

27 November 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

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](#)

QSI SWAP SHOP



The poster is divided into two main vertical sections. The left section has a green background and the right section has a dark blue background. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text and icons.

QSI Swap Shop!

Ms. Emma's class learned about how much plastic is used to make the things we buy. Plastic is made using nonrenewable resources and it becomes pollution.

They'd like to help you reduce consumption by an exchange of gift items!

How Does a Swap Shop Work?

1. Find gently used items at home that you are finished enjoying.
2. Choose items that could be gifts for someone, like toys!
3. "Swap" your items for something that someone else brings in.
4. Give a gift this season that helps our environment!

Dates:

7, 8, 9 December: Bring in items
17 December: SWAP SHOP!

Icons: Snowflakes, recycling symbol, globe, gift boxes.

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

We started taking class photos this week. We were blessed with great weather and a variety of classes with full attendance. So far, the class pictures are looking amazing. When all the class photos are taken, we will send out information on how they will be available. As mentioned before, when a class has 100% attendance with good weather, we will go outside for the class photo. We hope to wrap up the photos this next week.

This week was a shortened academic week so teachers could participate in QSI's professional development. The professional development days are important in supporting teachers expand their instructional strategies and educational tools. In this session of professional development, the teachers were introduced to SEESAW, WEVIDEO, PLICKERS, SWAY and new 365 TEAMS features. The programs studied the past two days can be used with face to face instruction in the classroom or in the distance learning setting. Below are descriptions of what the teachers studied:

- **SEESAW:** A digital learning platform that makes learning interactive for the students. Teachers can create interactive lessons for students and insert into Class Dojo or Teams.
- **WEVIDEO:** A cloud based program for students to edit media projects. The students can collaborate on video and audio projects in realtime.
- **PLICKERS:** A computer program to assess students in a safe environment by assign QR codes. The teacher can provide quick assessments and quizzes without the students accessing their devices.
- **SWAY:** Students can use SWAY to create a variety of projects from presentations to audio-picture books.
- **TEAMS:** The teachers explored 365 TEAMS new video conference features. The students' backgrounds are removed and placed in virtual classroom seats. The bonus on this new feature is that teachers can now see more than 9 students on a screen (it was originally 9 people last Spring).

Next week is the Director Chat and Parent Support Group meeting. The topic on the calendar for the Director Chat is sharing QSI's child protection and practices. These include the safety training of staff and volunteers, the staffs' required background checks, and the Keeping Safe curriculum taught by the teachers. With the current COVID restrictions in place, the meeting will be hosted via 365 TEAMS. The link for the meeting is posted above. I hope to see you there.

One of our school's accreditation goals is a focus on students participating in environmental activities. With COVID restrictions in place, some of the past activities can not be used this year. This obstacle has not prevented our school from exploring other environmental activities. Mrs. Emma's class has spearheaded a school wide project to help reduce plastic and waste. The project is an event called the SWAP SHOP. Students can bring in gently used items to exchange with other students. The items need to be dropped off at school by December 9th. This will allow for the natural disinfection of the item to occur by the swap day. Teachers will create a trading system that supports the social distance for the student cohorts.

Please see the above SWAP SHOP advertisement for more details. If you have more questions about SWAP SHOP, please e-mail emma-conquest@munster.qsi.org.

I wish everyone a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

Professional Development Topics





1 - 365 TEAMS new group video view.

Class photo and individual photos coming



QSI Student Work and Life

10-11YO: Green Screen Magic

The 10-11 YO students are working groups to create a commercial while using the green screen. Working in groups relies on Group Interaction - one of QSI's Success Orientations.





Middle School Science: The Human Body

The students are studying the following systems: digestive, respiratory, and circulatory system. The students drew life size human bodies on paper and placed the key parts of the human body to create the various systems.



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 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.](#)

- 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



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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 for more details!

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.

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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