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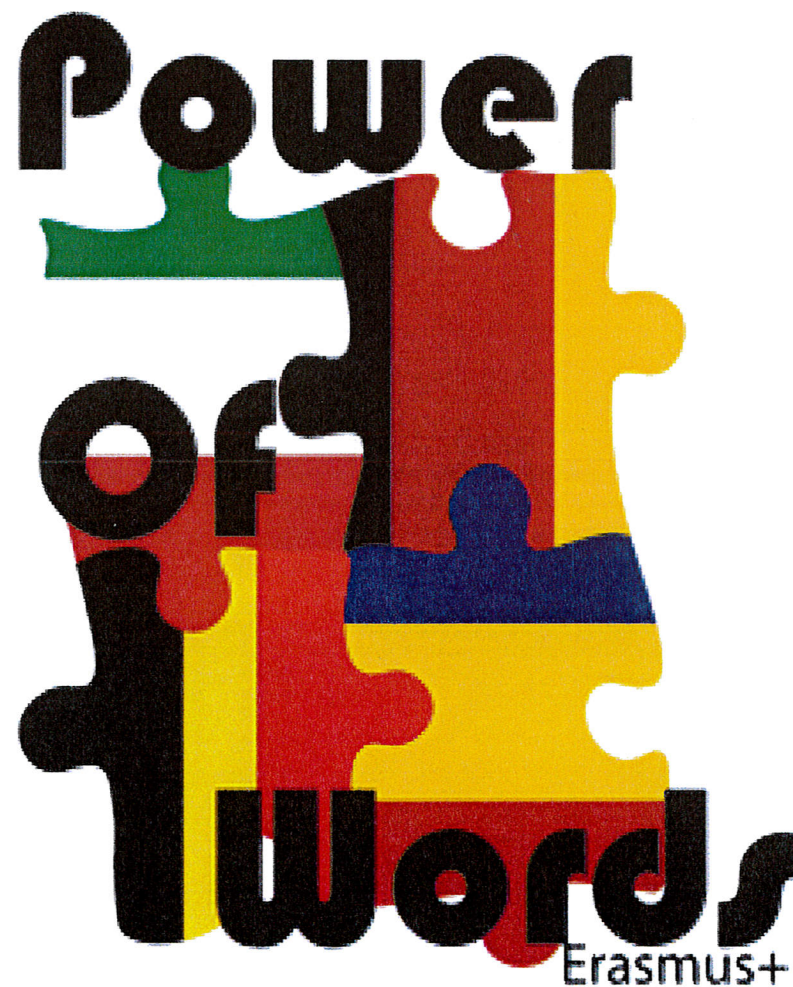


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Welcome

Dear international guests

In name of all the Belgian participants of this exchange and on behalf of the entire school community of Sancta Maria Kasterlee, I would like to give you all a warm welcome in our school and our country. Thanks to our previous projects you and our Belgian pupils got in touch by mail. This week you will be immersed in the everyday life. For most of you it will be the first time that you get to know about our customs, culture and cuisine. You will definitely try our French fries, our chocolates. Belgium may be a small country, it surely has a rich history and culture and so we have a lot of exciting and interesting things to offer. I can assure you of that.

By bringing you all together here in our school, we are giving our relationship an extra 'real life' dimension. We would like to see this school partnerships turn into warm bilateral friendships. We are proud that our school can play that role of catalyst in this process. This International Week and first meeting of our project 'Power of words' will be an ode to friendship and peace by our mutual understanding and respect.

And this is also one of the goals of the exchange: land borders and language barriers don't have to stand in the way of friendship. An exchange like this is a unique opportunity to fight prejudices and to give our youngsters the hope of a peaceful future.


I am sure this week will be a fascinating, incredible and pleasant experience and hopefully you can return to India with many beautiful memories.

Els Goris

Headmaster

Participating schools

As the hosting school of the first meeting we will introduce our school.

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<p>Sancta Maria (SMIK) is a private subsidized, mixed, catholic school in Kasterlee for around 400 pupils aged between 12 and 18. It is a small school in a lovely green environment that attracts pupils from primary schools in the area. SMIK offers education to all levels of ability: general (economy, maths, sciences) technical (technics-sciences) and vocational (office management) education. SMIK was founded in 1947. Since 1999 SMIK has become part of KOGKA, a larger group of schools located in Geel, 10 km from Kasterlee.</p> <p>One of SMIK's aims is to encourage all pupils to make the best of them and work hard to be successful. Teacher's challenge and support pupils to do their best to give them a firm foundation to go into higher education, which most boys and girls at SMIK do. Education however is more than just academic results. Being a small school we consider it a priority to make each and every pupil feel welcome, happy and at ease in our school. We put a lot of effort in guidance and support for pupils to develop in a caring and secure environment. And this shows, our pupils are friendly, enthusiastic and always in for all kinds of school activities.</p> <p>We also aim to provide a mixture of extra curricular activities. Theatre trips, art excursions, film projects, sports and foreign exchanges are organised to develop each child's unique skills and qualities. Pupils are also involved in decisions about life at school by creating a school council. Representatives from each form help us to make decisions about school life. In the last couple of years, we have extended the range of study directions and considerable resources have been put into improving accommodation and facilities especially for sciences, this to achieve more progress and success in the future.</p>	

The other participating schools are:

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2019-01-14	Monday
8h25	Official opening International Week and project 'Power of words'
8h45	Teambuilding
9h15	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School - Quiz about Belgium
10h05	Picture of the whole group
10h20	Learning Belgian song 'Ik hou van u'
10h40	Project activity: presentation prepared speech
12h	Lunch
13h	Walk in Kasterlee
16h30	End of walk in Kasterlee
	Free evening in host family

2019-01-15	Tuesday
8h25	We meet @ SMIK
9h	Visit city council of Kasterlee
10h05	Break
10h20	Project activities: tutorial
12h	Lunch
12h50 – 15h35	Project activity: evaluation presentations
	Free evening in host family

2019-01-16	Wednesday
8h	We meet @ trainstation Tienen
8h13	Leaving for Brussel City tour 'Highlights of our capital' (guided by Belgian students) Lunch
14h30	Visit European Parliament
16h19	Leaving for Tienen
17h46	Arrival in Tienen
	Free evening in host family

2019-01-17	Thursday
8h25	We meet @ SMIK
8h30	Project activity: preparing speech
12h	Lunch
13h – 14h30	Speaker American Ambassy
14h45 – 15h35	Project activity: practise your speech
19h30	Farewellparty @ SMIK

2019-01-18	Friday
8h25	We meet @ SMIK
8h30 – 11h30	Project activity: prepared speeches
12h	We meet @ trainstation Tielen
12h31	Leaving for Antwerp
	Free time in Antwerp
15:30	Meeting point
	Tour in Antwerp
18h48	Leaving for Tielen
19h29	Arrival in Tielen
	Free evening in host family

2019-01-19	Saturday: goodbye
10h	We meet @ SMIK (Italian students and teachers + Romanian students and teachers)
10h30	Goodbye