A Typical day as an exchange student

Morgens

At my house, me and my exchange student would wake up every school day at 6:20. We'd get ready and then go downstairs to have breakfast. My host mom and dad were usually sitting around the kitchen dining table and there would always be coffee to drink and different kinds of breads (always fresh from the bakery, and sometime there would be fresh pretzels or pastries) and sometimes cheeses and meats. At 7:15 my exchange student's friend would come over and we would ride our bikes to school. When we rode through town there were always people setting up the local farmers market for fresh fruits and vegetables. The gymnasium started at 7:30. Every day of the week the schedule would be different, but the people in the class would remain the same. (see the schedule below) In Germany the students have one class (with the same students all day) and the teachers would come in as the subjects changed. (The only exceptions to this is for things like chemistry and PE)

Die Pause

At 9:55 the entire school would have a short break. (15 minutes) In the student lounge they sold cheese breads and small sandwiches from a bakery in town. You could also go to the "cafeteria" that was really only a small snack shop above the gym. This had coffee, juice, ice cream, candy bars and sausages.)