

Spanish Program



The Spanish classroom gives students the opportunity to discover our world under a new perspective. TGS's Spanish teacher, Ms. Marysol Saldana-Knipper, teaches students to be part of the story, not just bystanders, by immersing them in these stories where they can find meaning, diversity, and self-discovery. Students read, write, and talk about our world through the lens of tolerance, creativity and love. At all levels of the Spanish classroom, students are reading seasonal stories with all the celebrations and *treats* that they bring. Ask your children what they are doing in the Spanish classroom, and you will be pleasantly surprised!



Ms. Marysol Saldana-Knipper with two of her students

“Tan absurdo y fugaz es nuestro paso por este mundo, que solo me deja tranquila el saber que he sido auténtica...”

“So absurd and fleeting is our walk through this life, that the only tranquility I have comes from knowing that I have been authentic...” Frida Kahlo

German Program

TGS began offering German language classes to our students eight years ago. Our first textbooks were generously purchased by our German teacher, Ms. Susan Hoaglund. Initially, she worked with a small number of students, but over time the program has grown exponentially. TGS now offers German I-III. Last year Ms. Hoaglund was approved by URI to teach the only concurrent enrollment class we offer at TGS, German 101. As a result, students can take this class in either German II or III and receive URI college credits for it.



In 2021 TGS added German Advanced Placement to the curriculum for students interested in pursuing that level of the language. Said Ms. Hoaglund, “Our students have participated in the National German Exam annually for the past six years. We also had a national travel scholarship winner (top 5 scores in the country) and have had gold, silver, and bronze medal winners every year.” During the pandemic, TGS's German Program participated in a Zoom school partnership with a high school in Westphalia, Germany.



Ms. Susan Hoaglund conducting German class