

23 July 2020

QSI Münster Newsletter: Summer Edition



Important Dates

August

26th - Open House

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

September

1st - Director Community Chat: Mastery Learning

TBD - Parent Support Group meeting

October

3rd - SAT Test

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirt Week

Summer Letter from the Director

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a happy and safe summer break. After the unexpected challenges of the spring due to COVID-19, I imagine the summer season was much appreciated. As summer begins to wind down and with school starting a little over a month away, I wanted to reach out and share with you updates on the preparations for the 2020-2021 school year.

One of my top priorities is that the school campus opens up, with measures in place to provide a safe learning environment for everyone on campus. I'm currently reviewing the health and safety protocols utilized in the spring re-opening of the campus and updating them to meet the needs of the local educational department's recommendations for starting school in August. As soon as they are updated, I will share them through the school newsletter.

I got an update from the school's shipping company that the school's annual order of educational supplies and textbooks are in transit to our campus. It is great news that the order is scheduled to arrive on time for the opening of school. We will be prepared to dive into the curriculum with the students when school begins.

In this newsletter, you will see a section titled "Important Dates". This is where I will post dates to remind families of upcoming events or important deadlines. You will notice that an "Open House" is scheduled the day before the first day of school. Once the safety measures for the campus are solidified, more details on the "Open House" will be shared. For those who have not attended an "Open House" before the school year starts, the purpose is for the students to meet their teachers for the upcoming school year. This helps build the students' comfort level in knowing who their teacher will be while at the same time decreasing any anxiety the students may have about the first day of school. Having a successful first day of school paves the way for continued success during the rest of the year.

Another event shared in the "Important Dates" section is the Director's Community Chat. Once a month, I explore key components of QSI's education program with parents. The first Director's Community Chat is on Mastery Learning and is scheduled for September 1st. During this meeting, I will explore the 6 components of Mastery Learning and share how your child's individual needs will be met at QSI. The time and location of the meeting is being identified and will be shared later. Other scheduled Director's Community Chat topics include: Success Orientations, Reading Status Report, QSI's Child Protection Curriculum and Understanding MAP Reports. If there are QSI topics you would like to know more about, please let me know and I can add these to future meetings.

Beyond the meetings, I view communication as a crucial component of a successful school community. Please do not feel that the Director's Community Chat is the only time to explore a topic with me. If you have any questions about QSI or your child's scholastic progress, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am available to meet outside of school operating hours. My door is always open and I check my e-mail frequently.

Lastly, the Garner family is excited to be joining the QSI Münster community for the 2020-2021 school year. My sons, Matthew (13 YO), Simon (10 YO), and Benjamin (7YO), are eager to start school and discover their new classmates and meet the teachers. My wife, Julie, is already planning on supporting school events and joining the Parent Support Group. She will be continuing to work remotely for QSI Shenzhen until December, but her schedule will allow her to be an active part of our school community right away.

I am especially looking forward to greeting students daily as they arrive to school, and I have already started planning the first units for the Middle School literature course I am teaching. The 2020-2021 school year for QSI International School of Münster is going to be amazing!

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR

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GROUP INTERACTION

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KINDNESS & POLITENESS

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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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