

4 December 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

December

10 Photo Day - Tentative Date

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



The poster is divided into three main sections. The top section has a green background and features three snowflake icons flanking a recycling symbol. Below them, the title 'QSI Swap Shop!' is written in large, bold, white letters. The middle section, also on a green background, contains text about plastic pollution and the purpose of the swap shop, followed by three snowflake icons. The bottom section has a dark blue background and lists the steps for how a swap shop works, followed by three gift icons. The footer has a red background and lists the dates for the swap shop, followed by three gift icons.

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,

Holiday festivities have arrived on campus. The school tree is on display outside the school office doors so students can enjoy it as they walk in the hallway. The younger students already made decorations and placed them on the tree. Other students have displayed their snowman art in the hallways. While we may not have snow this time of year, we are creating a QSI winter wonderland on campus.

A small reminder for parents dropping off younger children at school, please make sure your child has their hat and gloves for the day. This will make sure that they are staying warm and toasty when having outside recess.

Thank you all for those who attended the Director Chat and PSG meeting this week. It was our second meeting that was hosted via Teams video conference. The PSG is coordinating some holiday treats for the students to be handed out on December 16th, the day the Holiday Hoopla will be shared in a digital format. The next Director Chat and PSG meeting is scheduled for January 12th. I look forward to seeing you there. Hopefully, the COVID restrictions will lighten up and we will be able to return to face to face meetings.

The supplies for the school's Photo Day arrived, this includes the backdrop and lights. The school will test the equipment before Photo Day to see if we can get the picture quality to our satisfaction. Should we run into any technical issues, I will send a note out on any changes for Photo Day. At the moment, we are still scheduled to have Photo Day next week. Awesome news for the all-class photos; we almost have all of them completed. We have one more class to take and we will be finished with class photos. All we are waiting for is to have good weather and 100% attendance and we will get the last photo taken.

Many of the students are comfortable using technology that is integrated into their lessons and classrooms. With two weeks away from the holiday break, this means they will have a break from educational technology. However, the students will possibly continue to use technology to socialize with friends via social media and digital game platforms. During the holiday break, with COVID still in our lives, your child may use technology more than the past over this winter holiday. If this occurs, this article maybe helpful in guiding your child in using technology safely. <https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/blog-10-things-keep-kids-safe-online/>.

During the last week of school, you will receive another status report and your child's first narrative report for the year. For parents new to QSI, the teachers write narrative reports twice a year. These are summaries of your child's progress for the subjects studied this year. The narrative reports provide deeper information on your child's scholastic successes and academic needs than what is provided in the status report.

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. They Latvian Center is trying to improve the turf in those areas.



Class photo and individual photos coming



QSI Student Work and Life

3-4 Year Olds Make Holiday Decorations





5-6 Year Olds Make Holiday Decorations





7-9 YO Art Class: Winter Wonderland









10/11 YO: Practicing Lines from "The Grinch"







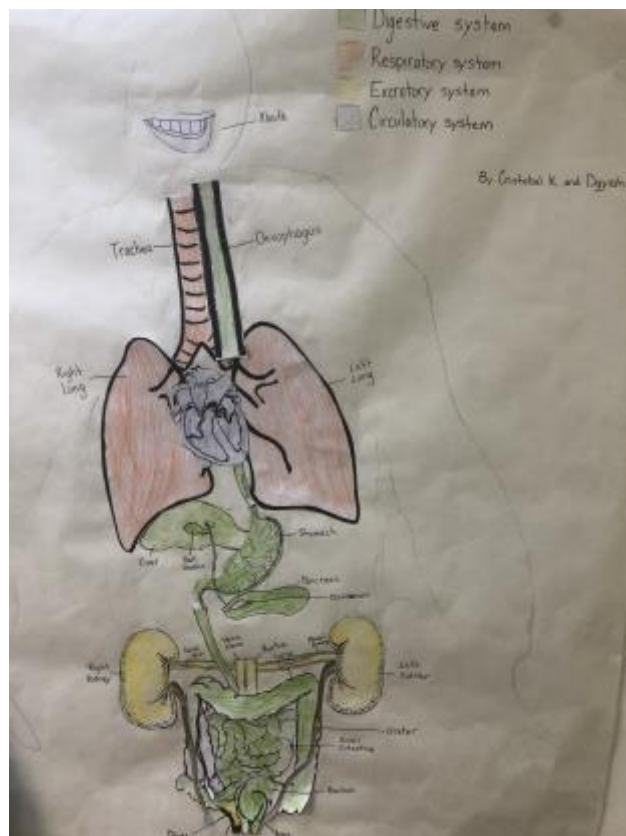
10/11 YO: Physical Education in the Gym

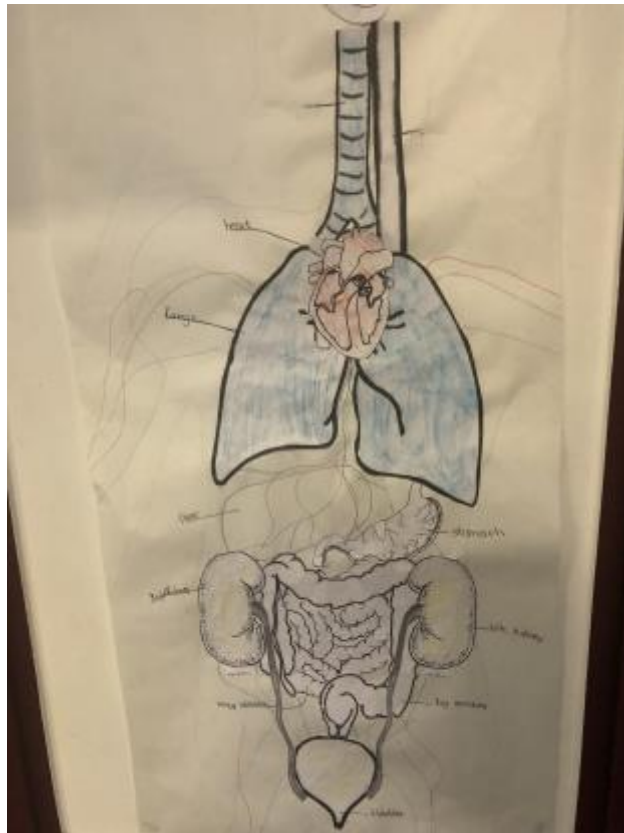
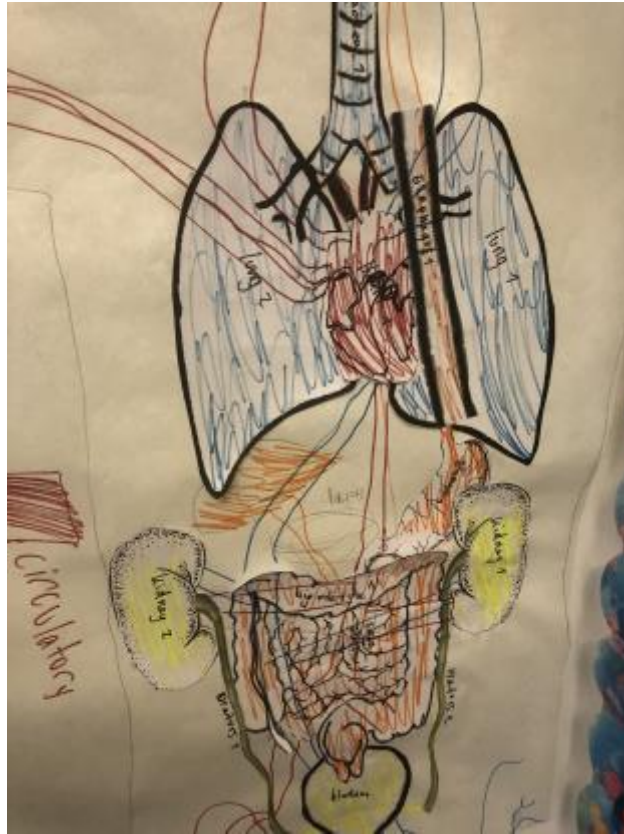


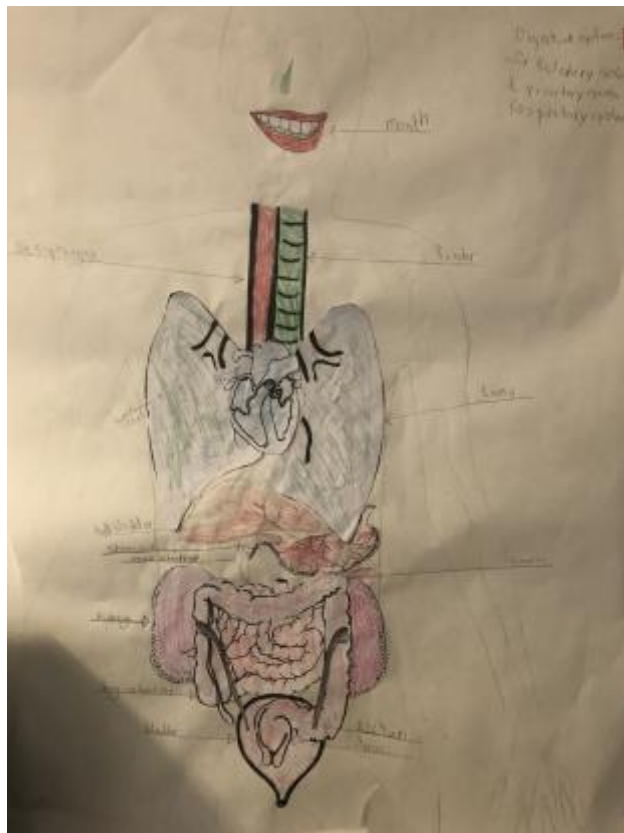
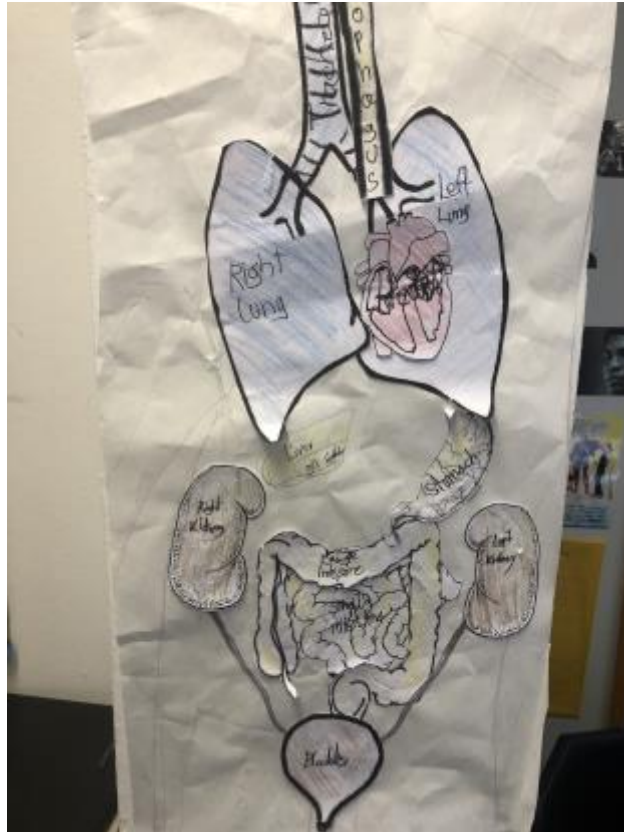




12-13 YO Science: Students finished their group body poster







INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



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.](#)

- 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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