

# THE DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES OF CYPRUS AND THE COUNTRIES OF ERASMUS INVOLVING THE FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL

*All of these countries are so similar yet so different in their own way about the first day of high school. These will be expanded shortly.*



# DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES BETWEEN CYPRUS AND GERMANY



## DIFFERENCES



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- *Structure Of The Day:*
- *Cyprus: Religious blessing ceremonies and distribution of books and schedules.*
- *Germany: Focus on introductions, orientation and exploring the school layout.*
- *School Year Timing:*
- *Cyprus: School starts in mid-September.*
- *Germany: Starts in August or early September (varies by state).*

## SIMILARITIES

- *Orientation Focus: Both countries emphasize introducing students to their classes, teachers and school rules.*
- *Social Interaction: Students reconnect with old friends and begin bonding with new classmates.*

# DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES BETWEEN CYPRUS AND FRANCE



## DIFFERENCES

- *Start Date:*
- *Cyprus: The academic year starts around mid-September.*
- *France: The year starts in late August to early September.*
- *Formality Of The Day:*
- *Cyprus: The day involves religious blessings and book distribution.*
- *France: French schools often have a formal start with a strong focus on schedules and academic expectations.*

## SIMILARITIES

- *Introduction Activities: In both countries, the first day of high school often involves orientation sessions where students are introduced to their new schedules, teachers and classmates.*
- *Attendance Of Parents: In some schools in both countries, parents might accompany students on the first day, especially for younger high school students, to ease the*

# DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES BETWEEN CYPRUS AND SPAIN



## DIFFERENCES

- **School Start Date:**
- **Cyprus:** School in Cyprus starts in mid September.
- **Spain:** School in Spain starts in early September.
- **Languages Used:**
- **Cyprus:** In Cyprus, Greek is the primary language of instruction.
- **Spain:** In Spain it varies by region (Spanish, Catalan, Basque or Galician)

## SIMILARITIES

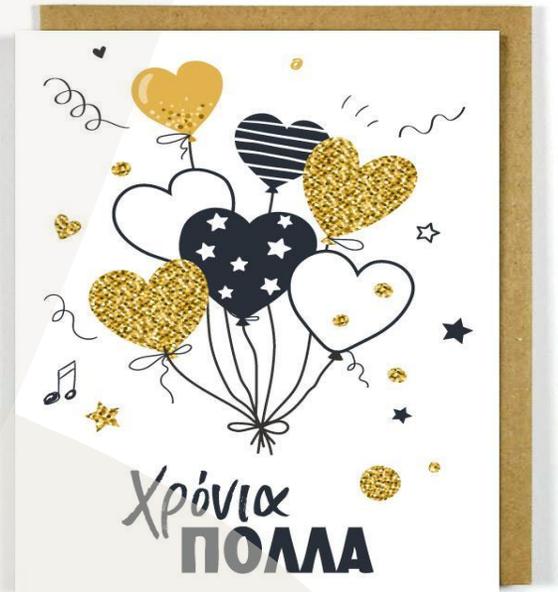
- **Orientation And Introductions:** Both countries typically dedicate the first day to welcoming student, introducing teachers, and explaining the year's schedule and rules.
- **Casual Atmosphere:** The first day is generally relaxed in both countries, focusing on settling in rather than heavy academics.

# Cultural Celebrations: Cyprus And Germany

## Birthday And May Day Traditions

Sofi Loizou

# BIRTHDAYS IN CYPRUS



- **SONGS:** Cypriots sing the Greek version of “Happy Birthday” ,called “Χρόνια Πολλά” (“Chronia Polla”).
- **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** People in Cyprus celebrate birthdays with family and friends at home or in a restaurant.

ALLES GUTE ZUM  
Geburtstag

## BIRTHDAYS IN GERMANY

01

EARLY WISHES



03

MILESTONE  
BIRTHDAYS



02

MORNING  
TRADITIONS



04

BIRTHDAY CHILD



# LABOR DAY (1<sup>ST</sup> MAY) IN CYPRUS, GERMANY, FRANCE AND SPAIN – SIMILARITIES

- WORKER'S RIGHTS AND LABOR MOVEMENTS ARE CELEBRATED
- DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS ARE ORGANISED





# DIFFERENT CUSTOMS OF LABOR DAY IN CYPRUS, GERMANY, FRANCE AND SPAIN

**CYPRUS:**  
Flower festival  
("Anthestiria")

**FRANCE:**  
Muguet

**GERMANY:**  
Maypoles

**SPAIN:** Outdoor  
activities  
(hiking, cycling)

01

02

03

04

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**



Traditions when a baby  
is born in Germany  
compared to the  
traditions in Cyprus.

The birth of a  
baby in Germany



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Announce the  
arrival of their  
newborn

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Plant a tree.

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The birth of a  
baby in Cyprus



After the birth  
family and friends  
bring gifts

Take the baby to  
the church for  
blessing



# Traditions of a wedding in Cyprus compared to a wedding in Germany

MARIA STAMATI

## German wedding



*Sleeping  
apart the  
night before  
the wedding*

*To avoid bad  
luck.*

## German Wedding



## Baumstamm Sägen (Cutting of the Log)

- Sawing a wooden log in half.
- It shows their ability to work together as a team.

# German Wedding



# German Wedding



## Veil dance

Dance  
under the  
bride's veil

torn to  
shreds

largest  
piece of  
fabric is  
the next in  
line to be  
married.

# Cypriot Wedding



Shaving of the groom



A close shave from the best man



Accompanied by the music and songs

# Cypriot Wedding



## The Kapnisman

- burning incense

- dried olive leaves

- Getting rid of the evil

In a small  
highly

decorative  
spirits  
silver vessel

named

“kabnistiri”.

# Cypriot Wedding



Tossing the bouquet

The bride tosses the bouquet to  
the single girls

Next to marry

Καποδιστριακή  
Ζώνη