

# 20 November 2020

## School Newsletter



## Important Dates

### November

26-27 Teacher Professional Development (No School)

### December

1 Director Chat (Topic - Child Protection) & PSG Meeting - 9:30 - 10:30 AM - See info below for video conference link

10 Photo Day - Tentative Date

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 Chat & PSG Meeting](#)

The December 1st Director Chat and PSG meeting will be held virtually. Below is the link for the meeting. It will be held in the school's 365 Teams video conference platform.

[Click here to access the meeting](#)

## [Director's Letter](#)

Dear QSI Families,

With Germany's "lockdown light" in place, our campus is still thriving with learning. Elementary students are outside planting bulbs for next spring's bloom and middle school students recorded their holiday performance. We are able to create this vibrant learning environment because our community is working together during the "lockdown light". As we move forward through the last 4 weeks of school before the holiday break, I would like to encourage our community in staying vigilant by following Germany's "lockdown light" expectations. It would be an amazing accomplishment to provide students with uninterrupted access to QSI's face-to-face classroom instruction from August to December. In addition, thanks to the families who contact the school to clarify any unique COVID situations. With strong communication, we are able to provide the safest learning environment for the QSI students.

In connection to providing the safest learning environment, the school will not be hiring an outside photographer for the annual class and student photos. Having a person outside of our school community spend all day taking pictures does have a certain level of increased risk. Beyond the safety aspect, I received feedback on past photos from families that the cost was too high, the payment process was challenging, and the quality of some of the photos was not satisfactory. To address the safety aspect and parent concerns, the school will complete the pictures "in house".

We are fortunate to have a staff member, Mr. Josh, with extensive training in photography and will navigate our photo sessions. The school has ordered lights and a backdrop for the photos. Some secondary students helped select the backdrop color; it will not be the "passport" blue color that was used in the past. Mrs. Ketz and Mrs. Garner are volunteering to help organize the ordering of the photos. More information will come on the ordering process. The tentative individual photo date is December

10th. There will not be a set date for the class photo. For the safest group photo, the class photo will be taken outside on a day with good weather and all students are present in class. While much of the changes to the annual photo day is because COVID is still present in our current lives, we can still capture school memories through photos in a safe environment.

Lastly, the calendar for the next academic school year has been approved by QSI. Your input on holiday adjustments via the survey is greatly appreciated. It helped create the calendar for next year. The 2021-2022 calendar can be viewed following this letter.

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

## 2021-2022 Calendar

### QSI International School of Münster 2021-2022 School Calendar

#### First Term

First Day: 26 August (Thursday) Early Dismissal  
Last Day: 17 December (Friday)

Holidays: 17 September (Friday) Staff Professional Development  
18-22 October (Monday - Friday) Autumn Break  
1 November (Monday) All Saints' Day  
18-19 November (Thursday - Friday) Staff Professional Development  
20-31 December (Monday - Monday) Mid-Winter Break

Quintile 1: 26 August - 15 October  
Quintile 2: 25 October - 16 December  
Quintile 3: 17 December - 25 February

Number of School Days: 73

#### Second Term

First Day: 3 January (Monday)  
Last Day: 25 March (Friday)

Holidays: 14-18 February (Monday-Friday) February Break  
28 February (Monday) Rosenmontag

Quintile 4: 26 March - 27 April

Number of School Days: 54

#### Third Term

First Day: 28 March (Monday)  
Last Day: 22 June (Wednesday)

Holidays: 15-22 April (Friday - Friday) Spring Break  
26-27 May (Thursday-Friday) Ascension Day  
6 June (Monday) Whit Monday  
16-17 June (Thursday - Friday) Corpus Christi

Quintiles: 28 April - 23 June

Number of School Days: 53

Total Number of School Days: 180  
The school week is Monday through Friday.

Class photo and individual photos coming



### *QSI Student Work and Life*

Preparing for spring by planting flower bulbs in fall





















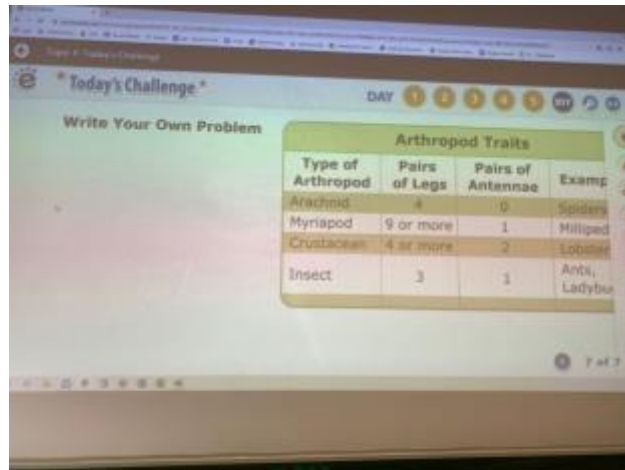
### 3-4 YO Squirrels

The 3-4 YO students practiced their fine motor skills by creating squirrels.



### 7-9 YO Math

Students created math problems based on a provided data chart.



## 7-9 YO German Class: Parts of the Body

Students play a game on Kahoot to learn the parts of the body in the German language.



## 10-11 YO Science

Exploring mass and density through construction. How much weight can basic paper towers structure hold? The students could only use sheets of paper and paper clips to build their towers. As of Friday, **16 books was the record.**





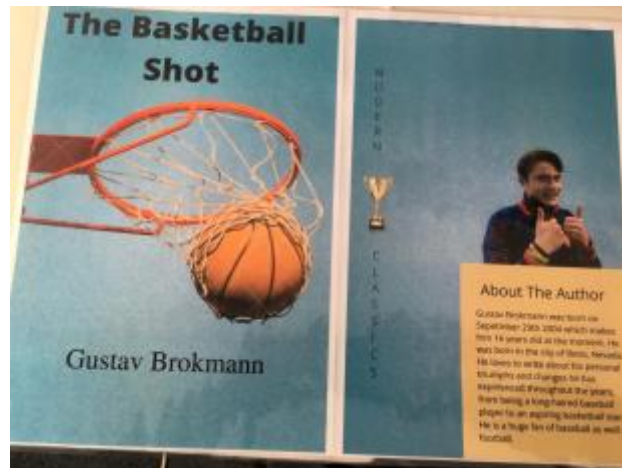


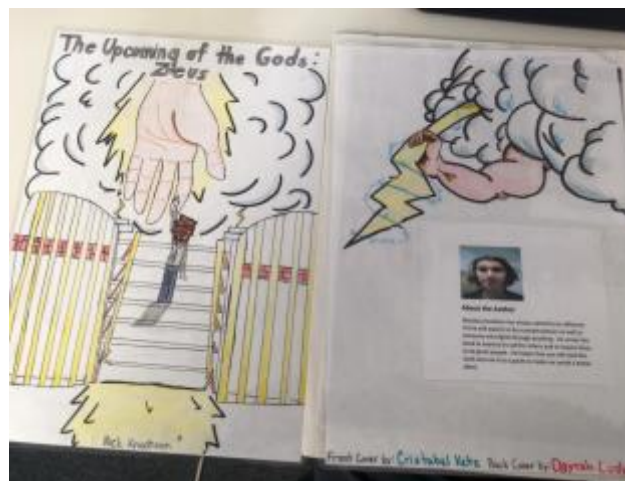


## Middle School: Did you know?

**Did you know?** The middle school students explore and present how environment and custom interact to create unique culture groups across Africa.

Secondary students wrote an original story in English class. The middle school students read the story and acted as an illustrator for the secondary story. The middle school students created book covers for the secondary stories.





## Secondary Literature Class

American literature students have come to look forward to 'Short Story Friday' where each week a new novelist is studied and discussed. Pulitzer Prize winner, Toni Morrison explores the generational hurt of racial discrimination in 'Sweetness'





## 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

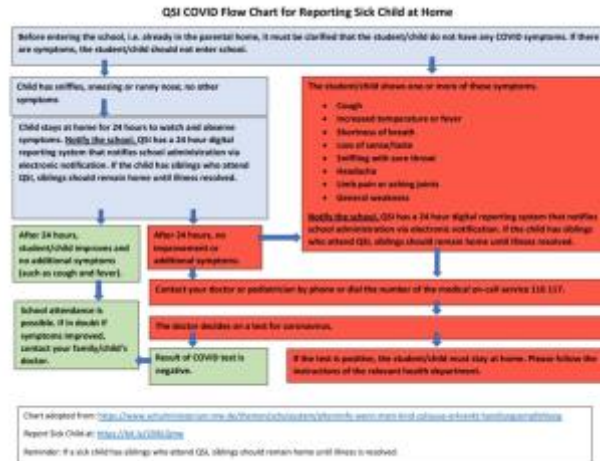
The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. Lawles at [lauralawes@outlook.com](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

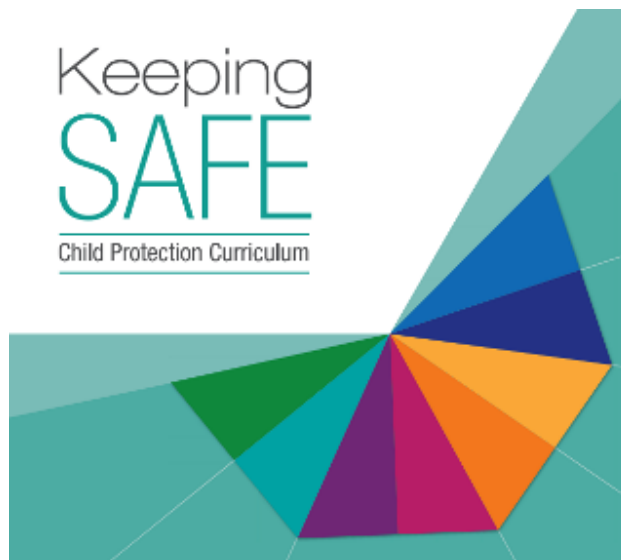
If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)



## 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](mailto:atjoshua-ferreira@munster.qsi.org) for more details!

## 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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