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NOVEMBER 2020

Friday 6: Start of Campus Closure. Online Learning begins.
Wednesday 11: Preschool/Elementary PTO Zoom Call
Thursday 12: Zoom Room Coffee Chat Call
Monday 23: End of Campus Closure.
Thursday 26 - Friday 27: Staff PD. No School.



Kyiv International School is in the midst of the MSA re-accreditation process.

The Middle States Association is a worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. As part of this process, we ask our campus community to provide valuable feedback regarding our curriculum, educational practices, campus facilities and student life programs.

Please take a couple of moments to support the re-accreditation process by completing the following **<u>survey</u>**:



Friday, November 6, 2020

Dear KIS Community,

Today was a relatively smooth transition to our online learning plan. There are always bound to be some kinks in the process, so we hope to work these out within the next few school days.

Full Campus Closure - Nov. 6th- Nov. 23rd KIS will be closed for students and classes until Monday, November 23rd.

Below are some answers to frequently asked questions we've been receiving. We will update the questions and answers as time goes on.

1. How do I access campus to get my child's belongings? Please communicate directly with your child's teacher if you need to pick up personal belongings or classwork. The health and safety of our campus community is our top priority. Access the links below to learn more about the guidelines and policies we've introduced during the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents should regularly check for **KIS Informer** emails for the latest news and updates.

- Community Responsibility
- Suspected and Confirmed Cases of COVID
- COVID Reporting Procedures Flowchart
- 2020-2021 School Protocol Video
- Parking, Traffic, Drop Off and Pick Up Guidelines
- Pick Up/Drop Off Scheme
- Campus Security & ID's
- Parents/Visitors Parking Lot Guidelines

If you are a member of the campus community, please report any COVID-19 related healthy concerns to the school immediately by emailing <u>health@kyiv.qsi.org</u>.

2. I've paid for the school lunch and transportation. Will I receive a refund for the days that campus is closed? The school will calculate refund for bus at the end of school year. KFN will not be charging for lunches on quarantine days and process any calculated refunds at the appropriate time.

3. Is the business office open? Yes. Please contact them at <u>businessoffice@kyiv.qsi.org</u>.

4. I am having difficulty supporting my child's learning at home. Help! The transition to online learning can be stressful as students (and parents) learn to navigate all the different Zoom calls, learning platforms, etc. If you are having a hard time - speak with your child's teacher and ask them for help.

6. Given the rising number of cases in Kyiv - do you anticipate that the school will actually open back up on November 23? We will continue to monitor the situation in Kyiv as well as keep track of the number of cases within our campus community. Our students and teachers want to be on campus - so as long as we are confident that we can ensure the health and safety of students and teachers - we will open back up on November 23.

7. Someone in my family has tested positive for COVID. The campus is closed. Do I still need to report this to health@kyiv.qsi.org? Yes.

8. If people are still reporting positive COVID results to the school - will the school share that information out with the campus community as they have been even though the campus is closed? Yes, we will send out an end of week report in the newsletter.

<u>qsi.org/kyiv</u>

Director's Message

9. If students or staff test positive during the current campus closure - how will that effect additional quarantine time? Quarantine requirements for student or staff who contract COVID still apply during campus closure/online learning.

10. I am really confused about the A/B schedule for MS/SEC now that everyone is online. Nothing changes with the Middle School/Secondary School schedule. See the Middle School/ Secondary School Online Learning plan for more details.

The 2021 - 2022 School Calendar

On another note - we are already looking to next school year. As we release the calendar each year it is important for you to know what the school takes into consideration.

Below is a brief explanation of what goes into making the school calendar as we plan 180 days of school.

These dates will be added to our school's calendar, uploaded to the website, and you will receive the KIS yearly calendar near the end of the school year.

First day of School – August 26, 2021 All QSI school years start on a Thursday.

Fall Break - October 11 to 15, 2021

Fall Break is planned to coincide with "Defender's Day", October 14th, which is a statutory holiday.

Winter Break - December 20, 2021 to January 7, 2022

This has always been a 3-week holiday that extends to cover Orthodox Christmas on January 7th.

February Break - February 21 to 25, 2022

This matches most other schools within the CEESA organization.

Easter & Labor Day - April 25 to April 29, 2022

We try to catch both of these dates to make the week work.

Last day of School – June 21, 2022

Sincerely,



Luke Woodruff Director Kyiv International School



Preschool/Elementary Online Learning

Period 1	8:10am to 8:55am	Elementary classes Normal Daily Schedule will be maintained with adjustments for age appropriate screen
Period 2	9:00am to 9:45am	time.
Period 3	9:50am to 10:35am	Zoom IDs for all classes including specials- should be on the document sent to parents.
Period 4	10:40am to 11:25am	Homeroom teachers are responsible for the Full Schedule with
Period 5	11:35am to 12:20pm	zoom IDs and times.
Period 6	12:27pm to 1:11pm	This document will be sent to the family by the homeroom teacher only.
Period 7	1:13pm to 1:57pm	Specialist will not send any information to families about
Period 8	2:00pm to 2:45pm	zoom. The schedule will be sent by email or SeeSaw.
Period 9	2:50pm to 3:35pm	

Safety Netting can be used as a Zoom Break, a time for students to socialize or individual teacher help. Teachers will work together to support the students during the virtual learning experience.

Time: 30 minute minimum for each Core Subject. 30 minutes minimum for each special – start of period is the start of time. If students are late...does not impact time in class.

Social Distancing: mask do not need to be worn online!

Arrival/Departure: Elementary: 8:10-3:35 Preschool: 8:10-3:35

Schedule for day by teacher: (Core Classes) Primary teacher will teach Reading, Writing and Mathematics

Schedule for day by co-teacher: lunch/Recess and zoom breaks-Off line and CS/Science

Specials: (online) – Done at schedule time each day online

Lunch/Recess: will be offline- Screen Break

LOE: 6-10 yo students will continue to zoom into LOE classes as they do now.

Preschool Time: Teacher will send age appropriate schedule to parents. Parents have the discretion to minimize allotted screen time. Activities will also be provided for asynchronous learning.

Middle School/Secondary School Online Learning

Starting on Monday 9 November and continuing through 20 November, the daily schedule will be a bit different for both Middle School and Secondary. *Notice that you are expected to be working on schoolwork in the afternoon.*

Red/Black days have NOT changed.

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Red/Black and A/B Group Schedule

Morning - Synchronous Time 8:30am to 9:20am Block 1

8:30am to 9:20amBlock 1930am to 10:20amBlock 210:30am to 11:20amBlock 311:30am to 12:20pmBlock 4

Afternoon - Asynchronous Time1:30pm to 2:30pmIndepender2:35pm to 3:35pmIndepender

Independent Work/Office Hours Block 1 & 2 Independent Work/Office Hours Block 3 & 4

What does Synchronous mean? This is the time the entire class receives instruction from the teacher. You are expected to always attend. You should not leave the Zoom session until you have been dismissed.

What does Independent Work/Office Hours mean? Office Hours are designed to provide extra time for teachers to support student learning. It is also a time for students to complete assignments.

Teachers will let students know if they must attend office hours. However, teachers will also have their Zoom rooms open so students can drop in to ask questions as they work on assignments independently.

If a MS/HS teacher has elementary classes (some IE and LOE teachers), they may be teaching in the afternoon during your designated office hours. However, if may be possible to attend the other office hours session. If you are unsure about office hours, ask your teacher.

What do students do if they need supplies? Teachers will strive to provide everything students require for lessons electronically. Should students require anything either from campus, or from their teacher, arrangements should be made with the teacher for items to be collected at the front gate.

What to do if you have tech issues?

Parent & Student Moodle questions – moodlehelp@kyiv.qsi.org Student Office365 questions - it@kyiv.qsi.org The student must send the email for it to reach IT. Please, understand that other technology issues should be recognized as personal requests and are not solved by the IT department at KIS.

If your home internet is having trouble, one work-around other students have had success with is setting up their cell phone as a hotspot to provide internet connection for the laptop. Keep in mind that this may cause additional charges on your cellphone, so students should get parent permission before trying this.



A reminder about Student Expectations during online school:

- This is "real school" so get up, brush teeth, eat breakfast and be ready for class.
- During your lunch break, get away from the screen and get some fresh air if you can it is also a good time for some yoga, stretching or a walk.
- Attend all classes. Attendance will be taken each block. If you have E&S and/or Safety Netting, you still need to check in with your teacher at the start of class.
- Be in class on time (Even better, go a little early and wait in the "waiting room" until class starts.) Leave class only when dismissed.
- Identify a comfortable and quiet space to study/learn.
- Students will abide by normal academic expectations and policies.
- Assignments and assessments during online school will be used to determine mastery and understanding of the topic.
- You should keep your video on during the duration of the class with your face showing.
- You should keep your microphone muted except to participate as the teacher directs.
- Middle School students USE YOUR PLANNER! Students should share what is expected and the tasks for the day with their parents.

Preschool/Elementary

FALL WRITING

Hello and Welcome to my favorite time of year! We are learning much about what we can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch in this gorgeous season.

Here are some examples of Six-Year-Old writings about the lovely season of FALL...



MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMICS





The traditional game of Conkers

The traditional game of Conkers was the subject of our thirteen year olds' research papers this week. The game which originated in England, and has been enjoyed by schoolchildren for many generations, provided our students with a glimpse of an activity enjoyed before phones or PlayStations. The students researched the history, rules and process of play before partaking in the game itself. Fun was had by all and remember.... "no stampsies".







SECONDARY IV DAY

Just a taste of some of the awesomeness that is happening here at KIS. On our amazing Secondary IV Day organized by Mr. Legan, Ms. Rech and The Secondary STU CO was a smashing success.

Here is a sampling of our spectacular Senior class, smiling and succeeding despite this year's challenges!

Go KOZAKS!



Language Other Than English



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS VS HALLOWEEN

On Monday, Spanish classes celebrated the Dia de los muertos. They made presentations, discussed different traditions and had a lot of fun with games, songs, videos.

In the evening, the Spanish Club continued the celebrations that became a good tradition at LOE department. Muchos gracias!









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Hello KIS Families,

With the sudden closure of campus, you and your families may be feeling a bit stressed which is normal. As you look to support your students during this time here is some information that may be helpful.

What is stress?

Stress is a feeling of tension. The tension may be caused by emotions or something physical. It can come from the feelings of being frustrated, angry, nervous and overwhelmed.

Stress looks like:

- \cdot Sleeping too much or too little
- \cdot Feeling or wanting to be alone
- · Angry outbursts
- · Feeling worried, sad or guilty
- · Eating more/less
- · Aches & pains
- · Moodiness and irritability

How do I help someone who is stressed?

Monitor the stress. Some stress is healthy, but too much is not. If your student is stressed, try helping them relieve that stress. Here are some ways to relieve stress:

- \cdot Breathe fresh air
- · Take a hot shower or bath
- \cdot Make time for a hobby
- · Journal
- \cdot Listen to music
- · Read
- \cdot Exercise
- \cdot Call a friend
- \cdot Do something social

· Anxiety

Watch for signs of stress and see how long they last. If they are lasting for a long period of time, are impeding everyday life, or there seems to be no relief to the stress, it is time to talk with a counselor.

"It is ok to not be ok. It is not ok to not ask someone for help." - Kevin Hines

KIS has three qualified school counselors on staff. They are happy to help. They are here to help students and find resources for them to be successful. If you need help, please reach out to a counselor.

Pamm Ohlinger – <u>pamm-ohlinger@kyiv.qsi.org</u> Lindsey Rech – <u>lindsey-rech@kyiv.qsi.org</u> Chelsey Zoromski – <u>chelsey-zoromski@kyiv.qsi.org</u>

LIBRARY

Dear Parents

You and your child can now browse the latest books and order online.

There are hundreds of fantastic Children's books to choose from, all at great prices!

The parcels will be mailed to school and you need to be in Kyiv to pick it up after notified by your librarian or teacher.

SCHOLASTIC SCHOLASTIC



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

There is no obligation to order but for every £1 you spend on this Month's Book Club; our School will earn 20p in rewards to buy Books for the classroom or library!

Please place your order online by **November 14**.

Here are the steps you need to take:

- Go to the school's Scholastic Webpage <u>http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/qsi-kyiv-international</u> you will see QSI in the top right hand corner.
- Select which books you would you like to do this click "BUY"
- When orders get close to £80.00 or 100\$ please proceed to checkout. There will be a summary of the order, click check out again. You can always open another with the same date straight after. This way the company can keep the orders going through customs without issues/delays.
- It will ask you to register your email address or if you are a returning customer to log in using your email address and password.



Fall Season/Winter Season

After School Sports and Activities during School Closure

Our fall season was due to end on November 16th - will find time to "close" our season with players and participants during K30 when school reopens.

We feel so fortunate to have been able to have a fun, action-packed Fall Season. A huge thanks to the coaches who facilitated football, cross country, drama and robotics.

We will plan to open the Winter Season for Sports and Activities on November 23rd, when school resumes; this will depend on the pandemic conditions in Ukraine and the risk of the spread of Covid 19.

Students and parents will receive details regarding practices by email.

Registration for winter season will be extended to Monday, November 9th.







Rachel Geary Athletics Director/Activities Coordinator rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org

Student Life

<u>qsi.org/kyiv/student-life</u>



CROSS COUNTRY VIRTUAL RACE

On Saturday, October 31st, the Kozak Cross Country team competed in the AASM Virtual Pumpkin Run. Middle School and Secondary students met with their coaches in a forest near school at 10:30 AM, on a wet, rainy Saturday morning.

Secondary students ran six kilometers, with Antony Butler clocking the fastest time: 32m18s.

Middle school students ran three kilometers, with Nick Zadiraka clocking the fastest time: 13m18s.

It was a slippery, bumpy course that took the runners through puddles and under low hanging branches. It was an event well supported by parents and KIS staff - it was great to be at a Kozak event!

Thank you to the awesome KIS staff who supported this event and to the families who came out to cheer. Congratulations to all the runners for their perseverance and hard work!

#kozaknation #kyivisred

Student Life

STUDENT INNOVATION GRANTS



The Kyiv International School's Advisory Board offers secondary students the opportunity to fund academic and extra-curricular projects that demonstrate leadership, creativity, inquiry, innovation, investigation, excellence, charity, and passion.

Applicant must present a thorough plan of their project and budget for the requested funds.

If you would like to apply then please do the following:

- Click here to complete **online application** form.
- Click here to download <u>application cover sheet</u>.
- Sign it and give to the Director of Instruction of your division.
- Deadline for applications is December 1st, 2020!

School Calendar



KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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School Holidays 24 Aug - Independence Day 12-16 Oct - Fall Break 21 Dec -8 Jan - Winter Break 22-26 Feb - February Break 8 Mar - Int'l. Women's Day 26-30 Apr - Easter/Labor Day 10 May - Victory Day

