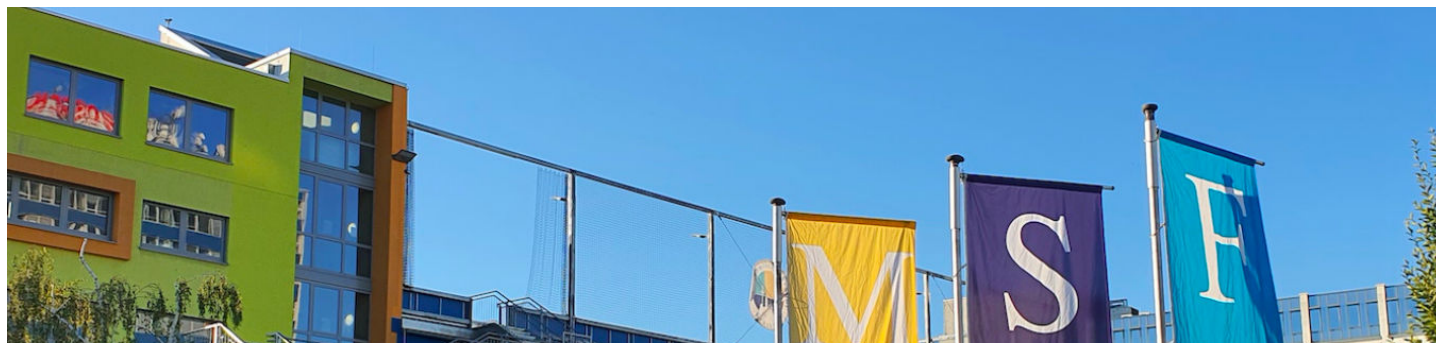


3rd November 2022



Whole School Announcements

General Information

MSF's Evaluation Visit & Next Steps

Thank you to our community - parents, students and staff - for welcoming our CIS and NEASC visitors just before the break. The visitors commented on the great community spirit and supportive environment we have here at MSF. We expect their initial report in a few weeks time. The next step will be a community survey which we will use to prepare the main report, so we ask all families to complete the survey when it comes your way. The CIS community survey will replace our annual MSF survey this year.

Updating your Managebac notification settings

Do you want to modify your Managebac notification settings? Then have a look at this [page](#) for details. You can set several preference options:

- Enabling **Message Notifications** will send notifications to your ManageBac notifications area, which can be accessed via the  icon next to your name.
- Enabling **Emails** will send notifications to the e-mail address associated with your ManageBac account.
- Enabling **Web Notifications** will send notifications to your ManageBac notifications area, which can be accessed via the  icon next to your name.
- Enabling **Mobile Notifications** will send notifications to your mobile device if you have [downloaded the ManageBac app](#).
- When you have finished making changes to your notification preferences, click **Save Preferences**.

EY/PRI Library Opening Times

Please note that Ms Vernon has opened the EY/PRI Library for parents on Tuesdays, 08:30 - 09:15.

All EY/PRI parents can join the library and borrow 5 books to read with your children. Just fill in this [library membership form](#) and Ms Vernon will be in touch.

EY/PRI Library Book Order - Our 2022 Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

You can buy some wonderful English books from the MSF Scholastic Book Club - there is a huge selection to choose from. Please read this [letter](#) from our librarian, Ms Vernon, for all the details on how to order. For every €1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20¢ in Scholastic Rewards which will be spent on new books for the library.

Please place your order online by **this Monday evening, 7th November 2022**. For questions please [email our librarian Ms Vernon](#).

Action required! Please complete the relevant forms

ONLY PRI + SEC: Voluntary student covid testing sign up

If you wish your child to do voluntary covid testing at home, please fill in the [voluntary student covid testing form](#), deadline to sign up is Monday, 7th November 08:00.

ALL PARENTS: MSF Student Job Messe: can you help?

We are interested in hosting the first MSF Job Messe (Fair) where our older students can find out more about different professions available to them after graduating from MSF. **However, please be informed that this fair has been postponed until February.**

Save the Date!

MSF St Martin's Parade

MSF students and families are invited to join our [St Martin's parade on Wednesday, 9th November](#).

Sign up for the first Family Coffee | Thursday, 10th November 2022, 8:30-10:00 | MSF Cafeteria

Please join us for the first Family Coffee for parents, guardians, and caregivers. We are excited to host George Peterkin from Mind Your Health to talk about Mental Health 101. Alongside his sessions for 9th grade students and all staff, he will also speak with you as caregivers about mental health stigma, the importance of mental health to overall wellbeing and academic success, and the value of open communication with your children.

This session is primarily aimed at Secondary caregivers, but all are welcome! Please [RSVP](#) here by 9th November!



"The Spectrum" @MSF sports hall, 30.11.22, 6pm

For the first time since 2019 the SEC school will be [hosting](#) its celebration of SEC performing arts - a concert! We ask you to make time to attend this very special evening to support the emerging artists in our student body and bring applause back into the arts at MSF.



Strengthening Yoga for Parents at MSF

Please join our own Janice Henry beginning on **Thursday, 10th November from 8:45 - 9:45 in the sports hall** for a challenging yoga session that will stretch, strengthen, and centre you for your day. [Email us to join](#). **Space is limited to 12 participants** at this time, and registration will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. We will respond and confirm your registration. If you register but find that you cannot attend, please email to unregister to give someone else a chance. Bring your own mat, a foam block, and water. This is a FREE event, but please consider a small cash donation. We look forward to meeting you on the mat, MSF Head Parent Representatives

STAY UPDATED:





Early Years



Primary School



Secondary School



Early Years

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			03 Nov	04 Nov
			Bulletin Outdoor Classroom Day	
07 Nov	08 Nov	09 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov
KG Feedback Meetings				PRI & SEC closed for teacher training, EY open
	KGT, TRB & TRD	KGF & TRF St Martin's Parade	KGL, KGB & EY Parent Reps EY St Martin's Assembly	
14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov
	Healthy Day Kindergarten Parent Workshop	Healthy Day Transition Parent Workshop		EY Parent Rep Meeting
21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
			Bulletin	

Message from Ms Henkel



We hope that you were able to enjoy the holidays or the beautiful activities planned by our Holiday Team. After the break, we now look forward to the upcoming events such as St Martin, Healthy Days and our Winter Show.

Ms Rippinger and I are looking forward to our Student Council election and meetings with this year's student council to include children's feedback and ideas into our programme.

Last but not least, we are currently reviewing the data from the Family Needs Assessment - thank you for your input. We will create different opportunities online and onsite for parent workshops. The first workshop will be scheduled during our Healthy Days as a round table discussion with psychologist Lea Wuchner on the topic "Supporting my Early Years child". We hope that you are able to attend!

Parent Rep Meeting 18.11.22 @ 08:45-09:30

During our upcoming Parent Rep Meeting, we will share about children with emotional needs and how the school is supporting families and the child. We will also talk about the following topics: upcoming events, student council, extra-curricular programmes and the holiday programme. If parents would like to add agenda items, please share these with your parent reps or [Ms Henkel](#) directly.

St Martin's Parade 09.11.22 & Assembly

On Wednesday, 9th November, MSF Parent Reps have organised our traditional St. Martin's parade including a bake sale, a play by Primary students and our lantern parade ending at Possmann's with warm drinks and a "Weckmann" for the children. Please see the [communication](#) from our parent reps for more details.

On 10th November, Transition Dragonflies will be presenting our first Early Years assembly. At assemblies, individual classes lead a small presentation focussing on different topics, this year the overarching theme is "Global Citizenship & Agency". We look forward to sharing impressions with you through Storypark.

Healthy Days 15. & 16.11.22

Our annual healthy day(s) are just around the corner. The children are invited to attend small workshops and the purpose is to focus on healthy habits. The children will get a feeling for a good diet, hygiene and movement. We will start these special days with a balanced breakfast and kindly ask for your contributions. You can find the signup sheet in front of your child's classroom door or it will be shared online.

Parents are invited to join two parent workshops. On **Tuesday, 15th November, 9:00-10:00**, Ms Batan & Mr Halder will run the workshop "Come with us to Jolinchén land" on the topic of nutrition and movement. Location to be

confirmed. On **Wednesday, 16th November, 9:00-10:00**, we offer a round table discussion on “How to best support my Early Years & Lower Primary child” with the psychotherapist Lea Wuchner in our cafeteria. Please [sign up here](#) for the workshops here by Sunday, 6th November, evening latest.

EY Winter Show - Save the Date

On Wednesday, **7th December, 16:00-17:00**, all children will be performing on stage during our Early Years Winter Show. Children will remain at school until the show commences at 16:00 and all parents are invited to attend. We look forward to this amazing opportunity to return to the stage and are carefully monitoring the hygiene guidelines for bigger events. Parents must pick up their child/ren after the performance and will be invited to enjoy some snacks, drinks and a chat with the other parents straight after the show. More information to follow soon!

EY Winter Holiday Programme - Registration open

If you would like to register your child/ren for the Winter Holiday Programme, please click [here](#). Please note that we have streamlined the payment process to reduce the workload in our office: Payments can only be made AFTER the Holiday Programme. More information about this can be found in the letter.

Infectious Diseases & 24 Hour Symptom-free Policy

Currently, many children are absent with symptoms of illness such as diarrhoea, fever, vomiting, coughing and other symptoms of a cold. Please keep our community healthy by carefully monitoring your child. It is our policy to keep children at home for at least 24 hours after they are symptom-free.

Reminder Voluntary Spit Test - Uploading Test Result

If you are signed up, please remember to do the test on Monday mornings before breakfast and to upload the spit test results [here](#). Stay healthy!

Winter Decorations - Parent and Student Event

On the last day of school, **16th December, 08:30-10:00**, parents and their Early Years child/ren are invited to share their creativity and have fun crafting unique winter decorations and learn about our upcoming Extracurricular Art Programme with Ms Mary Kate! Please [sign up here](#) if you are interested in participating.

Extracurricular Art Programme - Coming Soon

In January, we would like to introduce an additional optional arts programme to our Early Years families. Art Specialist Children will have the opportunity to improve skills, express themselves creatively and enjoy making art together with visual art specialist and artist Mary Kate Buehler! We will focus on special projects in sculpture, printmaking and painting. As with Train with Brain and the Musikschule Nagel, there will be a monthly fee for this programme. More detailed information on this project and registration to come before the end of the year!

Important Links & Forms

- [Electronic form for planned student absences](#) (for absences of more than 2 days)
- [EY Parent and Student Handbook](#)
- Sign up [Form](#) Voluntary Spit Test & [Form](#) to upload for test results

Looking Ahead

06.12.22	St Nikolaus Visit & Assembly (TRB)
07.12.22	EY Winter Show @ 16:00 (see above)
16.12.22	Winter Decorations - Parents & Student Event
19.-22.12.22	EY Winter Holiday Programme
22.12.22	EY closes @ 15:30
02.- 06.01.23	EY Winter Holiday Programme
27.01.23	Parent Rep Meeting





Primary School

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			Bulletin	
07 Nov	08 Nov	09 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov
	Deadline for GDPR Form	St Martin's Parade G4 & G5 Bake Sale	Family Coffee (Mental Health 101)	MSF Closed For Teacher Training
14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov
		G10 Bake Sale		
21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
G1-G3 Parent - Teacher Conferences G4 & G5 Student Led Conferences	G1-G3 Parent - Teacher Conferences G4 & G5 Student Led Conferences	G1-G3 Parent - Teacher Conferences G4 & G5 Student Led Conferences	G1-G3 Parent - Teacher Conferences G4 & G5 Student Led Conferences Bulletin	G1-G3 Parent - Teacher Conferences G4 & G5 Student Led Conferences

**For regular after school sports practises, see dates and times listed below*



Message from Mr Wragg

I hope you all enjoyed your October break. We now have just under two months of school until the next holiday and it is always an exciting time of the year. We have the parent teacher meetings and the student-led conferences coming up, St Martin's, St Nicolas and the winter show, as well as all the different activities, trips and events linked to the new units of inquiry that all the classes have recently started.

Winter Celebrations Guest Speakers

We are always looking for opportunities to celebrate our wonderfully diverse community.

As there are many different celebrations taking place in the winter months, we would like to invite our community members to share the way they celebrate at this time of year. As Germany is a predominantly Christian country, the main celebration is Christmas, however there are a number of other religious and cultural events taking place at the same time and we would like to show these to our students. Christmas also is celebrated in very different ways depending on your country of origin. **We will hold a special celebration assembly on December 16th at 11:30.** If you would be happy to come in and talk to the students, in assembly, about a certain celebration, [please email me](#). Thank you!



GDPR

All parents are kindly asked to complete this [form](#) by Tuesday, 8th November.

Grades 1&2 Parent Workshop

On Wednesday, 16th November, 09:00-10:00, we offer a round table discussion on "How to best support my Early Years & Lower Primary child" with the psychotherapist Lea Wuchner. Please [sign up here](#) for the workshop by Sunday, 6th November, evening latest if you would like to attend (the sign up has two options, please only select the Wednesday 16th option, for the Grade 1&2 workshop).

Parent Rep Minutes

Please find the minutes from our October meeting [here](#). Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 30th November at 08:30 in the cafeteria.

Conferences

By now you will have received an invitation from your child's homeroom teacher to attend a conference. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not signed up for an appointment. The meetings will take place in the following format:

G1-G3 Parent - Teacher conferences
G4 & G5 Student - Led conferences

Head Lice

It is the season of head lice, and while we take internal measures for head lice prevention it is crucial to follow school procedures to check your child's hair on a regular basis and report any cases of head lice to the office immediately. The best way to prevent head lice from spreading is to directly inform parents of close friends of your child and treat your child as directed on your chosen treatment.

Managebac

Please [click here](#) for some tips on how to use Managebac.

Outdoor Play

Please make sure your child has a warm **rainproof jacket** as students will play outside unless the rain is very heavy. The weather is getting colder, so hats and gloves should also be worn. These can be kept in school in a bag on your child's coat peg.



Request for student leave of absence:

Please be sure to write a comment in ManageBac if your child is sick, late or unable to attend school. Spot checks and fines do take place at Frankfurt airport for unapproved student leave. Please ensure you submit any [requests for leave](#) to Mr Wragg, and note that most school-time requests for leave are unapproved.

Looking Ahead:

09.11.22	St Martin's Celebration & Parade
09.11.22	G4 & G5 Bake Sale
11.11.22	MSF Closed For Teacher Training
21-25.11.22	G1-G3 Parent - Teacher Conferences
21-25.11.22	G4 & G5 Student Led Conferences
06.12.22	G1 & G2 Winter Show
08.12.22	G3 & G4 Winter Show
14.12.22	G5 Winter Show
16.12.22	MSF Closes at 13:00 for Winter Break (no ASC)
09.01.23	MSF Reopens





Secondary School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check the School Event Calendar regularly for details about announced events and examination dates			03 Nov	04 Nov
			● Bulletin	
07 Nov	08 Nov	09 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov
			● Mid-term academic warnings ● Family Coffees and Workshops	● Teacher Training Day (No school)
14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov
		● 15:45 G10 IGCSE Exams Prep Evening @ Commons		
21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
		● Sem I Parent-Teacher Conferences (No school)	● Bulletin	

*For regular after school sports practises, see dates and times listed below



Message from Dr. Coppes

On Wednesday, 2nd November, I met with the parent reps to share our professional development focus areas for the current school year. Our aim this year was to host a number of workshops from experts in their respective fields, not only for our teachers, but for our students and parents as well. Next week, on Thursday morning we will host an organisation from the UK called MindYourHealth. They will run a parent information session on building resilience and supporting the mental health of our students on Thursday, Nov. 10th from 8:30 - 10:00. Our grade 9 students will engage with a Mental Health Warrior course on Thursday as well and our teachers will spend all day Friday in workshops to further develop their skills in supporting our students' mental wellbeing. During our PD days in February we will host an expert in the IB framework of Approaches to Teaching and Learning. He will also run workshops for students and parents.

Sem I Parent-Teacher Conferences - Booking System Open

The Semester 1 Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, 23rd November, from 8:30 - 16:00. There will be no classes for students on conference day.** Meetings will take place in person, we are unable to offer a zoom option due to logistical difficulties. The link to the booking system can be found in the [parent's guide](#). Please read the guide carefully before you book the log into the booking system. The booking system will close on Sunday, 20th November.

From the IB Corner

- **Academic integrity** is at the heart of our learning and our behaviour. Did you know that: Academic integrity is an indicator of future workplace behaviour. According to multiple research endeavours, academic dishonesty in school leads to dishonesty in the workplace (Blankenship & Whitley 2000, Harding, et al. 2004, Lawson 2004, Nonis & Swift 2001, & Sims 1993). The academic integrity journey must be firmly established to ensure a lifetime of integrity. Please consult the [IB guide of Academic integrity](#).

- **The final copy of the 2023 May IB exam** is out: [Official IB exam calendar for May 2023](#)
- **Important deadlines for Grade 12 students:** [The calendar](#)
- **Wellness and mindfulness** are tools for success in the IB. Find [here](#) an interesting article on how parents help their child at the beginning of the school year.
- **ATLs at MSF:** Precious tips to be successful in the IB – you can find Lanterna's free resources page [here](#)
 - Chiara's wonderful tips and presentations: [G10](#) — [G11](#) — [G12](#)

From the SOS Corner

- Please click [here](#) for information about NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and the resources that NAMI offers to parents.
- Please click [here](#) for information about Teenage Angst and Anxiety
- SEC School Counsellors, Ms Steppacher and Ms Patel, are looking for your input for Parent Coffees and Workshops this school year. Please take a moment to fill out [this form](#) with your interest!

CAS Trip to Prague (G11&12)

Thank you to Mr Kerr, Miss Walker, Mr Witcomb, Mrs Bracklo and Dr. Santandrea for organising (Mr Kerr) and chaperoning an exciting and eye-opening CAS trip to Prague. CAS Trip photos will also be uploaded to [this Google Folder](#).



"Thrifting for the Future": Second Hand Sale

The sale of second-hand clothing contributes to the growth of sustainable fashion, raises awareness of environmental challenges and makes clothing accessible to more people. The **MSF Eco Club** is doing a second hand clothing sale at MSF. This has the aim of raising awareness of the fast fashion industry and its impact on climate change by providing an opportunity to buy new clothes but in a more sustainable way.

- **This event will be held in secondary school and we will be looking for donations from grades 6-12.**
- **Please donate clothes that are in good condition: from 02.11. - 11.11.22 (Box for collection to be located inside Library or in Mrs Dodd's office)**
- **The Sale will take place from 14th - 18th of November (during lunch in the Commons)**

Mid-term Academic Warnings

As per the [Secondary School Student and Parent Handbook](#), mid-term academic warnings for the first semester will be issued via ManageBac on **Thursday, 10th November** for any students whose academic performance is of concern. This includes:

- subjects in which a student's grade is below a "C" (Grades 6-10) or below a 4 (Grades 11 - 12)
- subjects in which a student's grade has dropped significantly.

Kindly note that Managebac's default labelling of this type of notification is called a *behaviour note*. To be clear, these are academic warnings and should not be confused with any type of behavioural concern.

"The Spectrum" @MSF Sports Hall, 30.11.22, 6pm

For the first time since 2019 the SEC school will be hosting its celebration of SEC performing arts - a concert! Everyone is welcome, parents and students!



G10 IGCSE Exams Prep Evening

The G10 IGCSE exams Prep Evening will take place from 15:45 - 16:45 on Wed, 16th November in the Student Commons. During this event, MSF will provide important information regarding the impending IGCSE exams.



Secondary Sports

Secondary sports teams have had some fantastic successes so far this season! Please see below for the next round of fixtures:

Grade 6 - 8 Soccer:

AWAY TOURNAMENT on Tuesday, 8th Nov (at FC Naurod, Wiesbaden). Players should pay transport fees to the main office.

Grade 9 - 12 Volleyball:

AWAY Game vs. FIS Oberursel on Monday, 7th Nov.

GO FOXES!

Looking Ahead

10.11.22	Mid-term academic warnings
10.11.22	Family Coffees and Workshops
11.11.22	MSF Closed for Teacher Training
16.11.22	G10 IGCSE Exams Prep Evening in Commons
23.11.22	Sem I Parent-Teacher Conferences
30.11.22	The Spectrum: SEC Concert
15.12.22	SEC Winter Dance





School Website

www.m-school.de

Login for the Parent Zone

Password: inspiration20

Parent & Student Handbook

Our 2022-2023 handbook can be read [here](#).

Calendars

MSF School Calendar (Public) and MSF Google School Event Calendar

Our school calendar for a convenient overview as well as our detailed event calendar, showing activities and special events can be found on our [website](#).

ManageBac

[ManageBac Attendance System](#)

[ManageBac Messages to Parents](#)

School Forms

<https://m-school.de/community/parent-zone/msf-forms-handbook/>

Quarantine rules Hesse

<https://www.hessen.de/Handeln/Corona-in-Hessen/Quarantaene>