

# 21 August 2020

## Weekly Newsletter



## Important Dates

### August

26th - Open House

- 1:00-1:30
  - 3YO-11YO - Outside of school
- 2:00 – 2:30
  - 12YO & 13YO (Online)
- 2:45 – 3:15
  - Secondary 1-4 (Online)

27th - First Day of School (Half-day: Excused at 12 PM)

28th - Full Day of School

### September

1st - Director Community Chat: Mastery Learning

3rd - SAT Registration Deadline

TBD - Parent Support Group meeting

### October

3rd - SAT Test

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirt Week

## SAT Registration



For secondary students who will be applying to American universities, an SAT test is usually required. At this time of year, it is common for Secondary 3 & 4 students to take the SAT test. If you are interested in taking the SAT test, please make sure to register before Sep. 3. Below is the link for registering. If you register, please e-mail me at [Brian-garner@qsi.org](mailto:Brian-garner@qsi.org) so I can start the preparations for the testing site here at our campus.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/online-registration-help>

## Letter from the Director

Dear Parents,

We are one week away from opening school. I am very excited to greet the students and meet you as school starts.

While I was getting settled in Germany the last few weeks, I met a few QSI families in passing. When talking with their children, I could see their excitement to return to school and learn with their peers. This excitement connects to part of the QSI Mission Statement - "Keep this urge alive in every child in QSI". I'm am very happy to be working with the QSI Munster teachers to continue creating an environment that utilizes the students' excitement in exploring the engaging lessons provided at school.

Another part of the QSI Mission Statement uses the term "caring staff". This is one of the most important terms in the QSI Mission Statement. Teaching goes beyond just sharing knowledge on various subjects. Teachers need to care about the students as they teach. While reviewing the Spring Re - Opening document, it is obvious that the teachers at QSI Munster care about the students. With the teachers adjusting their regular practices to meet new safety expectations and coaching the children on the safety procedures, it is obvious they teachers cared greatly for the students after the temporary school closure ended.

I am positive that you will find the teachers will bring the same "caring" and dedicated approach as the campus returns to full-day instruction this year. To make sure the school year starts smoothly, please review the below information.

If you have any questions regarding the beginning of the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, I look forward to meeting you all in person.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

### **Opening Plan:**

Below this section is a link to the Opening Plan for 2020-2021. Please read over the Opening Plan and review it with your child. There is a Parent/Student Informed Consent Letter that is included in the Opening Plan. A copy of the consent form is also included in the newsletter. In addition, teachers will also review and coach the students over the first couple of weeks of school on the important health and safety practices expected on campus. Adhering to the expectations in the Opening Plan will support the safe and healthy environment we all desire for the children.

### **Age groups:**

3-4 Year Olds - Ms. Isabel

5-6 Year Olds - Ms. Marry

7-9 Year Olds - Ms. Emma

10-11 Year Olds - Mr. Josh

### **Open House:**

This year's Open House will look different when compared to ones in the past. For safety reasons, we will be hosting Open House meetings in different locations. Some will be outside on campus and others virtually through **Teams**. The times and schedules are listed above. A **Teams** invite will be sent to the parents account for the virtual meeting. The link can be shared with your child to log in.

### **Classroom Supply Information:**

Teachers will send out classroom supply items after they return to school on Monday.

### **Personal Digital Device (PPD) Guidelines:**

For 10-Secondary 4 Students, please review the PPD section on technology. We will be incorporating the use of Microsoft 365 into lessons. This will allow the students to become more familiar with the educational apps should the school need to return to distance learning.

### **Late Arrival:**

If your family is arriving in Germany after August 27th, please let me know. We understand that traveling during this time can be complicated and sometimes out of your control. If possible, we can arrange for some work to be assigned remotely so your child does not fall behind. But at this time, a formal distance learning program will not be in place.

### **Signing-in Form:**

For future visitors that have scheduled appointments in the office, we will have a paperless and contactless registration upon arrival. The school will have a QR code that you scan with your phone to complete a visitation form that indicates your visit is occurring.

## 2020-2021 Opening Plan & School Operations During COVID-19

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*[Click here to access the Opening Plan 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 the Open House (for age groups that apply), sign when you drop child off at school on the first day.*

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## 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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