

# 18 December 2020

## School Newsletter



## Important Dates

### December

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

## Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

The winter break has arrived. Before the break starts, I would like to say thanks to everyone that supported the school in the return to full day face to face instruction. From the social distance PSG Picnic to the parent teacher video conferences, it is obvious that the school community supports the COVID safety measures that are put in place. Because of this support, we were able to provide a safe learning environment without any reported COVID cases. Most importantly, the students were able to work in person with their teacher and other students on a variety of lessons. Again, thank you for the support.

In addition, this Friday concludes our 3rd day of distance learning. It has been over 7 months since our campus utilized distance learning. Since then, the school made some adjustments in the schedule and digital platform. While the school only utilized our new plan for the past 3 days, we would like to hear from you about the experience. Following this letter is a distance learning survey. It would be very helpful if you could complete the survey. Any needed changes will be reflected in an updated version of the QSI COVID handbook.

This week concludes Quintile 2. Your child's homeroom teacher will be sending you an updated Status Report and Narratives via e-mail. If you have any questions about the grades, please contact the teacher with any questions. If you have questions about attendance, please contact me at [brian-garner@qsi.org](mailto:brian-garner@qsi.org).

Lastly, make sure to review the rest of the newsletter. There are a variety of announcements and celebrations regarding completed projects the past couple weeks.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy winter break. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

### [Distance Learning Survey](#)

Please share your child's distance learning experience with QSI by completing the survey for your child's age group.

[3-11YO Survey: Click Here](#)

[12YO - Secondary 4: Click Here](#)

### [PSG Holiday Gift for Students](#)

A **big thanks to PSG** for arranging the holiday treats for the students. The holiday treat included a variety of items: some sweets, a reusable drink cup, a pen and holiday decoration. They were handed out on Tuesday. Any student who didn't receive one due to an absence will be able to pick it up after the break.



## Swap Shop

The Swap Shop was a huge success! Students were able to trade for an item that was brought in earlier last week. What a great way to support the concept of re-using items and protecting the environment. Thank you Ms. Emma and Ms. Julie for helping organize.



## Class Photos

The class photos are completed and formatted. The school will have them printed up and sent home when students return to campus in January 2021. Below are the photos we will be sending. Enjoy!







## Distance Learning Via Teams



A glimpse of the Teams video conference for distance learning. Students can change the view to eliminate the background and create a classroom environment.

## QSI Success Orientations

# 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](mailto: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

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[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](mailto:brian-garner@munster.qsi.org). You will be able to sign at school as you drop your child off at the entrance.

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## 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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