

18 September 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

September

25th - PSG Welcome Picnic

October

6th - Director Chat and PSG Meeting - 8:30 AM

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirit Week

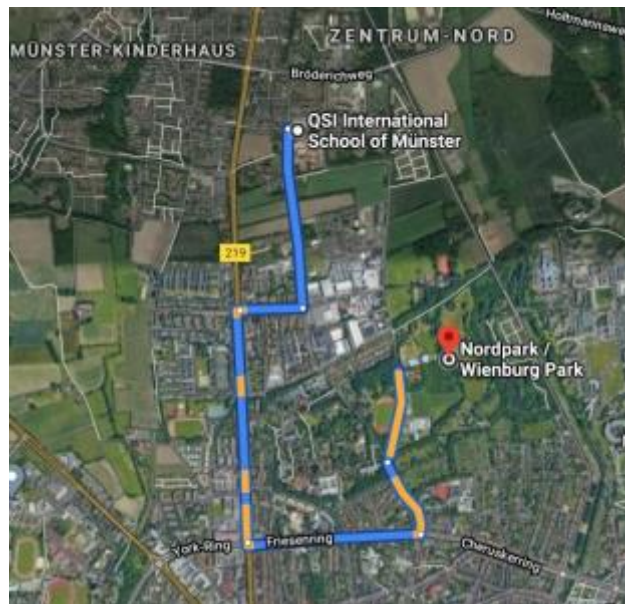
PSG Welcome Picnic

Where: Weinburg Park - meet by the climbing frame

When: September 25th @ 15:00

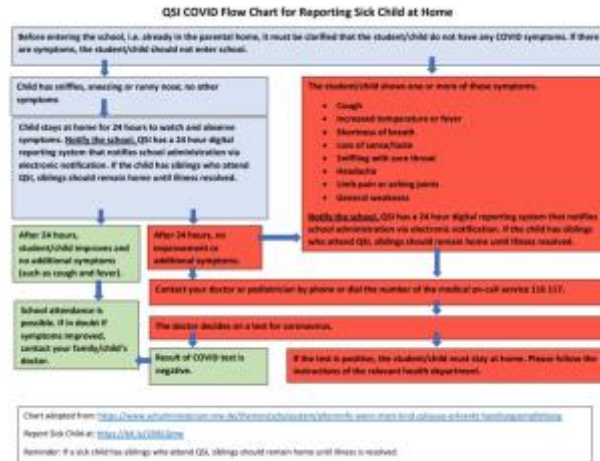
What to bring: Your family and personal food for the family

Special Note: 12YO - Secondary 4 students early dismissal at the end of the 7th period.



Absence Reporting Form

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



QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS



**WEAR A
MASK**

BE RESPONSIBLE



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

We had another fantastic week at QSI! The elementary students are diving into class projects. The upper school is mastering the use of Microsoft 365 Teams within their classes. It has been a busy week.

While the students are working hard on schoolwork, please do monitor the amount of time the students are spending on homework. Any work assigned in class should be given to reinforce concepts explained in class and should not cause any stress at home. Occasionally, older students will have multi-step projects that they will need to complete some extra work at home. Beyond this, most students should not be staying up late to complete homework. Should this situation arise, please contact your child's teacher and communicate the situation.

While the students are working hard on campus, the weather this week has been exciting. It started out hot earlier this week and then the temperature dropped that brought out sweaters and jackets. I bring up the weather because some parents dropping off their children may have noticed our morning temperature reading slowed down one day as students entered the building. We discovered that the cooler weather effects the digital thermometers we were using. We already ordered and received a new digital thermometer that can be used in colder weather. Our morning routine is back on track.

It may be chilly outside but the sun is still shining bright. I hope this weather stays strong the next week because the PSG Welcome Picnic is coming up next Friday. We need the great weather so we can have a festive event. Keep in mind the entire school will be dismissed during elementary dismissal time. The details on the event are posted above this letter. I hope to see you there.

I know the 2020-2021 school year just started. However, it is time that I submit a tentative 2021-2022 calendar to QSI HQ for review. As I draft next year's calendar, I wanted to get QSI community feedback on the timing of various holiday dates. Below is a link that has 5 quick questions to assist in designing next year's calendar. I hope you take the time to complete the short survey.

[2021-2022 Calendar Survey](#)

As I mentioned in an earlier school newsletter, our school uses Mastery Learning to deliver the lessons to the students. This learning approach is described in QSI's mission statement and is important to review at the beginning of the year. For new families to QSI, I am sharing some more information about Mastery Learning within the newsletter. At the end of my letter, I included a video from 2015 that explains Mastery Learning. The interesting thing about the date of the video is QSI has been using Mastery Learning 25 years prior to the date of the film. We have had great success using Mastery Learning in the classroom. If you have any questions about Mastery Learning, please contact me.

I wish you all a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner



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1 - 2015 Mastery Learning Video

3-4 YO: Letter Study



5-6 YO: All About Me Project





7-9: PE Class - Intro to Tennis





7-9 YO Art: Building Volcanoes





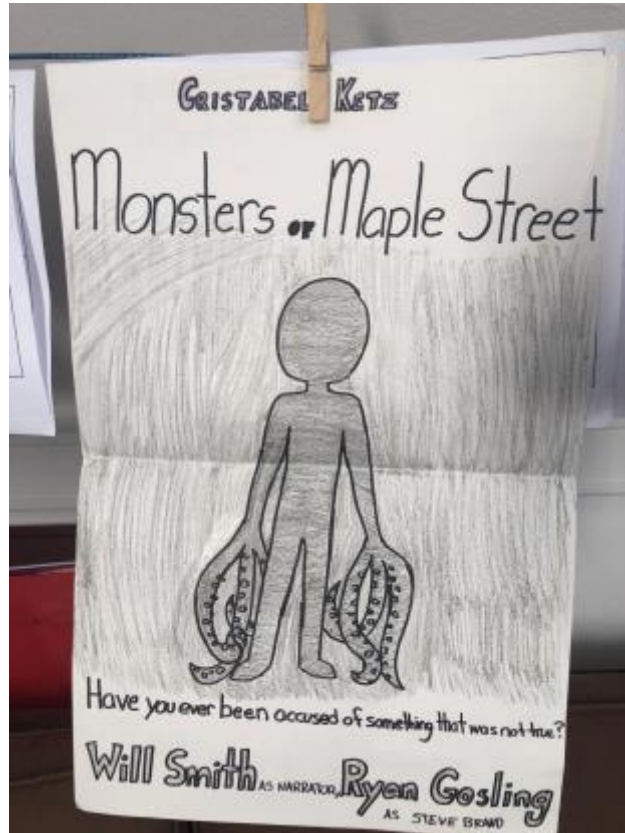


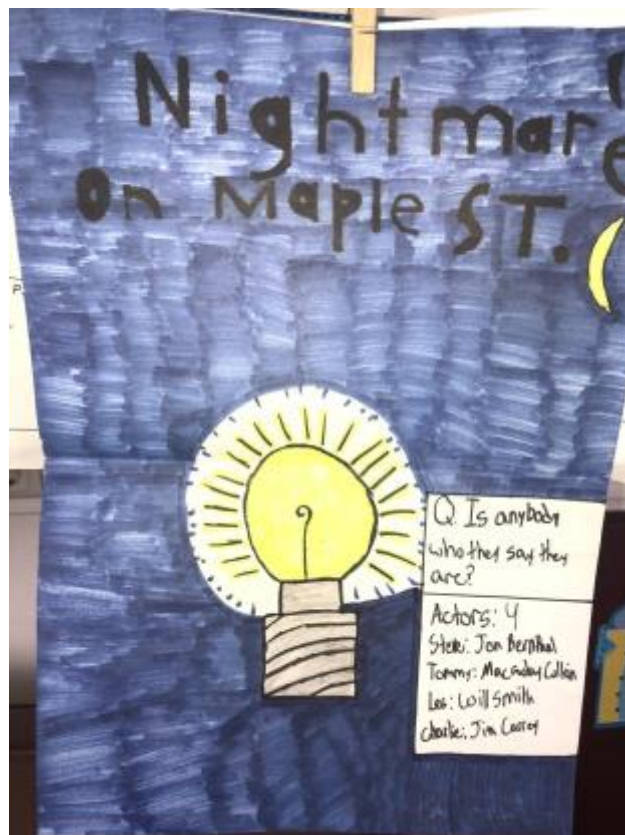
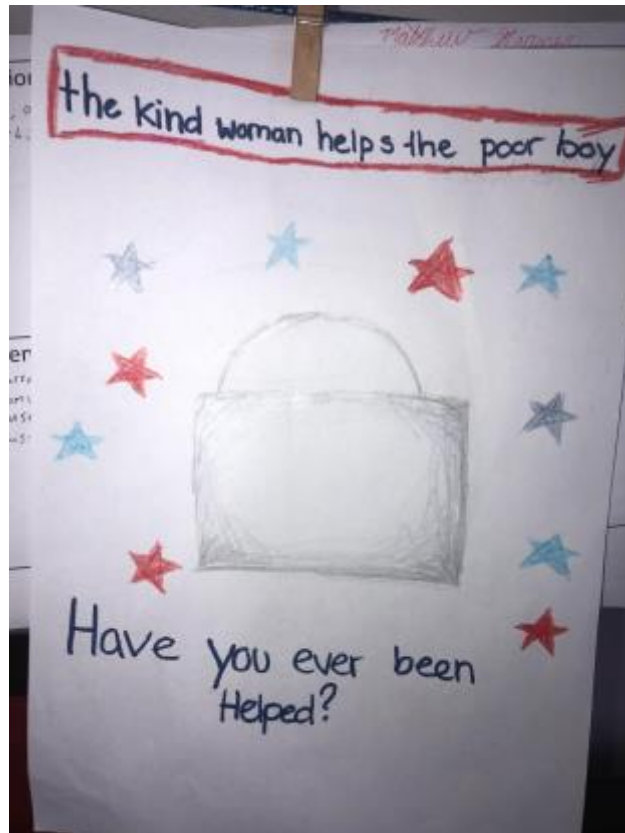


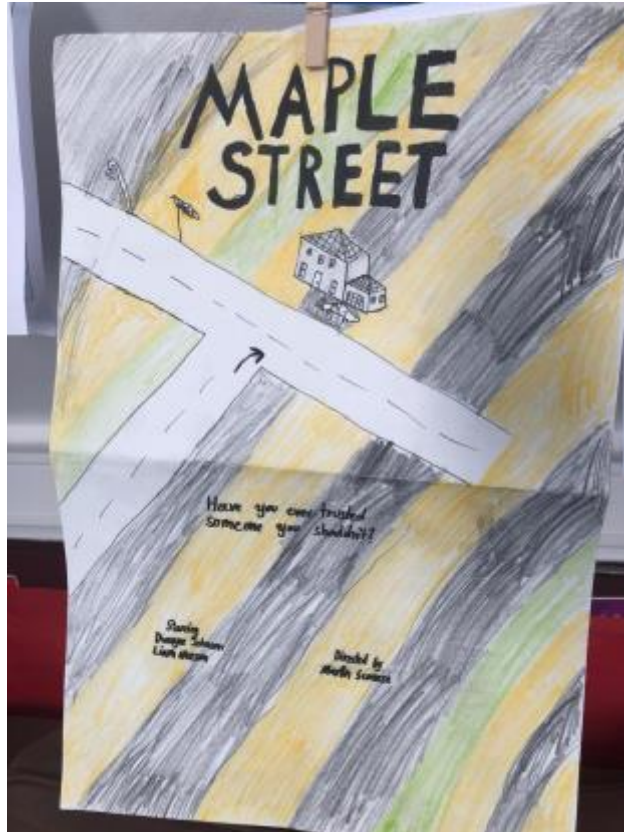
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12/13 YO: Literature Movie Posters







Middle school students created symbolic movie posters that highlighted the setting and plot of the short stories read in class. They presented the posters to the class.

12YO - Secondary Recess



Get to know a QSI Teacher: ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ RONCO

I was born in Spain where I studied Theoretical Physics in Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. After attempting to pursue a career as a scientist and moving to Liverpool UK to do my PhD at the University of Liverpool, I realized that my passion was teaching. I completed a teaching program called PGCE at Hope University in Liverpool and a year later I was moving abroad to USA. I started with my first full position as a teacher at Centennial High School in Champaign, Illinois, I was teaching Science and Math for 4 years. In 2017 we moved back to Europe, Germany, and we have settled very well here in Munster. I was very lucky to find QSI and I have been teaching in the school since 2018.

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 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.

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



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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