

10 October 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

Scholastic Book Fair in Progress

Sep 28th - Oct. 13

October

15th Middle School Social: Pizza & Movie - 3:45 - 6:30 PM

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirit Week

November

3rd - Director Chat and PSG Meeting - 8:30 AM

6th - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences via video conference platform

26th & 27th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

We have one more week until the fall break. While looking back on the past several weeks, the students have done an amazing job returning to school. All of the students have adjusted smoothly to the school procedures so they can continue with face to face instruction.

Next week will mark the end of the first quintile. For those new to QSI, the school year is broken into 5 terms called quintiles. At this time, a Status Report will be sent to the parents so their children's progress in school can be reviewed. The QSI grading system is different from traditional report cards that use percentages to show a student's progress in a subject studied. A QSI Status Report will show a "snapshot" of what the student has completed and is currently working on for each course. QSI does not use percentage-based grades for subjects studied; instead, specific descriptors for each unit of study is listed with a grade status. When you review the Status Report, please make sure to look at the key to understand the definition of the grades P, B, A, D, and E.

In addition, and most importantly, the Status Report will show your child's Success Orientation grades. These marks reflect how your child utilized the 7 character traits listed in our Success Orientations. QSI is committed to teaching the whole child. This includes working with students on gaining certain non-academic skills needed to be successful in life. A review of the Success orientations can be viewed after this letter.

Lastly, please review the book order information within this newsletter. Included in the book order section is some research on the benefits of reading for pleasure. The research opens with this explanation on reading for pleasure: **"Reading for pleasure is not properly understood and is often confused or conflated with literacy. Reading for pleasure is reading for enjoyment, done of free choice, whereas literacy is the ability to read and write. Reading for pleasure feeds literacy because it is challenging to learn something if you don't enjoy it!"** Encouraging and supporting your children to develop the passion to read for pleasure with support a continued interest in learning in elementary, secondary and university.

If you have any questions regarding the above information or anything else connected to school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

QSI Success Orientations

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Coming Soon on Thursdays: 5-11 YO Activities

After the fall break, QSI will temporarily reintroduce after-school activities for 5-11 YO students on Thursdays. Due to the expectation of schools remaining in cohorts for COVID contact tracing, activities offered will be limited to specific cohort age groups and will not mix homerooms. In addition, the activities will connect to one of the three themes: Wellness, Socialising or Movement. When we return from fall break, an activity sign-up list will be shared. The following week, activities will begin. Activities will run from November 5th to December 17th.

Show your school spirit with - SPIRIT WEEK!

A tradition at QSI schools is to have SPIRIT WEEK. This is a week when students come together and show how unified they are as a school by dressing up for fun during an entire week.

- Monday - no school (last day of fall break)
- **Tuesday 27th October - Crazy Hair Day** - How crazy and exciting can you get your hair?
- **Wednesday 28th October - Twins Day** - Have a group of friends wear matching clothes. All striped shirt? Matching plaid shirt? How similar can you and your friends/class become?
- **Thursday 29th October - Pajama Day** - Wear your comfy pajamas to school.
- **Friday 30th October - Costume Day** - Select a costume to express yourself. *(Remember to leave any toy "weapons" related to costumes at home. Also remember that the campus has younger age students on campus (avoid costumes that may be scary).*

We can't wait to see how creative you can become to show your QSI SCHOOL SPIRIT. Go Lions!

Student Pumpkin Carving is Back!

The student Pumpkin Carving contest is back. Starting on October 27th, students can begin to bring in their carved pumpkins. The students will vote on the best-carved pumpkin on October 30th.



Reminder: All pumpkins need to return to original homes at the end of the day on Friday the 30th.

Middle School Social

12 and 13 YO students are invited to hang out in their cohort classroom on October 15th. They will be able to hang out, eat pizza, and watch *Enola Holmes* (a new teen mystery released this year). Students were given a permission slip with further details.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/qsi-int-school-of-munster> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every €1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20¢** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by October 13th, 2020**.

What does research show on children who read for pleasure?

The impact on attainment

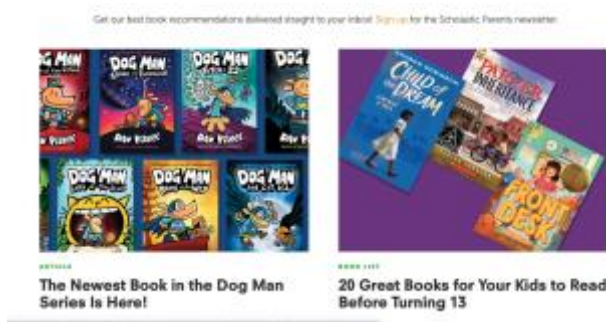
Reading for pleasure is more important to a child's academic success than the parents' socio-economic status. This is often quoted and comes from an OECD report. Many other studies provide evidence too, for example:

- The impact of reading for pleasure on progress in vocabulary, maths and spelling with 10-16 year olds is 4 times greater than if their parent has a degree¹
- Children who read for pleasure daily or nearly every day are a year ahead in reading performance versus those who never do²
- If all Key Stage 2 children read for pleasure daily, 75% of them would reach the level at the end of primary school that predicts 5 or more passes at GCSE – an increase of 8%³ or 112,000 children in 2017.

1 - Source: <https://www.eqmont.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Reading-for-Pleasure-Paper-final.pdf>

So many books to choose from. How do we select great books?

BOOK LISTS



[Click here to view various book lists based on age and interest.](#)

Dear Parents,

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running and you can now browse the latest books and order online. There are hundreds of fantastic Children's books to choose from, all at great prices!

For every €1 you spend on this Month's Book Club, our School will earn 20c in rewards to buy Books for our Library!

Please place your order online by; 13 October 2020.

To place your order, please type the link below in to your browser

<https://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/gsi-int-school-of-munster>

Click on either **AGES 0-6**, **7-11** or **11+** or you can use the search box for specific titles that you are interested in.

Please add the books that you would like to order into your basket

Once you have finished and are happy with your order, please click on your basket in the top right hand corner of the screen to proceed to the checkout.

You will then need to enter your email address and choose a password

Once you have done this, you can enter the payment details for your order and checkout. If you have any questions regarding placing your order at any time you can email intschool@scholastic.co.uk or call 0044 1993 893474.

10/11 YO: Art Perspective

The 10 and 11 YO students practised the art rule of perspective. The students created works of art with images getting smaller in the distance. Look at some completed student work and some work in the process of being completed.





12/13 English Class: Studying

Students are using the IXL platform to work on English grammar and reading skills. Each student works at his or her level. The program tracks the students' progress over the year so the growth can be observed. Watch the video below to hear more about the program they are using.



Get to Know a QSI Teacher: Joshua Ferreira

I was born in Australia and grew up there until 16. Then, moved to Canada and completed High School and my Undergraduate Degree in Visual Arts and Graduate degree in Secondary Education. After University, I spent 5 years teaching outdoor education in Nicaragua, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, and Austria. Right now while teaching at QSI, I am also completing my Master Thesis in English Literature. Münster is a great mini-city with everything you need just a short bike ride away and is located in Europe is a big bonus as a constant traveler. If we have had a conversation, then you'll know my favorite sport is rugby. It has taken me all over the world as a player, coach, and now as a referee. Teaching has always been my passion - whether on the rugby pitch, on a camping trip, or in the classroom, and I am excited for my second year with QSI Münster.

Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. Lawles at lauralawes@outlook.com to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Facebook: You can find the PSG Facebook page at the link - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626025644281325>

Absence Reporting Form

If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)

The curriculum follows 2 main themes:

- we all have the right to be safe
- we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus areas

The 2 themes are explored through 4 focus areas:

- the right to be safe
- relationships
- recognizing and reporting abuse
- protective strategies.

Playground Reminder

Please remember that the school playground is not accessible while school is in session between 8:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS



**WEAR A
MASK**

BE RESPONSIBLE



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

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.

Rugby clubs for all ages



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Teams
Herren | Men Frauen | Women
Jugend | Junior Kinder | Kids
Alt-Herren | Old Boys

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 [rugby_tourists_muenster](https://instagram.com/rugby_tourists_muenster)
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*Werde Teil unseres
TEAMS!
Join our TEAM!*

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!

[Virtual Counseling Available](#)



Talley Sjoberg-Varney, an educator and counselor has opened a virtual private practice. She sees students for Academic Coaching, Social/Emotional Development, and for University Application Support.

During the month of September, she is offering free 15-minute zoom calls for individual families for University questions. You can ask her about universities, classes, testing, anything that is on your mind. She has helped students apply to schools all around the world and is a certified Independent Educational Consultant. Talley has 12 years of experience with QSI as a Counselor, Educator, and Resource Coordinator, so she is familiar with mastery learning and university requirements.

She is an American based out of Central Europe. Here is her contact information if you are interested; <https://www.clearlysage.com/>

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QSI School Operations During COVID-19:2020-2021

[Click here to access the COVID-19 Operations 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.

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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