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RAM Students and teachers share what it's like to go to school with a family member.

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When most people think of families, they often think of people who are blood related to each other. However, that is not always the case. Hosted by Mrs. Davlyn Edgett, Maximilian Carling ('24) is a foreign exchange student from Germany who is spending a year in America to get a taste of life outside his home country.

"I just wanted to experience something new, to have a different culture around me, share my culture from Germany as well, meet new people, meet my new host mom, all of that," said Carling

Having different cultural norms and adapting to living in the United States was not as smooth as some may expect, even when it comes to daily tasks.

For Carling, the hardest adjustment moving from Germany to the United States has been, "leaving your shoes on at the house.

The drastic differences between Germany and the

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United States makes the experience all the more worthwhile

"If I'm being honest, a big piece of them coming to our country is not changing. So the idea is that the exchange students have to do a lot of the adapting... I don't think that there's anything that we don't do because Max is here, or do differently because Max is here," said Mrs. Edgett.

Not only is the experience of being an exchange student valuable, but the act of hosting exchange students is just as impactful.

"I enjoy the ability to provide them an experience that they may not have otherwise had, we don't get paid to be host parents. We just kind of open our house and say 'let's get after it", Edgett said. "I'm a better mom, teacher, educator, human, friend... all the things, because we host exchange students. story by: max kramer



My dad is very *caring* and he makes it easy to go to him for unsolicited advice." Emmeline Brown (24) Mr. Jeff Brown

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