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Czech Visiting Student Settling into Life at Miramonte High School

By Sora O'Doherty

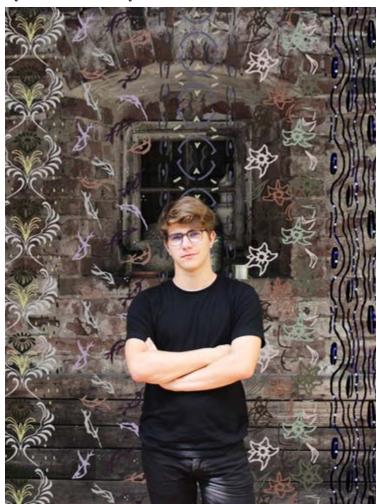


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protest the recent presidential enjoying Miramonte social life, election, visiting student Adam which he finds more school-ori-Kraus, 17, from Tabor in the ented than his social life in Tabor. Czech Republic joined them.

olution that led to the establishment of the Czech Republic was tastes being mixed, such as servthis historic moment.

Adam is a pretty normal guy, albeit very talented. Through Jan. 25, Adam will be Orinda's 16th visiting student from sister city Tabor. He left his historic home in in the Czech Republic, where he English, French and can underlives with his parents, to stay in Orinda where he is being hosted by artist Eileen Fitz-Faulkner's family. His entry into Miramonte was eased by being introduced by his host's son.

campus activities, playing the trumpet in both the jazz and symphonic bands, and participating in sports, such as cross country and soccer. He thought playing his trumpet at Miramonte football games was great fun. He has many hobbies, but photography must rank high: he has an exhibition in the Miramonte library of 10 photographs of notable European student, they have so Tabor characters, including himself, which will remain on view through the end of the academic body should host an exchange year.

He came to Orinda pretty well prepared, having read the online journals of former visiting students Michal Vasek and Karel

Then students at Miramonte Balogh. Adam is also journal-High School decided to ing his experiences online. He is

Adam is surprised at how He knows something about different the food here is from student protests. The Velvet Rev- home. He was really surprised to find sweet and sour and salty 10 years before Adam was born, ing fish with fruit salad. He is but his parents were part of it. He adapting well, but he confesses felt it was his duty, even though that he does miss the cooking of the U.S. is not his country, to pro- his mother and his grandmother, test policies he disagrees with at who lives in the next town over from Tabor. He spoke fondly of But when he isn't protesting, their weinerschnitzel, which he claims can't be replicated here for reasons that include the type of bread used on the thin slices of

Adam, who speaks Czech, stand most Slavic languages, is a junior at Miramonte. At home in Tabor he attends the public grammar school and has two more years of schooling at home before he takes his exams. Students He has enthusiastically joined study 14 subjects during their careers, then select five for the leaving examination. Adam will definitely continue on to higher education. Both of his parents at home are architects, which perhaps explains why they live in a 15th-century home built into the castle walls in Tabor.

When students at Miramonte discover that Adam is a visiting many questions for him. Adam highly recommends that everystudent. He is having a great time experiencing life in a different country, and hopes that his host family is enjoying having him.

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