

12 March 2021

School Newsletter



Important Dates

March

15 10Yo - Secondary for Return to School

April

2-9 Spring Break (No School)

13 Director Chat (QSI Grad. Requirements) & PSG Meeting - Online at 7 PM ([Click here to join the meeting](#))

21 Success Orientation Nominations

23 Global Book Day - Students dress up as favorite book character

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

We are excited to have the rest of the students return to campus next week. Everyone on campus is ready to return to face-to-face instruction.

For the past two weeks, the younger students have been on campus. YEAH! The students have done an amazing job returning to the regular schedule. It is thrilling to see all the work they have completed and posted around the school. While the two weeks have been successful, I would like to encourage the families to talk with the children on how the return to school has been for them.

The suggestion to talk with your child extends beyond the younger ages. For the older students returning, it is also encouraged that parents talk with their children about retuning to school after several weeks of distance learning. While they are excited to return to see friends and teachers, the older students will be adjusting to the school's on campus academic schedule. The changes back to lessons on campus involve packing up all the items needed for the day's lessons to wearing a mask while

on campus. The mixture of excitement (of seeing friends in person) and change in daily routines may create some uneasiness with your child.

Even though COVID has been present for over a year, talking about it with children is still new to us all. There is no official book on how to talk with your child on this topic. What is available to us as parents and educators, are frequent topics to be aware of when children return to school after some distance learning. Below is a short 2-minute video that identifies some topics you may want to discuss with your children before or after their return to campus.

Reminders:

- I've reprinted the earlier announcement from this week below. Please review. It has important information about returning.
- The older kids need to know that the spot for line up has switched with the younger kids. Please remind them.
- Remind all of your children to talk with the teachers about any comfort needs in regard to schedule and needing fresh air outside.

Again, we are all excited to receive your children next week and have our campus alive with learning!

If you have any questions about the above information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

Talking with your child about returning to school



Important information on returning to campus (from previous e-mail)

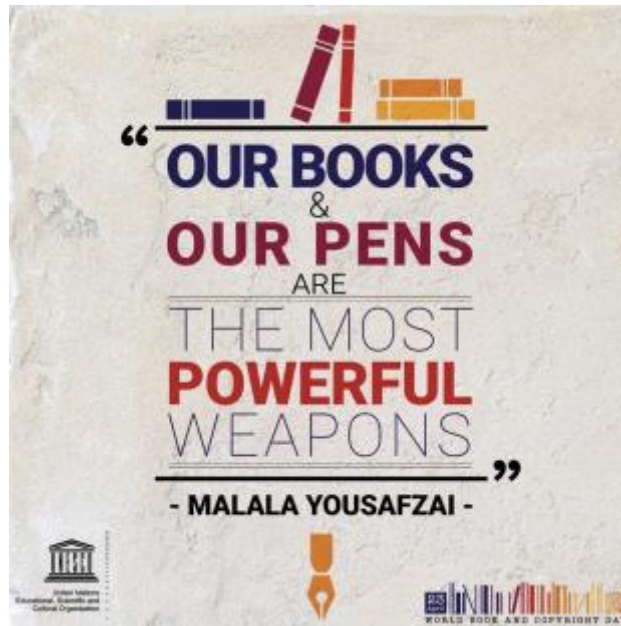
As we make this transition back to campus, please review the information below:

- Masks:
 - Medical masks are the expectation for all individuals on campus.
 - Students should bring extra masks to change during the day.
 - Please review this video with your child so they are reminded of how a mask should fit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05FEAJhtNE&t=54s>

- As students transition back to wearing the masks long-term on campus, the teachers will arrange various mask breaks that are outside. If your child is needing a break, all they need to do is speak with the teacher and some form of break will be arranged.
 - There is a mask exception for ages 3-13 in certain situations. If you find medical masks that do not fit your 3-13 year-old properly, an everyday mask can be worn. Please make sure the everyday mask covers the face properly.
 - Secondary 1-4 MUST wear a medical mask.
- Remind older students to line up on the other side of the door in the morning.
- Ventilation in the room:
 - Airflow in a room is our biggest ally in fighting COVID. Windows will be opened frequently.
 - Please make sure your child is dressed in layers to adjust to varying temperatures.
- Family Illness
 - To maintain a safe and healthy learning environment, please review the flowchart in the school newsletter on what to do when a family member shows COVID symptoms.
- The first week back
 - For the returning students, this is the longest they have participated in distance learning with QSI Munster. Returning back to school will need some adjustment time.
 - The teachers will spend time checking in on students' mental well-being, provide time for students to reconnect with other students, and review the work completed over the past several weeks.
- 10 YO to Secondary students with personal digital devices.
 - Students need to bring their personal devices fully charged each day.
 - Students should bring charging cords to school.
 - It is recommended that an external battery pack is also brought to school.

World Book Day is Coming

An event has been added to the QSI calendar. On April 23rd, our school will celebrate World Book day. One of the events will include students dressing up like their favorite book character. You may want to start talking with your child about various characters they can dress up for on this day. For more information on World Book Day - click this link <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldbookday>.



QSI Success Orientations

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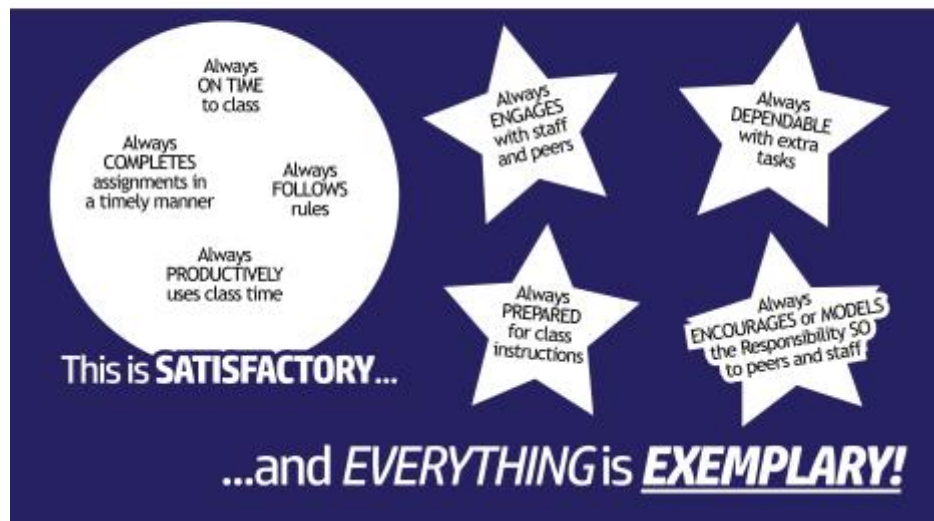
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CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

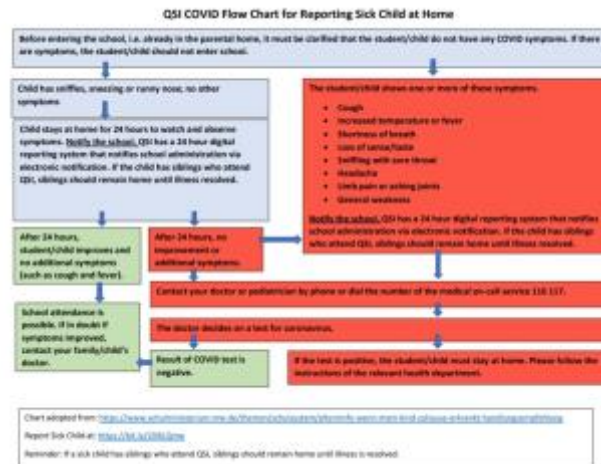
The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. Lawes 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.](#)



Early Departure Form

If you are picking up your child in the middle of the school day, please complete this form so the school can record the departure. [Click here for the Early Departure Form.](#)

Keeping Safe Curriculum



Homeroom teachers have started to include the Keeping Safe Curriculum in the weekly lessons. These are short lessons that educate children on how to keep themselves safe and who to ask for help in unsafe situations. This is a global curriculum that QSI uses at all campuses. Below is a list of the key themes and focus areas that students will study. More information on the program can be [found here](#).

Themes

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.

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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