

16 October 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

October

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirit Week

November

3rd - Director Chat and PSG Meeting - 8:30 AM

6th - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences via video conference platform

26th & 27th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

Since August, the students completed 7 weeks of full-day schooling. This is a huge success. The last time the students participated in this amount of school was between the months of January and March. If possible, please take the time to highlight your child's commitment to school during the break. This school milestone is worth celebrating.

To continue the celebration, we will have Spirit Week when we return from break. (Note: Last week, one section of the newsletter indicated that Spirit Week would be in November. It is in October.) When you have time over the break, please review the Spirit Week section with your child. Having the students participate in this event will be a fantastic way to start the next several weeks of study.

What made the 7 weeks successful is the adherence to safety practices put in place on campus. When we started the school, the local government asked that windows be opened to air out the classroom every 45 minutes. Last week, this guidance changed to opening up the windows to air out the room every 20 minutes. As the temperature outside drops, please do keep in mind the clothing your child may need for class. It would be helpful to have your child dress in layers and bring other clothing that will make them feel comfortable in the classroom. I personally visit the classrooms to check the temperature and evaluate the heating radiators in the classroom. Having lived in other countries that rely on radiators for classroom heating (Ukraine and Slovakia), I am more than pleased with the heat that the radiators put out for the classroom.

This week, the students completed their first quintile. Your child's homeroom teacher will send a Status Report to review the work completed. While reviewing the Status Report, please keep in mind that the Status Report is not a traditional "report card". A Status Report provides a snapshot of the school work completed and the current work your child is studying. Do look at the grading key on the status report to help you understand the grades QSI uses for assessment. One grade that you will see is a "P"; this grade means that your child is currently working on this unit in class and will be assessed in the next 1-2 weeks after the holiday. If you have any questions about your child's Status Report, please contact the teacher for any support in understanding the Status Report.

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

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing fall break.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

QSI Success Orientations & COVID

5-11 YO Activities: Temporary Re-Introduction

QSI will temporarily reintroduce after-school activities for 5-11 YO students on Thursdays. Due to the expectation of schools remaining in cohorts for COVID contact tracing, activities offered will be limited to specific cohort age groups and will not mix homerooms. In addition, the activities will connect to one of the three themes: Wellness, Socializing or Movement. When we return from fall break, an activity sign-up list will be shared. The following week, activities will begin. Activities will run from November 5th to December 17th.

Show your school spirit with - SPIRIT WEEK!

A tradition at QSI schools is to have SPIRIT WEEK. This is a week when students come together and show how unified they are as a school by dressing up for fun during an entire week.

- Monday - no school (last day of fall break)
- **Tuesday 27th October - Crazy Hair Day** - How crazy and exciting can you get your hair?
- **Wednesday 28th October - Twins Day** - Have a group of friends wear matching clothes. All striped shirt? Matching plaid shirt? How similar can you and your friends/class become?
- **Thursday 29th October - Pajama Day** - Wear your comfy pajamas to school.
- **Friday 30th October - Costume Day** - Select a costume to express yourself. *(Remember to leave any toy "weapons" related to costumes at home. Also remember that the campus has younger age students on campus (avoid costumes that may be scary).*

We can't wait to see how creative you can become to show your QSI SCHOOL SPIRIT. Go Lions!

Student Pumpkin Carving is Back!

The student Pumpkin Carving contest is back. Starting on October 27th, students can begin to bring in their carved pumpkins. The students will vote on the best-carved pumpkin on October 30th.



Reminder: All pumpkins need to return to original homes at the end of the day on Friday the 30th.

3/4 Year Old Work

Students practice their fine-motor skills by cutting and pasting family pictures next to the correct numbers.



6/7 YO Students Presentations

The 6/7 YO students created posters on their families and presented to the class.



6/7 YO students practice writing skills with the theme of their families



7/8/9 YO - "Shocking" Work

The class explores the world of electricity by building circuits.



10/11 YO Physical Education

The 10/11 YO students took advantage of the dry weather and help physical fitness class outside.



12/13 YO Art



12/13 YO Social



To celebrate several weeks of study, the 12/13 YO student had an after school social

12/13 YO Writing Workshop

Middle School writing class held a “Writer’s Salon” to celebrate the end of the Narrative writing unit. Students chose one of their stories to tell to the class as they enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate.



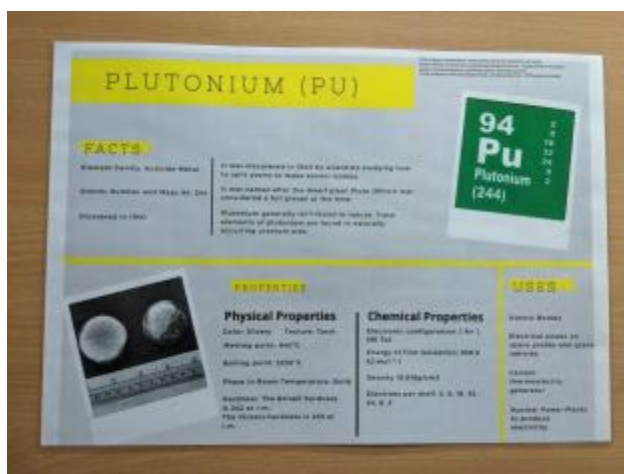




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Secondary - Physical Science

The secondary students dove into their chemistry unit by creating a poster to highlight the key components of an element on the periodic table. Below are samples of their in-depth study of specific elements.



Algebra

The Algebra class studies using traditional textbooks and with our online interactive Algebra program.



PSG Meeting Minutes

Below is a link to the PSG minutes from the meeting on 6 October 2020.

[PSG Meeting Minutes](#)

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>

QSI Success Orientations

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS

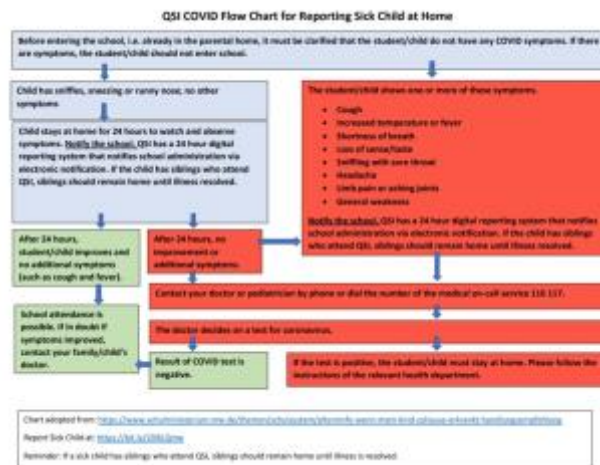


AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



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!

[Virtual Counseling Available](#)



Talley Sjoberg-Varney, an educator and counselor has opened a virtual private practice. She sees students for Academic Coaching, Social/Emotional Development, and for University Application Support.

During the month of September, she is offering free 15-minute zoom calls for individual families for University questions. You can ask her about universities, classes, testing, anything that is on your mind. She has helped students apply to schools all around the world and is a certified Independent Educational Consultant. Talley has 12 years of experience with QSI as a Counselor, Educator, and Resource Coordinator, so she is familiar with mastery learning and university requirements.

She is an American based out of Central Europe. Here is her contact information if you are interested; <https://www.clearlysage.com/>

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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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