

13 November 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

November

26-27 Teacher Professional Development (No School)

December

1 Director Chat (Topic - Child Protection) & PSG Meeting - Time and location is pending due to COVID status

16 Holiday Hoopla 2020 - Digital

16 End of the Quintile

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,

It was an exciting week on campus. From the elementary students studying Martinlaufen in German class to the Secondary students giving persuasive speeches in English, the campus was BUZZING with energetic lessons and projects. I encourage you to look over this issue's photos of student work and projects.

This year's digital Holiday Hoopla has a scheduled release date of December 16th. Ranging from a musical performance to a drama production, the teachers of each cohort have started to work on various plans with the students. In less than 6 weeks, the students will be celebrating the holidays via the Holiday Hoopla.

I want to share with the QSI community about our school's accreditation from Middle States Association (MSA). The accreditation process started in 2016 and was completed with the QSI stakeholders input: parents, students, and QSI staff. This independent organization evaluates a school's operations, curriculum and campus. The overall purpose is to assure that the school is meeting certain standards while aiming to commit to strengthening areas identified by the school community. Since 2017, our school has maintained its accreditation by MSA. To further support our accreditation, one objective is to create a Statement of Purpose that summarizes how our campus supports the QSI Mission Statement. I would like to host a digital meeting with some parents, students and teachers to review our Mission Statement and create a Statement of Purpose. If you are interested in participating in the digital meeting, please contact me at brian-garner@munster.qsi.org.

To follow up on the parent teacher conference from last week, the survey results were reviewed. The information you share in the survey helps the school adjust the conferences to meet your needs while making sure to keep the components that worked for everyone. If you did not have time to take the survey, it is still open and posted in this newsletter.

If you have any questions about the above information or other matters concerning your child's education or safety, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

Parent Teacher Conference Survey

Two surveys were created to collect feedback on your parent-teacher conference experience. One survey is to provide feedback if you have children in the 3-11 year-old age group and the other is if you have children in the 12 year old to Secondary 4 age group. Your participation in completing the survey will provide the school with information in making any necessary changes in future conferences hosted via 365 Teams. **NOTE: Please complete the survey that corresponds to your child's age group.**

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QSI Student Work and Life

Pre-School Leaf Art



Students Planting Acorns







Studying parts of a leaf in Mrs. Marry's class





Students Participate in Martinilaufen during German Class


Martinilaufen is a traditional German holiday where lantern walkers travel from house to house singing songs. It is a common tradition of Northern Germany.







Mrs. Emma's Science Unit on Energy

 **SUN ENERGY**
in Ranchtown, Florida

MYSTERY science
Exploring Everything | Mystery 8

Report on Ranchtown, Florida From the town engineer

We wanted our town to run on electricity made from sunlight. To do that, we use solar panels. These panels take energy from sunlight and change it into electricity. They don't make any smoke or air pollution.

Our town's solar panels take up a lot of space—about 440 acres, the size of 333 football fields. But these panels make enough energy for more than 10,000 homes! During the day, we make more electricity than our town needs.

But there's a problem. Solar panels only make electricity when the sun is shining. They don't make electricity at night.

Right now, we have no way to store the extra energy. At night and on cloudy days, we have to get our electricity from other towns, which make it by burning coal and other fuels.

1. What are the benefits or advantages of using energy from sunlight?
they don't make any smoke or air pollution and on sunny days they can make enough energy for more than 10,000 homes.

2. What are possible problems or disadvantages of using energy from sunlight?
they take up a lot of space and they only make energy on sunny days.

3. What does Ranchtown have that makes energy from sunlight a good choice for this town?
it is sunny for most of the year and it has a lot of space for the solar panels.

4. Does Boulderville have what it needs to use energy from sunlight? Explain.
yes, because it has enough space and enough sunlight.

Mrs. Emma's Fall Projects



Indoor Recess on a Rainy Day



Middle School Art

Storytelling through spray paint





Middle School Drama Practice







Creating Props for MS Play



Middle School Culture Studies

After exploring some coming-of-age initiation ceremonies, middle school cultural studies generated a series of challenges to test its members' strength, skill, and ability not to laugh while completing a humorous task!





Secondary Speeches

Secondary students take the stage delivering a motivational persuasive speech on topics like quitting to smoke, not being afraid of school and living abroad.



QSI Success Orientations Applied to COVID

QSI Success Orientations

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

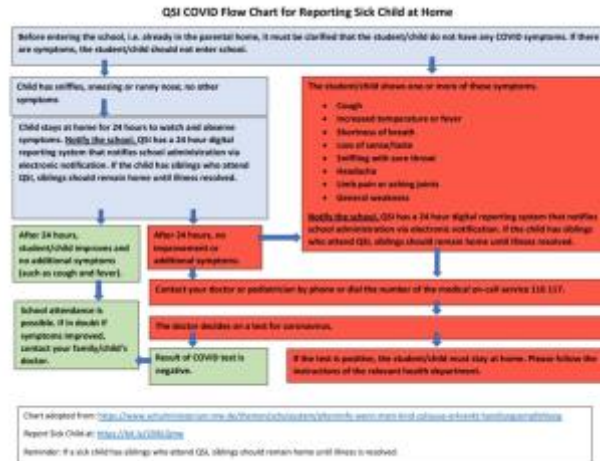
The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. 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

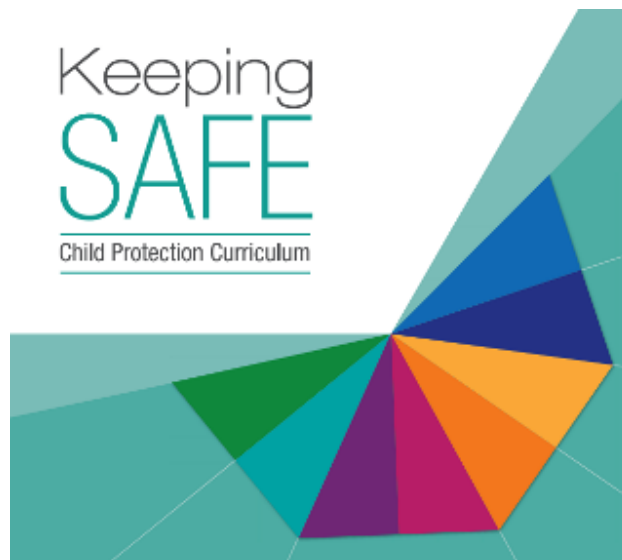
If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)



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.

Rugby clubs for all ages



RUGBY TOURISTS MÜNSTER

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

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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!

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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