

11 December 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

December

16 Holiday Hoopla 2020 - Digital

16 End of the Quintile

18 Last school day before break (full day)

21 Winter Break Starts (21 Dec - 8 Jan)

January

11 First day back to school after break

12 Director Chat (MAP Testing) & PSG Meeting - Time and location is pending due to COVID status

QSI SWAP SHOP



QSI Swap Shop!

Ms. Emma's class learned about how much plastic is used to make the things we buy. Plastic is made using nonrenewable resources and it becomes pollution.

They'd like to help you reduce consumption by an exchange of gift items!



How Does a Swap Shop Work?

1. Find gently used items at home that you are finished enjoying.
2. Choose items that could be gifts for someone, like toys!
3. "Swap" your items for something that someone else brings in.
4. Give a gift this season that helps our environment!



Dates:

7, 8, 9 December: Bring in items
17 December: SWAP SHOP!



Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

In the last few hours, there have been news reports of additional COVID measures being put into place in the next few days for schools. As this information was being shared on the news on Friday, I received information from the local school district on the possible adjustments at 2:40 PM the same day. The school is currently reviewing the adjusted COVID measures and how they can be applied to the the plans outlined in our QSI School Operations during COVID handbook (the handbook link is housed near the end of the newsletter). After school on Friday, the teachers met with me to discuss any adjustments that maybe needed to our original plan. Depending on the additional COVID measures asked of us by the local government, the plan listed in the handbook may have modifications. Because the information is relatively new and adjustments are being made, an exact plan for next week can not be shared at the moment. As soon as the new information is processed and applied to our students' needs and class schedule, more information will be shared with you as soon as possible over the weekend. Please know that any changes that occur will follow local COVID safety measures. Most importantly, the school's

focus is to provide a safe learning environment and academic lessons that are not interrupted by the new COVID measures.

On a different topic, photo day this week was a success! There were lots of fabulous smiles during the photo sessions. The next step is to arrange a delivery system for the digital pictures and establish a method to order printed pictures. The goal is to have this arranged and ready shortly after the holiday. More information will be provided later. If your child was absent during photo day, the good news is we can take the make-up photos anytime next week. Just let me know what day your children will be ready for the make-up photos and we can take their picture. The class photos are complete; our goal is to have those available as soon as possible.

Also coming next week are the 2nd quintile Status Reports and Narrative Reports. These reports will be sent out digitally to you from the homeroom teacher. When you receive the status reports, make sure to review all parts of the report. Please look over the academic grades, the Success Orientation marks and the attendance. If you have any questions regarding the grades or Success Orientations, please reach out to the homeroom teacher. If you have any concerns about the attendance, please contact me.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

Note from the Latvian Center

The Latvian Center asked me to pass on a reminder to our community. When children are playing in the front of their building after school, the children should play on the large grassy area only. The areas the Latvian Center would like to refrain from playing on are pictured below. The Latvian Center is trying to improve the turf in those areas.





QSI Student Work and Life

3-4 YO: Winter Art Projects





5-6 YO: Snow Art





5-6 YO: Number order lesson in mathematics class

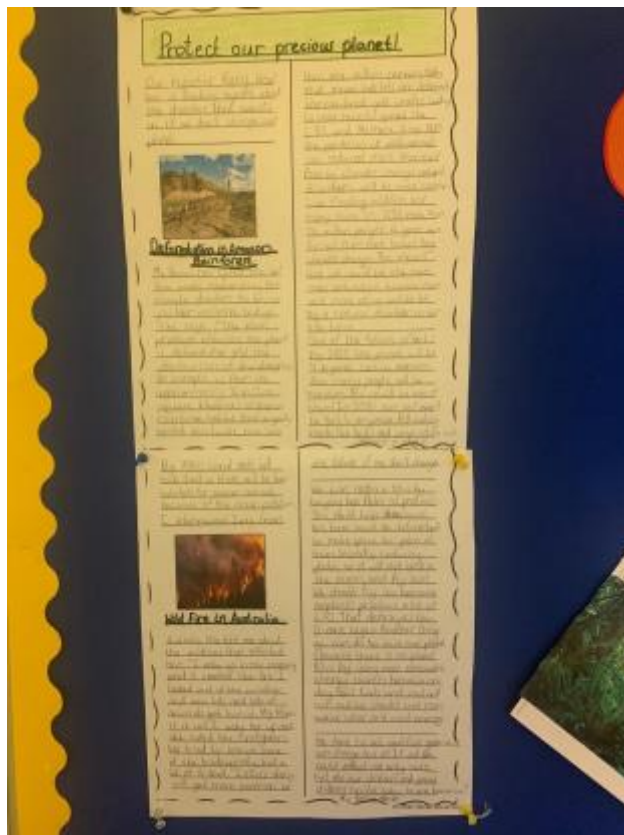
Students number houses on the street to practice number order in mathematics.



7-9 YO: Filming in German class for Holiday Hoopla



7-9 YO: Students create a news report



7-9 YO: Making Holiday Ornaments in Art Class









10/11 YO Technology Class: Safe Passwords

10-11s learned about password security and tested the strength of passwords as part of their Technology Digital Citizenship unit.

POWER PASSWORDS	
Power Password	It would take a computer this long to crack:
1234567890 Google 542 12345678901234567890	34 thousand years 1 hundred years 6 million years
Pepda00g696 Vgnd 3h03d7v/x n Pc m0j0k0n	2,000 years 174 ± insignificant years
m3_L0v3r@h0m3	2 H years
12345678901234567890 12345678901234567890 CORE13 7th gen	12 thousand years 4 hundred billion years
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12/13 YO: Middle School students dissected a flower and explored the fascinating world of flowering plant reproduction.

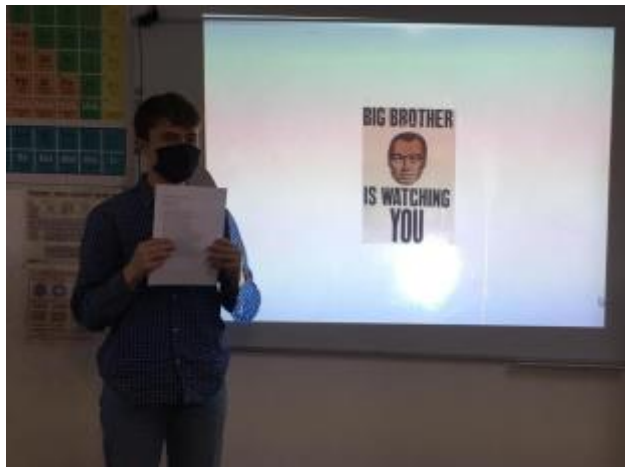






Secondary English: Novel Study

Secondary students are studying the novel "1984". The students shared a poem they wrote in the style of Auden's 'The Unknown Citizen' capturing what life is like under the authoritarian regime of Big Brother.



Secondary: World History Class

World History students research the impact 19th century colonialism.



German Class: Learning about the German advent calendars





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RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

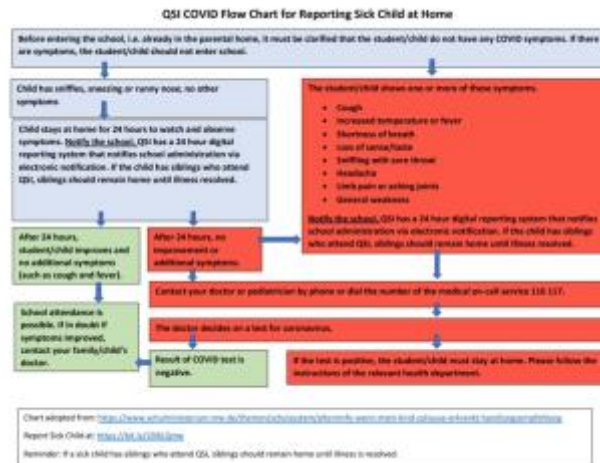
The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

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

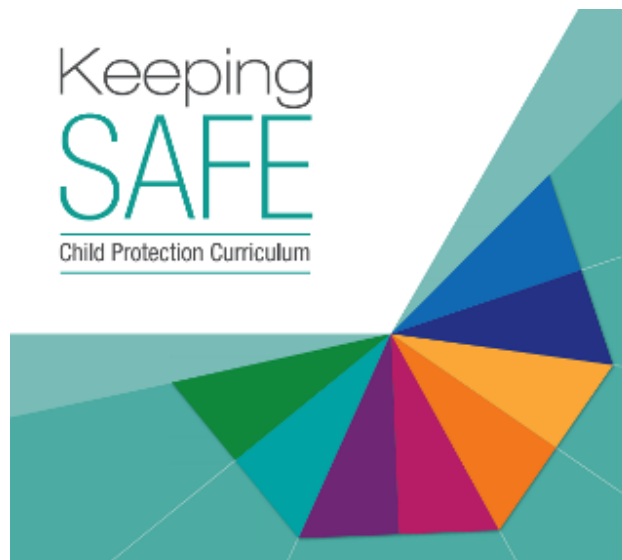
If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)



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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