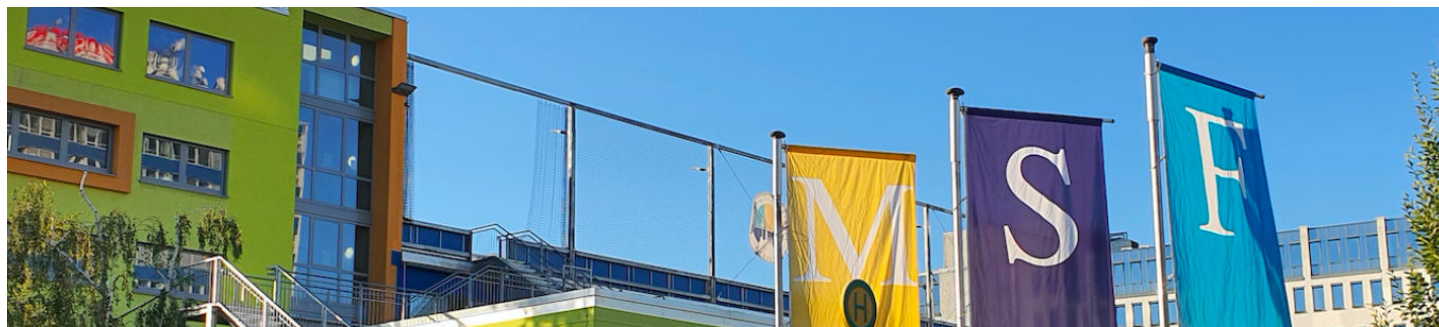


8th December 2022



Whole School Announcements

General Information

ACTION REQUIRED: MSF's Evaluation Visit: SURVEY!

Please take a moment to [complete the Council of International Schools \(CIS\) Community Survey](#), which will help identify the strengths of the school and areas for improvement. This survey is a **requirement** of our 5 year accreditation cycle with CIS and your participation is greatly appreciated. Currently 25% of our parent body has given feedback.



The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We hope you can spare some time to help the school in its desire to improve. The survey will be available until **16.12.22**.

Additional opportunity for feedback: if there are particular areas of strength or for development that you would like us to address that were not covered in the CIS survey, you may let us know in this [optional form](#).

Infectious Diseases

Please see this useful [website](#). Once you have clicked on the disease you can download the page in English. This will stay on the last page of the Bulletin, so that you will be able to find it anytime.

MSF Celebrates Veganuary

Our very own Eco Club has sponsored a push to bring Veganuary to MSF. For the first week after we return from winter vacation, our cafeteria will serve exclusively plant-based lunches. The aim of the Eco-Club is to raise awareness regarding the impact of our food choices. According to Joseph Poore, a researcher at the University of Oxford, "A vegan diet is probably the single biggest way to reduce your impact on planet Earth, not just greenhouse gases, but global acidification, eutrophication, land use and water use. Avoiding consumption of animal products delivers far better environmental benefits than trying to purchase sustainable meat and dairy." The Eco-Club also invited a nutritionist who studied under Dr. T. Colin Campbell and Dr. Neal Barnard, the leading US medical researchers on the impact of a plant-based diet, to speak with our Parent Reps about the positive health implications from plant-based eating.



"Mind Your Health" Presentation (by Mr. George Peterkin)

Dear MSF Families, Thank you to all who were able to join us for our first Family Coffee with Mr. George Peterkin from Mind Your Health. We would like to share with you the [recording of George's talk](#) on mental health awareness, resilience, and supporting our adolescents. He has also shared his [presentation slides](#) for reference! We hope to see you at the next Family Coffee :)

Action required! Please complete 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, 12th December 08:00.

Baby Sitting Service

We, Paul Neeb and Kristen Weigt, are running a babysitting service here at MSF as our CAS project. Our babysitters will be educated by Deutsches Rotes Kreuz, receiving a first aid course. If you are interested in a babysitter for your child, feel free to fill out our [registration form](#). Please do not hesitate in [contacting us](#) if you have any questions.



Events



'Tis the season to be jolly!

Parents, staff and alumni, please join Friends of MSF for the first-ever [MSF Wine & Weihnachtsmarkt](#) on Tuesday, 13th December 2022 from 18:00- 20:00! Enjoy a cheerful chat and the sights and sounds of the season in our own MSF cafeteria as you sample sausages hot off the grill, sip warming Glühwein, carol to your heart 's content, and shop wares presented by members of the MSF community. Click [HERE](#) to register for the event. DEADLINE: 8th December.



High School Diploma Information Evening for Whole School Parents

Ms Katell Dodd, our Secondary School Assistant Principal and IB Coordinator, invites all MSF parents to the High School Diploma Information Evening on Tuesday, 7th February 2023. If you have any questions regarding High School Diploma or IB Diploma, please join the information evening!

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			08 Dec	09 Dec
			Bulletin	
12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec
KG Family Picnic	Advent Breakfast	TRF & TRD Holiday Get Together	TRB Class Party	Winter Ornament Crafting School closes @ 13:00, Emergency Care until 17:30
19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	23 Dec
			EY closes @ 15:30	Happy Holidays
02 Jan	03 Jan	04 Jan	05 Jan	06 Jan
Winter Holiday Programme				
09 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan
			Bulletin	Mindfulness Workshop Parents



Message from Ms Henkel

The time before the winter break is always a very busy one. We hope that you have all enjoyed our Winter Show and once more we want to thank everyone involved with the planning, presentation & setup of this event.

As you can see below, we love to celebrate the advent season with our children, staff and families. We invite you to join into the various jolly events, hopefully getting you into the mood for a restful holiday with family and friends near and far.

Your Early Years Team

Last Week of School - Schedule of Events:

Kindergarten Family Picnic

When? Monday, 12.12.22 @ 09:00-10:00

Who & Where? KG Children, Parents and staff in our Sports Hall

What? To celebrate the end of our units of inquiry for Me, My Family and Friends, we are inviting all Kindergarten Butterflies, Frogs, Ladybirds & Turtles families to join us for a community picnic. See Managebac email from your teacher

Advent Breakfast - Get Together for all EY Parents

When? Tuesday, 13.12.22 @ 08:00-10:00

Who & Where? EY Parents in the cafeteria

What? A wintery get together for Early Years parents. Each parent brings a food item, coffee and tea are available for you to purchase from our MSF cafeteria. You can sign up by adding your name/s and food item that you would like to share to this [list](#). Remember that we would like to keep it nut-free.

Winter Ornament Crafting

When? Friday, 16.12.22 @ 08:30-10:00

Who & Where? Registered Parents & their child in the cafeteria

What? Parents and their Early Years child/ren are invited to craft winter decorations and learn about our upcoming Extracurricular Art Programme with Ms Mary Kate! Please [sign up here](#) if you are interested in participating.

Last Day of School - Emergency Care 13:00-17:30

When? Friday, 16.12.22 from 13:00-17:30

Who & Where? Registered students in allocated classrooms

What? As Primary & Secondary School are closing @ 13:00, we would like to plan staff accordingly. Please [click here](#) to register your child.

EY Winter Holiday Programme

If you have registered your child for the EY Winter Holiday Programme, please read [this letter](#) with more information.

Admissions for 2023/24

The admissions department is currently filling the spaces for 2023/24. If you have any siblings you would like to enrol as of August 2023, please contact [Chris Kroll](#) asap or register through your Open Apply account.

Mindfulness Workshop Parents

Ms Alvarez will be holding a Mindfulness Workshop on 13th January. She will be briefly introducing mindfulness and its health benefits followed by a guided mindfulness meditation. [Sign up here](#) to begin or develop your practice and to show some self-care. From January onwards the children will also be benefitting from fun and engaging mindfulness sessions on a regular basis.

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

27.01.23	Parent Rep Meeting
10.02.23	Parent Rep Meeting
17.02.23	Class Faschings-Party
20.-22.02.23	Fasching Holiday Programme
23.-24.02.23	Teacher Training - school closed
28.02.23	Transition to Grade 1 Parent Evening
Jan-Feb	Parent-Teacher Conferences KG2
Jan-Mar	Parent-Teacher Conferences TR
Mar-Apr	Parent Teacher Conferences KG1





Primary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			G1 & G2 Winter Show 11:00 Sirens Bulletin G5 Field Trip to Sportpark Kelkheim	
12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec
	MSF Wine & Weihnachtsmarkt	G1 Street Safety G5 Winter Show	G5 Field Trip to Städel Museum	Class Parties PRI Closes at 13:00 (no ASC)
Winter Break				
09 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan
			Bulletin	

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



Message from Mr Wragg

We are having a very festive time in MSF Primary at the moment. The school has been decorated by kind volunteers from the Parent Reps, St Nikolas came to visit all the classes on Tuesday morning and the winter shows are taking place in the evenings. As Christmas is a large festival in Germany at this time of year, it tends to be the main focal point for our celebrations. However, as a wonderfully diverse community, we also encourage our community members, who do not celebrate Christmas, to share the different festivals and traditions that they participate in. Regardless of cultural background, winter celebrations tend to be ones of love and care. Perhaps the need to inject a bit of light into the colder and darker months is the basis for this, but whatever the reason, we are very grateful and privileged to be surrounded by a kind and joyous community. So, whatever you are doing at this time of year, I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

Winter Holidays

We would like to remind our families that we will close at 13:00 on Friday, 16th December, and that there will be no After School Care on this day. We look forward to welcoming our students back when we reopen on Monday, 9th January. We wish you all a wonderful winter holiday.



Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

Please find the minutes from our last meeting [here](#). Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1st February at 08:30 in the cafeteria.

G5 to G6 step up day on 16th January

The Grade 5 students will be given the opportunity to spend the morning with secondary teachers and get a little taste of what awaits them next year on Monday, 16th January 2023. This step up event will take place in period 1 and 2: 08:30 -10:00. We ask all parents to please make sure that the Grade 5 students are at school on time to allow for the smooth running of the morning. This experience takes place the week prior to the information session for Grade 4 and 5 parents held by Mr Coppes.

G4 & G5 Parent Info on 25th January 16:00

Dr Coppes will speak with G4 & G5 parents about various aspects of the Secondary school. Specifically, we will discuss our curricular offerings and graduation pathways. This session is particularly important for those parents who may have questions about differences between, and the recognition of, the High School diploma, IGCSE's, and the IB Diploma.

Public Transport Commute Group (G4 & 5)

In order to encourage children to travel independently by Public Transportation in Grade 4 and 5, a Pilot Route in Westend/Nordend in the afternoon is being set up (with the objective to expand geographically if successful).

Once up and running, parents interested in having their child participate would be able to sign up on any given day after school (initially at 15:30 but later times could be organised based upon interest); children would meet at school and walk/scoot together to the S Bahn (Eschborn Sud) and then onto the Bus M32 (or other options depending on specific needs).

Please note that a parent volunteer would accompany the group the first few times but eventually the children would travel unattended; the responsibility therefore lies with each child individually: he/she obviously needs to know their way around but may feel more secure (and their parents too) knowing they are not alone on a large portion of the trip.

Parents interested (in hearing more, in having their child participate, and/or in expressing interest in other routes) should reach out to [Clemence Schulenburg](#) (Deputy Parent Rep, 4B)



Managebac

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

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:

08.12.22	G5 Field Trip to Sportpark Kelkheim
14.12.22	G5 Winter Show
14.12.22	G1 Street Safety Training
15.12.22	G5 Field Trip to Städel Museum
16.12.22	MSF Closes at 13:00 for Winter Break (no ASC)
09.01.23	MSF Reopens
16.01.23	G5 Step Up Day
25.01.23	G4 & G5 Parent Info Evening
17.02.23	Reports Issued
20-22.02.23	Primary Closed For Carnival
23-24.02.23	Primary Closed For Teacher Training
03-14.04.23	Primary Closed For Spring Break

Tutoring

If you are looking for a tutor for your child please complete this [form](#). Please note that tutors are subject to availability, it is not guaranteed that we will be able to find someone to assist your child

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.





Secondary School



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			• Bulletin	• Deadline: Winter Sports Sign-up Form
12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec
			• SEC Winter Dance	• MSF Closes at 13:00
Winter Break				
09 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan
• G10&12 Language Oral Mocks	• G10&12 Language Oral Mocks	• G10&12 Language Oral Mocks	• G10&12 Language Oral Mocks • Bulletin	• G10&12 Language Oral Mocks

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



Message from Dr. Coppes

Last week, we celebrated the work of our visual and performing arts students through the production of The Spectrum. It was an absolute success! Congratulations to all of our vocalists, musicians, and actors who, after countless hours of preparation, found the courage to perform in front of a large audience. Well done everyone!

Everyone at MSF wishes all of our families a joyous and restful winter vacation. We look forward to welcoming you all back after the new year!

From the IB Corner

- Motivational speech for all parents on: [How to motivate your children to step up to their learning and find their own direction.](#)
- The IB deadline policy: [HERE](#)
- [The Official IB exam calendar for May 2023](#)
- **Important deadlines for G12 students:** [The calendar](#)
- **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](#)
- **Save the date: IB Information Evening** for the Grade 9 and 10 families will take place on Thursday, 26th January 2023 at 16:00.

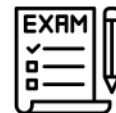


Lanterna Revision Courses for IGCSE Students

Lanterna is offering IGCSE revision courses for our Grade 10 students over the February half-term break, **21st - 24th February 2023**. Please find more information [here](#). Registrations are open until **20th December**.

Grade 7, 8, 9 & 11 Semester 1 Exams Schedule

The Semester 1 Exams Schedule can be found [HERE](#). Please note that the schedule is subject to minor changes.



G10 IGCSE Mock Exams Schedule

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Grade 10 IGCSE Mock Exams Schedule. Please note that the schedule is subject to minor changes.

English Reading Suggestions

The Secondary English teachers and Ms Foust, our librarian, have been working together on a [*suggested reading list](#) per grade level. With the exception of a few books that we're waiting to arrive, we have all these books in our school library. Happy reading!
(Mostly compiled from YALSA 2021 best books for young adults and award winners from established young adult literary prizes. Descriptions are from publishers/Follett catalogue.)

From our SOS Department

Please find [here](#) some information about the Inclusive world of Malcolm Gladwell's Books.

Movember was a huge success...

... again this year thanks to all of the donations from students, staff and parents. This year the Movember team raised 2072 euros to help fund programs and initiatives related to Men's Health. As a result of your giving, Mr. Eikelboom will have to bike 300 km in the month of December and he is looking forward to the challenge. A special thanks to the students of 9A and the Grade 12 Chemistry class as every member of these classes donated towards the cause. The students of 9A and 10B will be enjoying some well-deserved moustache shaped brownies for the funds raised and the students of Grade 12 Chemistry will enjoy a pancake lunch! Thanks again to all who supported the cause.



Secondary Sports

The Secondary School Winter sport season will run from the week **beginning Monday January 16th until the week ending Friday 31st March 2023.**

Sports and teams available for students to join from Grade 6 to Grade 12 include:

- Grade 6 - 8 Girls Basketball
- Grade 6 - 8 Boys Basketball
- Grade 9 - 12 Girls Basketball
- Grade 9 - 12 Boys Basketball
- Grade 6 - 12 Cricket
- Grade 6 - 12 Cheerleading
- **NEW** Grade 6 - 12 Competitive Badminton

Online Registrations close on Friday 9th December.

GO FOXES!

Parent Rep Meeting

Please click [here](#) to view the minutes from the last Secondary Parent Rep Meeting on 7th December.. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th February. Please let your class parent representative know if there are any issues which you would like to be discussed.

Save the Date:

- SEC Evening for Grade 4 & 5 Families on Wed, 25th Jan 2023
- IB Information Evening for G9-10 Families on Thurs, 26th Jan 2023
- High School Diploma Info Evening for whole school parents on Tues, 7th Feb 2023

Looking Ahead

15.12.22 SEC Winter Dance
16.12.22 MSF closes at 13:00
19.12.22-06.01.23 Winter Break
09.-13.01.23 G10&12 Language Oral Mocks
16.01.23 G5 to G6 step up day
16-27.01.23 G10 Mock Exams
18.01.2023 SEC Assembly
23-27.01.23 G7-9, 11 Sem I Exams
25.01.23 16:00 SEC Info Evening for G4-5 Parents
26.01.23 16:00-18:00 IB Info Evening @ Commons
27.01.23 Last day of Sem I
07.02.23 High School Diploma Info Evening
08.02.23 SEC Parent Rep Meeting
15.02.23 SEC Joint Assembly
17.02.23 Sem I Reports Published





School Website: www.m-school.de

Login for the Parent Zone (password: inspiration20)

!! ManageBac Parent Guide: Please have a look [here](#) to get the basic guidelines for using ManageBac.

ManageBac Login: [Attendance System](#) and [Messages to Parents](#)

Parent & Student Handbook: Our 2022-2023 handbook can be read [here](#).

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

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](#).

Infectious Diseases: Please see this useful [website](#) about infectious diseases. You can download the information in other languages as well. English is definitely included.

Some workshops that might be interesting: They are mostly in German, but maybe you can still find something that is fitting for you. Please have a look [here](#). There is also one called “[Starke Eltern, starke Kinder](#)” (0-10 year olds).