

25/26 September 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

September

25th - PSG Welcome Picnic

October

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.](#)

QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS



**WEAR A
MASK**

BE RESPONSIBLE



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

A big thanks to the Parent Support Group for organizing the Welcome Picnic. We were so lucky to have such great weather that allowed us to meet outside and enjoy each other's company.

I appreciate the responses to the 2021-2022 calendar survey from last week. Your feedback provides me with information to make any necessary adjustments. The survey did show that two areas could be adjusted on the 2021-2022 calendar. The first is having the winter holiday start on December 20th in 2021 (over 75% reply). The second is the school will aim to have Rosenontag off in 2022 (over 90% reply).

The next part of planning is for an upcoming event - Parent/Teacher Conferences. In Pre-COVID times, this day is usually scheduled in advance. For new QSI families, the identified day of Parent/Teacher Conferences is held during an entire school day; there is no school on this day to allow for teachers to meet with parents. To provide flexibility, the day was not scheduled on the calendar so the day could be built around the current needs of the school. Due to the expectation of having decreased visitors on the school campus, the Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held via video conference. The school is aiming to have Parent/Teacher conferences during the first full week of November. To help in identifying the best day for Parent/Teacher conferences, please take this one question survey - [Click here for the survey](#). Once a day is identified, more details on the Parent/Teacher Conference schedule will be sent out later.

Connected to Parent/Teacher Conferences, please know you do not need to wait for a parent/teacher conference to meet with your child's teacher. During the school year, our teachers are available via e-mail, phone and Teams video conferences to discuss the needs of your child. If you feel a face to face meeting with the teacher is necessary, it is possible to arrange a meeting after school. We have identified a safe meeting room that is not connected to the cohort of student classrooms.

For parents connected to GNC, I met with Conny Beckmann and Captain Sascha Vishover this week. We had a great meeting regarding our school and school's academics and student life.

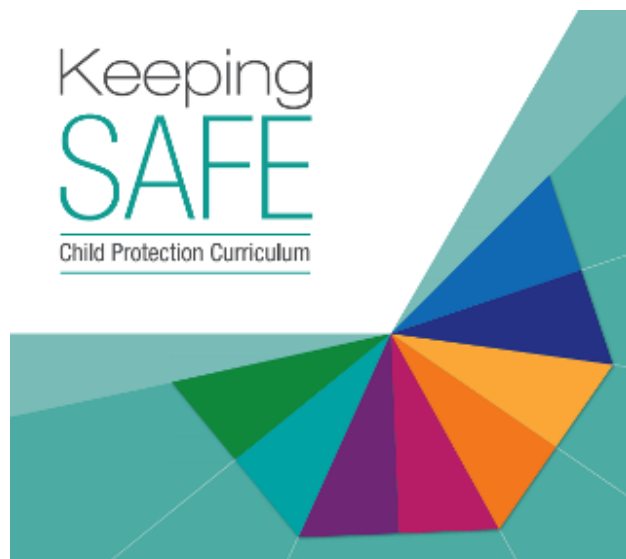
To support parents who need to pick up their child early for school, a new early departure form has been created. Our previous system required parents to come inside and complete an early departure sign-out form on paper. Because of the expectation of limited traffic in the building, the school has changed it to a digital form. The form is included in this newsletter and will remain here in future issues for easy reference.

If you have any questions regarding the above information or anything else connected to school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

Keeping Safe Curriculum



Next week the homeroom teachers will start including 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.

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>

7-9 YO Art: Building Volcanoes



12/13 YO: Technology

Students are working on their typing skills in class. The goal is to get 35 words per minute with 90% accuracy.



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.

Get to know a QSI Teacher: Ms. Isabel Verwoerd-Suijkerbuijk

I am Ms. Isabel Verwoerd-Suijkerbuijk and I'm from the Netherlands. I was born in a small village, Bergen op Zoom. It's between Rotterdam and Antwerp (Belgium). Me and my husband Barry and our

four children are in Munster since November 2017. All the kids are at QSI. Lotte is 17 Years old and is in Secondary 4. Lieke is 12 Years old and is in Middle School. Our twins, Liz and Wout, are 6 years old and in 1st grade. My employment history is very diverse. For example, I've worked with children with intellectual disabilities, adults who have non-congenital problems and as a teacher for the youngest students at school who have all fled their native countries. This is my second Year at QSI. I teach Preschool and I love this so much. I hope many more years will follow.

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.

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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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