from 14.00 - 16.00hrs. During this reception, our team will introduce themselves to you, the highlights of the year will be presented, and students will get the chance to get to know each other better or catch up with old friends.

Monday 21st of August

The first day at school will be divided in two parts:

- Time in tutor rooms to meet and greet your classmates as well as gaining information about timetables, how the day runs, background of the school, rules and guidelines.
- Time outside with the tutor and the rest of the school, with various team building- and outdoor activities.

During this first day, new (secondary) students will be handed out their laptops and be introduced to the software we will be using at school.

Current students will also receive an update on the different programs. All students will receive their books and PE kit.



When 20th and 21st August 2023
Who All students
Where Campus

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Week Without Walls

A week full of fun and learning for our students outside the wall of our campus.

The week without walls is focused on team building, getting to know each other and getting prepared for the next academic year.

First trip → Balkbrug, De Kleine Oever. This beautiful location offers the perfect combination of sleeping accommodations, where we will stay in authentic so called 'huifkarren' and glamping tents, activity options and opportunities to be in- or outside, depending on the weather conditions.



We have a variety of activities planned for this week, e.g.

- Highland games
- Swimming
- Survival games
- Sports activities
- Campfire
- Pubquiz

During this week, a group of our teaching and boarding staff members will also join the activities. And our kitchen and facilities will be there as well, to make sure that the kids get plenty of healthy and tasteful food this week!

Main purpose → LOTS OF FUN and ADVENTURE



There will also be time for a BBQ, gamenight, and many evening activities.

When	September 20 - 22 2023
Who	Secondary students
Teacher	Group of teaching and boarding staff
Where	Balkbrug (the Netherlands)



After school activities

Extracurricular activities -
After School Activities (ASA)

We have a program of extracurricular activities every afternoon between 15:00-17:00 on Monday to Thursday.

These extracurricular activities are offered by teachers, by boarding staff or by external experts. The activities are hugely diverse but fit within one or more of the categories Creativity, Activity and Service.

Day students are expected to participate in at least one activity per week; Boarding students in at least two activities per week.

Every term we offer a different range of activities, which can be divided into sports, cultural and or musical activities.

Examples of activities:

- Music production
- MUN Debate club
- Horseback riding
- Diving course
- Volleybal, basketball, soccer
- Bulgarian dance course
- Cooking workshop
- Art workshop

Please note that you can also opt for private music lessons after school, please contact the office if you would like more information about this.

When: starting 25th of September 2023
Teacher: Mr. Boris Danailov
Costs: Internal € 0,-
External depends on activity



International week

At Eerde International Boarding School, we pride ourselves on our sense of internationalism, diversity and ability to enjoy and understand these as a community

This year we will host an international week, where we will celebrate our respective cultures in ways such as:

- International PotLuck shared lunch. During this lunch we will ask students (and their families) and staff members to prepare a local dish from their country. This has been a successful event every year!
- Morning activities centred around diversity
- Celebrations and understanding of the different cultures and languages
- Assemblies and lunchtime activities

With more than 30 nationalities within our community, you can only imagine the diversity of this week.

Important is that we understand and respect each other's cultures, taste local flavours and celebrate the diversity in our community.

We look forward to this week and want to encourage all at Eerde to participate, to communicate, to integrate and to be part of a wonderful week filled with events catered to our uniqueness.

When **September 25-29 2023**
Who **All students**
Teacher **Various**
Where **Campus**



Halloween

With a castle like ours, how can we not do something with that during Halloween!

Where our primary students are invited to dress up in Halloween style, our secondary IB students make it a competition to make our haunted castle during Halloween scarier each year!

Primary

For our primary students we will have fun activities like pumpkin carving, trick or treating, and eating scary food. But since last year they have also enjoyed the haunted castle of secondary, of course they enjoy the light version of the haunted castle. ;-)



Secondary

It's been a tradition at Eerde for decades, for our students to decorate our castle for Halloween evening and lead the students through the castle on a scary tour, involving our staff members! This event is often organised by our IB1 students, as part of their CAS, where they work together with a group of

teachers to transform the castle into a spooky space. The other secondary students, or at least the ones who dare, will be led through the various rooms, in each of which they will encounter different themes.

This event not only provides a great opportunity to generate some community spirit, but also encourages the organising students to appreciate that organising such an event is a challenging task, yet also an extremely rewarding one. Experiential learning and reflection is at the heart of the Diploma Program.



When	October 31st of October 2023
Who	All students
Where	Campus



Cooperation Rijksmuseum

We are extremely proud to be an official partner of the world-renowned Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. The Rijksmuseum houses a rich collection of works by Dutch masters including Rembrandt, Vermeer and van Hals.

Eerde and the Rijksmuseum are creating learning opportunities to incorporate the Rijksmuseum heritage to enrich and extend into international educational programmes.

Our partnership enables the School to use art lessons and frequent museum visits to help our students connect with art in new and meaningful ways all while enjoying an enhanced learning process!

To prepare our students for this, we plan a special customised workshop with a conservator from the Rijksmuseum at our campus in November and we will visit the Rijks with the whole school in spring.

Next to the exhibition there will be workshops held at the museum, which may vary per grade.



IB History tour

In the last year, we have co-worked on a history tour especially for all IB students for all international schools in the Netherlands. This program will be introduced in the fall of 2023.

Workshops and exhibitions

Because we are an official partner, we get to see the most exciting and newest exhibitions at the museum.



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Santa Lucia

Around Christmas time in Sweden, one of the biggest celebrations is St. Lucia's Day (or St. Lucy's Day) on December 13th.

The celebration comes from stories that were told by Monks who first brought Christianity to Sweden. December 13th was also the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. St. Lucia's day is now celebrated by a girl dressed in a white dress, with a red sash around her waist and a crown of candles on her head.

Primary students vote for their own St. Lucia and the boys become the story tellers, while the girls are the maiden.

During the morning celebration, we tell the story of St. Lucia and sing songs in Swedish. It is a solemn celebration loved and appreciated by our community, in which we have many Swedish families.

When December 13, 2023
Who Primary students
Where Campus



Sinterklaas

One very special celebration in December that is celebrated at Eerde every year, is the Dutch traditional celebration of Sinterklaas, who visits our Primary students every December the 5th.



Kids are waiting enthusiastically for this celebration, involving a lot of preparations from them, too – they write letters and send letters with drawings to Sinterklaas already 3 weeks before he visits us. They learn various songs which they will sing for him when he arrives, both in English and Dutch language.

When December 5th, 2023
Who Primary students
Where Campus

Christmas Dinner

Another true Eerde tradition is the Eerde Christmas dinner on Thursday evening before the Christmas Break starts.

All of our secondary students and staff members wear their most beautiful suits and gowns, and our marvellous kitchen crew is doing their magic in the kitchen to create a wonderful dinner.

Before we start the Christmas dinner, we will have our Ceremony of light.



After everybody finishes their dinner, music will turn on, and there will be a small after party at the castle, mostly organised by our IB students!



When December 14, 2023
Who Secondary students
Where Castle



Lunar New Year Celebration

We celebrate Lunar New Year, also called Chinese Chunjie, Vietnamese Tet, Korean Solnal, Tibetan Losar, also called Spring Festival.

This festival is typically celebrated in China and other Asian countries and begins with the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar, 15 days later. Sumptuous and abundant, the family reunion dinner served on Lunar New Year's Eve is undeniably a highlight of the entire event together with some live performances from students and teachers.



When February 10th. 2024
Who Secondary
Teacher To be determined
Where Campus

Career Carousel

A chance to consider what we want to do in the future.

To help our students consider their future careers we will be holding a day of career related activities and talks. We invite people with different types of careers to introduce themselves during this afternoon, to speak with the students, explain more about their job, the path they have walked to get there, and students get the chance to ask anything they would like.



This should be a good opportunity for our younger students to start thinking about what they might like to do when they "grow up" and for our older students to consider their university and progression options.

When February 7th, 2024
Who All students
Where Campus

Ski trip - Spring break

Another Eerde tradition is the annual ski trip. This trip is organised during the spring break and students can opt to join this!

The exact whereabouts of the trip are not known yet, however we will be going to Austria again!

Students will be grouped according to their ski experience. No experience in skiing → NO PROBLEM, we will arrange for you to learn how to ski.

Like last year, we will bring along our own ski teachers, who have lots of experience to teach children how to ski.

A group of staff members will join the group of students as well, and will supervise the students 24/7. We will be travelling by coach leaving on Sunday and returning on Friday.



In the evening there will be a full program of swimming, playing games and also time to relax.

When	February 17 - 23 2023
Who	Secondary students
Teachers	Mrs Dorine Kreuwels, Mr. Raul Villavicencio Beltran, Ms. Merel Dickson
Where	Austria
Costs	€ 1.200,- (estimate)



Community service trip - spring break

For students who are looking for a fun activity to do during the spring break but are not into skiing, or prefer to go on a culture trip, we also offer a community service trip.

Whereabouts for this trip are also not known yet, but last years we went to Portugal, Kenya and Poland!

During these trips we focus on the culture of the country, to learn new things and have experiences outside of school!



Quote from a participating student from last years trip:

'We visited many different places and cities, did different activities, and had a lot of fun. The trip was amazing and very fun. Everyone enjoyed it and took lots of good memories with them. The best part of our trip was getting know each other better and becoming friends!'



When	February 17 - 23 2023
Who	Secondary students
Teachers	Mr. Boris Danailov
Where	Not known yet
Costs	€ 1.000,- - € 2.500 (depending on the location)

Eerde on Stage

A showcase of student and staff talent for all to share.

As in previous years, we will be running Eerde on Stage this year.

Staff and students will be invited to demonstrate their musical, comedic and theatrical skills in front of an audience of parents and friends of Eerde, as well as the rest of the school community.



When March 27 2024
Who All students
Where To be determined

Prom

For 2 years, we have had a prom committee who are doing an amazing job in organising a real prom.

We combine this evening with the graduation ceremony during the day. All of our students and staff dress up in their nicest suits and celebrate the coming up of the end of the academic year.



When May 17 2024
Who All secondary students
Where Campus



International BBQ and Last Day Activity

To end the term and bid-farewell to staff and students before the summer break, we will host our usual BBQ and whole-school activity.



It is a great opportunity for the whole school to engage in team building and fun activities together. In previous years we have brought activities to the school campus or taken students off to a local activity centre in the morning, returning to school for a BBQ in the afternoon.



During the BBQ we will also hand out the **yearbooks**, which is a great collection of precious moments of the academic year that has passed.

Details of this year's end of your arrangements will be shared closer to the time.



When June 27 2023
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Where Campus

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