

4 September 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

September

3rd - SAT Registration Deadline

8th - 8:30 AM Director Community Chat: Mastery Learning - in Latvian Auditorium

8th - 9:00 AM Parent Support Group meeting - in Latvian Auditorium

October

3rd - SAT Test

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirit Week

QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS



**WEAR A
MASK**



BE RESPONSIBLE



WASH YOUR
HANDS

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Parents,

We completed our first full week at QSI. What a success!

While walking through the rooms, the classes were already alive with learning. The elementary classes were diving into place value for mathematics, middle school students were learning about Plot Elements with the help of 365 teams, and secondary students were diving into early American writings in the English Literature class. Most importantly, I saw returning students reaching out and helping new students at QSI. It was a brilliant first full week.

This weekend, your child will be bringing home several documents to sign. All of the documents relate to digital media, technology use, and informational data. Your child's safety in terms of digital data and images is a priority. We want you to know that we select safe apps to support your child's learning.

Please review over the documents and return to the school next week. If you have any questions regarding the documents, please do not hesitate to contact me at brian-garner@munster.qsi.org.

One of the documents you will sign is in regards to sharing your contact information with the Parent Support Group (PSG). At the moment, the school will not share contact information without your permission. Because it takes time for the form to be completed, returned and processed, I wanted to make sure you have access to PSG information. PSG has a couple of pages on social media to

communicate and stay in touch with each other. One is through Facebook; it is called QSI International School of Muenster- Parent and Alumni Chat. The PSG president has a welcome letter in this newsletter; it has her contact information. If you would like to be added to the PSG social media platforms, please contact her and she can pass it on to the parent managing the social media accounts.

Lastly, it was great to meet so many of you during drop off and pick up time with your children. After weeks of preparing for school and digital communication, it is wonderful to finally meet you all.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

12/13YO Art Jumps into Digital Animation

Students are exploring stop motion animation in art class. Below is a video created by a student. More videos will be shared when completed.



<https://sway.office.com/W8NTWAEsS1Nvee69#content=6rA4ovo3VawtkY>

3YO & 4YO

Students practiced fine motor skills by creating a bee for the welcome back to school board.



5-6 YO Learning

Students start the week off with phonics lessons.



Middle School & Secondary Students

Middle School and Secondary students meet outside in mixed age groups to brainstorm possible social activities to participate in beyond the school hours. Below is the group brainstorm of what they are possibly interested in for the year.

Socials

- electric skating
- sport activities & tournaments
- bowling
- visiting / sight seeing
- AASEE
- Biking
- walking around in city
- Salon
- Shopping
- coffee
- ice cream
- Playground
- ice skating
- Ski trip
- Movie night
- Swimming
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Zoo

Get to know a QSI Teacher



I am from a small town called Belper which is in Derbyshire on the edge of the Peak District National Park in England. I studied Geography and Politics at Oxford Brooks University before completing my teacher training at the University of Nottingham. I moved to Münster two years ago, although have been visiting the city often for the past four years so it already feels like home. This year I am teaching the 7, 8 and 9 year old class. My favourite subject to teach is of course cultural studies. I love learning about and visiting new places, people and cultures. My favourite things to do in Münster include cycling on the promenade and shopping at the Wochenmarkt on a Saturday.

QSI Parent Support Group Münster welcomes you!

Letter from the Parent Support Group

As the Chairwoman of the PSG I hereby greet and welcome all of you, new and current members of the Parent Support Group of QSI Münster. My name is Renate Rysletten Pedersen and I am from Norway. My husband and I have two boys at QSI Münster. Oliver who is 11 and Nikolai who is 14. We have lived in Münster since August 2017 and the boys are happy to have been attending QSI since then.

I had the pleasure to see and talk to some of you at the Open House on Wednesday. I am so happy to see so many new faces and excited about the new school year. As we all know, the current covid -19

situation does not allow us to go about things like we normally do. We will have our first PSG meeting on the 8th of September in the auditorium at 08.30. I hope to see all of you there.

Below you can see what the QSI handbook states about the PSG:

"All QSI schools will work to establish an active Parent Support Group. All QSI Parent Support Groups will use the same acronym of PSG or Parent Support Group. All parents are encouraged to become actively involved with the school through the Parent Support Group. The goal of the Parent Support Group in QSI is to make the learning environment the best possible place for children. To achieve this goal, the Parent Support Group (PSG) will:

- I. Work to enhance communication among parents as well as between parents and the school.
- II. Organize educational and social events for QSI students and/or the school community.
- III. Assist classroom educators in ways that allow for more efficient and productive use of instructional time.
- IV. Enrich the regular classroom curriculum.
- V. Promote fund-raising events in order to purchase items or services the school might not easily obtain.
- VI. Develop events that encourage student involvement and understanding of the local community or host country."

The PSG meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 08.30. The Director starts with his "Directors Chat" and updates on school matters. Then the meeting continues with upcoming events and sometimes new ideas to activities that can enrich the QSI community. Occasionally we go out for breakfast after the meeting and sometimes we have gone out for dinner.

I will not list all of the activities we conduct here, just give you a couple of examples of things we have done the previous years. We have a Welcome Picnic at the start of the school year. Each family brings a dish to share with everyone and you bring your own plates, cutlery and picnic blanket. For the Holliday Hoopla, in December we get treats and sweets, that we hand out to the students after the show. In June we have the "4 day walk" after school. Midway in these walks we stop for a snack of fruit, vegetables and a drink, which some of us have prepared. Medals are handed out after the 4th day. We also organize the ordering of school clothing, hoodies, t-shirts and more.

Given the current Covid situation, we will likely not be able to do everything as we usually do. But I hope that we can find new ways to how we can conduct things together and feel part of the QSI community.

Don't hesitate to contact me at renate.r.pedersen@outlook.com or +4793033653 if you have any questions.

Community Announcements

If you know of any upcoming family friendly activities or events that maybe of interest to our QSI families, please share them and they can be added to this section. NOTE: Any event shared is not connected to QSI.

Kite Festival





Quote from Kite Festival webpage:

"The Drachenfreunde Hamm eV transform the meadow by the elephant into a colorful sea of dragons, give tips and information and offer numerous activities

On Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th, a motley variety of kites will dominate the air space above the hammer glass elephants. The Dragon Days in Maxipark have been a traditional autumn event for many years. Again this year - despite the corona pandemic - kite enthusiasts can meet and let their huge or even tiny windbirds soar into the sky above the glass elephants, sometimes more, sometimes less. Every day from 11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., lovers display their ornate, magnificent kites in a unique variety of shapes and colors."

[Kite Festival Link](#)

Rugby clubs for all ages



Rugby in Münster!!

The Rugby Tourists Münster are back after a long break from Social Distancing! We are searching for new team members for all of our age groups from Rugby Minis all the way up to the Men's Social and Competitive Teams!

The groups are;

U6 – U12 <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/minis/>

U16 – U18 <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/jugend/>

Women (All ages) <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/frauen/>

Men <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/herren/>

We are always looking to expand the community, so any interest is very welcome! If you would like your son(s) and/or daughter(s) to come out and experience a game for life (or if you are interested in being part of the community as well), then please contact Mr. Josh atjoshua-ferreira@munster.qsi.org for more details!

2020-2021 Opening Plan & School Operations During COVID-19

[Click here to access the Opening Plan PDF file.](#)

[Click here for 2020-2021 Parent/Student Informed Consent Letter – Covid19.](#)

You can sign and e-mail to brian-garner@munster.qsi.org. You will be able to sign at school as you drop your child off at the entrance.

Scheduled Appointment on Campus

If you have a scheduled appointment for an "in the building meeting" with Dr. Garner or Ms. Siejen, please make sure to complete the electronic visitor form on our entrance door.

The visitor form is a QR code that can be scanned by your phone. The QR code takes you to an electronic form so you can input your information. If you are new to using a QR code, [click here for a tutorial on scanning a QR code](#). I will also place a link to the form in this QR article. [Click here to access the form without the QR code](#).

Thank you for supporting our contact tracing system.

School Calendar

School Calendar 2020-2021

First Term

First Day	27 August (Thursday)
Last Day:	18 December (Friday)
Holidays:	19 – 26 October (Monday - Monday) Autumn Break 26 – 27 November (Thursday - Friday) Staff Professional Development 21 December – 08 January (3 Week) Winter Break
Quintile 1:	27 August – 15 October
Quintile 2:	16 October – 16 December
Quintile 3:	17 December – 26 February

Number of school days: 74

Second Term

First Day:	11 January (Monday)
Last Day:	26 March (Friday)
Holidays:	12 February (Friday) Staff Professional Development 15 February (Monday) Rosenmontag (online learning day)
Quintile 4:	01 March – 27 April

Number of school days: 54

Third Term

First Day:	29 March (Monday)
Last Day:	24 June (Thursday)
Holidays:	02 – 09 April (Friday – Friday) Spring Break 13 – 14 May (Thursday – Friday) Ascension 24 – 25 May (Monday – Tuesday) Whit Monday 03 – 04 June (Thursday - Friday) Corpus Christi
Quintile 5:	28 April – 24 June

Number of school days: 52

Total Number of School Days: 180
The school week is Monday through Friday.

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



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RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Stay in Contact

Thank you for selecting QSI International School of Münster and trusting us with your child's education. If you have a question on the curriculum being taught, the curriculum can be viewed at <http://curriculum.qsi.org/>. Should you have a question or concern regarding the content or selected assessments, please reach out to the teacher or the school Director. If you need to contact me, my contact information is below.

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