

MSF Bulletin: 31st October 2024



Whole School Announcements

General Information

New Password for Parent Zone on MSF Website

The new password is *community25* (*inspiration20* is no longer active).

MSF Annual Community Survey

By 5th November, Tuesday

MSF is always striving to improve. Your feedback is crucial in helping us to enhance what we offer at school, identifying our strengths and highlighting areas to work on to ensure we are fulfilling our mission. Please fill in our annual survey!

[Give your feedback here](#)

Traffic Safety!

Please do not drop off your child in the middle of the street along Eschborner Landstrasse, even though traffic may be slow. Please be patient and wait to use the stop and drop zones. When your children exit the car, please look out for bicycles. Car doors opening onto traffic can cause serious harm to cyclists. The police are informed and are checking drivers along Eschborner Landstrasse, please follow the rules of the road. Please also be advised that adults are not allowed to [cycle on footpaths](#).

Safely Digital Coffee Morning

5th November, Tuesday, 8:30, Cafeteria

Worried about your child's exposure to digital devices and media? Want to do something against the peer pressure that has kids craving for gadgets? Agenda includes: Pact for smartphone-free childhood and launch event, latest news, recent coverage on harmful computer games. Subscribe to mailings by messaging: parentinitiative.msf@gmail.com.

School closed on Teacher Training Day

15th November, Friday

On this day MSF will be closed due to Teacher Professional Development as indicated on the school calendar. There will be no child care provided on this day.

Carpark

Despite numerous messages, we are still having cars left in the playground section of the cross street car park after 10.15am each day. Please remember that the back half of the car park is closed off, as a playground, from 10.15am to 2.45pm. If you need to attend an event or meeting that will run past 10.15am, please park in the visitor places available in the front part of the car park and, if these are not available, there are places along the street, opposite Possmanns. Thank you.

Google Reviews: Switching to Trustpilot

Would you like to leave a review about MSF? Google has been blocking the reviews for our account for one year now. According to their service team it was done to protect our account from spam. As we do not know when the ban will be lifted, please use Trustpilot to share a (hopefully positive :-)) review.

[Share a public review](#)

Pick Up & Registration Personal Parent ID Card

The parent ID cards which have been ordered until 29th September are ready for pick up. Those which have been ordered after this date will be ready for pick up as of 11th November.

ID card information has been updated to include terms of use. Please check the link. All staff have been instructed to question any adult without a visible ID / visitor badge on campus. Should you lose your card, please inform the office immediately so that the card can be deactivated.

If you have not signed up yet, it is still possible.

UPDATED! [More information and ID card registration here](#)



[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

We would like to thank those parents and staff members who attended and actively contributed to our workshop regarding mental health and resilience. We had great discussions and realised that we can learn so much from each other's experiences and wealth of knowledge. The presentation can be viewed at the end of this section together with the resources used to create this presentation and a collection of resilience related resources suggested by our participants. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the next workshops regarding the PYP curriculum in Early Years by our Curriculum Coordinator, Ms Deidre Hand, and the topic of challenging behaviours by Behaviour Specialist Mr Birketvedt Haukaa. Sign ups can be found under the upcoming dates.

Mental Health & Resilience Workshop

[Presentation](#) & [Resources](#)

Parent Representative Meeting

[Minutes](#)

Saint Martin's Parade, Volunteers Needed

6th November, Wednesday, from approx. 15:30/16:00 onwards

Mark your calendars, as we come together for a magical lantern procession and Saint Martin's celebration. The parade will light up the streets with beautiful lanterns, ending with warm drinks and traditional Weckmänner at Possmann's.

However, we need your support to make this event possible! We are urgently seeking volunteers to help with handing out tokens, guiding the parade and distributing Weckmänner. Your involvement is essential to ensure a memorable experience for our students and families. Thank you for helping make this event special!

[Detailed information and registration](#)

Next Early Years Team Meetings - Early Closure @ 15:30

25th November & 16th December, 27th January, Mondays; all dates in the

[Parent Event Overview 2024/2025](#)

Updated: [late pick up fee schedule](#)

Upcoming Dates

14th November, Thursday, 08:30-09:15 "Inquiring into the Primary Years Programme in Early Years" by Deidre Hand.

[Sign up](#)

15th November, Friday, School Closed due to Teacher Professional Development

21st & 22nd November, Thursday and Friday, Student Photos (Early Years students)

22nd November, Friday, Transition Street Safety - Parent Workshop (Secondary Commons).

[Sign up](#)

13th January, Monday, "Approaches and Strategies to address challenging behaviours" by Audun Birketvedt Haukaa

[Sign up](#)

Winter Shows

10th December, Tuesday, 14:30

We cordially invite all parents to our annual Winter Show for Kindergarten and Transition. This year, we will have an earlier start as children were very tired last year.

[Winter Show Letter](#)



Primary School

[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Message from Mr Wragg

As we head towards the darker, colder months of the year at MSF we actively increase the fun-factor at school to stave off the Winter Blues. Today we are all dressed up and having fun parties for Halloween and we have a special assembly for St Martin's day next week, with some lantern-making, in different grades. In December, St. Nikolaus will visit the students, you are all invited to the Winter Shows and there will be a lot of Ugly Sweaters on display all month. Finally, towards the end of Semester One, we have Fasching celebrations, another chance to dress up and have a party. Please encourage your children to join in the dressing up and don't be afraid to put on an ugly sweater yourself in December. We would also love to add other community celebrations to our assembly rota and there is an open invitation to any of our parents who would be happy to come in and explain how their family celebrates at this time of year. Please contact your class teacher if you would like to get involved.

URGENT Action required: General Data Protection Regulation Authorisation

New Deadline: 1st November, Friday

We still have a few families who have not completed this form. If you have not yet completed this form your child might not be able to participate in some of the class based and homework activities from Monday onwards. All parents are requested to comply with data protection laws.

Complete the [form](#).

Parent-Teacher Meetings

4th November, Monday - 8th November, Friday

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 next week, in the following format:

G1-G3 Parent - Teacher conferences

G4 & G5 Student - Student Led conferences

German P-T conferences will be held on 11th-14th November. Teachers will be sending out invitations.

Parent Representatives Meeting

6th November, Wednesday, 08:30-09:30, Cafeteria

[Agenda](#)

PYP Parent Workshop

13th November, Wednesday, 08:30-09:15

Join the PYP Coordinator, Deirdre Hand, for a workshop "Inquiring into the Primary Years Programme. During this workshop you will learn more about our curriculum and teaching methods. We had previously planned to host this meeting this week, but we wanted to give families more time to arrange to be able to come. Apologies for the delay and we hope that this will allow more of you to come and join us.

[Sign up](#)

Winter Shows

11th December, Wednesday - Grades 1 and 2

12th December, Thursday - Grades 3 and 4

18th December, Wednesday - Grade 5

It is almost that time of year again! Mark your calendars for this year's Winter Shows featuring performances created by all the students in Primary. Each show will begin at 17:30.

Reminder Teacher Training Day: School closed

15th November, Friday

On this day MSF will be closed for teacher training as indicated on the school calendar. There will be no child care provided on this day.



Secondary School

[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Whole Secondary School

Parent ID Cards

Please register for your personal parent identification card. The first card is free of charge. Whilst you may not attend campus as much as you used to, you may attend school events, parent rep meetings or meet other parents in the school's cafeteria. This measure helps to grant a safe school environment by tracking who is moving on campus and for what purpose.

[More information and ID card registration here](#)

SEC Mid-term Academic Warnings

8th November, Friday

Any student earning a D or lower in grades 6-10 or a 3 or lower in grades 11-12 will be receiving a mid-term academic warning via ManageBac in the form of a behaviour note. Our intention is to bring to light academic struggles in order to impact positive change before the end of the semester.

SEC Sem 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences

14th November, Thursday

There will be no classes on this day. This semester, we will hold an open house Parent-Teacher Conference in the Sports Hall on a first come, first served basis. No prior booking is required. Each meeting will last approximately 3 - 8 minutes unless a slightly longer meeting is requested by the teacher. All SEC families are invited during the allocated time slots as below:

Family Name A - G: 8:30 - 10:30

Family Name H - N: 11:00 - 13:00

Family Name O - Z: 14:00 - 16:00

School Closed: Teacher Training Day

15th November, Friday

Message from the Secondary Athletic Director Mr Kerr

The Secondary School Autumn sports season runs from 9th September until 22nd November 2024.

[Season Information](#) [Draft Fixtures List](#)

Maths Competitions 2024 - 2025

There are several maths competitions offered to MSF Secondary students throughout the year. Students do not need to be a part of the Competitive Math Club in order to participate in a maths competition.

[Schedule](#)

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

G6 - 8 Class Parent Representatives Q&A with Mrs Katell Dodd dated 9th October

[Minutes](#)

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Armaou

Research shows significant benefits for students and educators when schools actively partner with families to support young people's learning and development, including lower rates of chronic absenteeism. We dig into innovative strategies for engaging with families and growing effective home, school, and community partnerships.

[Innovative Approaches to Family and Community Engagement in Schools](#)

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

G9 - 10 Class Parent Representatives Q&A with Mrs Katell Dodd dated 10th October

[Minutes](#)

G11 - 12 Class Parent Representatives Q&A with Mrs Katell Dodd dated 11th October

[Minutes](#)

G11 Student IGCSE Certificate Celebration Breakfast

6th November, Friday, 8:30 - 9:15, Commons

G11 Bake Sale

13th November, 15:00 - 16:00, Cafeteria

Babysitting courses on campus

23rd November, Saturday

MSF is happy to be able to offer student babysitting training, in English and on campus, from [Erste Hilfe Kurs](#) for our G9-12 students. Would you like to have your child attend either a short course (weekday date TBC) or full day long course?

Fill in the [form](#).

High School Diploma & Opportunities - Information Session

[Slides 1](#) - [Slides 2](#)

Useful Links

[Uni Guidance](#)

[Guide for IB Acknowledgment](#)

[IB late work guidelines](#)

[Academic Integrity for IA](#)



General Information

Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: community25)
- **School Calendar 2023-2025:** the school calendar is available on our [website](#).
- **Managebac Guide:** for some tips on how to use Managebac please [click here](#).
- **Toddle Guide:** [Family walkthrough on web](#), [Family app walkthrough](#), [Attendance on the app for families](#), [Attendance on the web for families](#)
- **ManageBac Login:** Attendance System and Messages to Parents
- **Parent & Student Handbook:** [General Handbook](#) / [EY Handbook](#) / [PRI Handbook](#) / [SEC Handbook](#)
- **School Forms:** <https://m-school.de/community/parent-zone/msf-forms-handbook/>
- **Update your contacts:** If you have changed any of your contact details (email / mobile number/home address/employer etc.), please let us know so that all our databases can be accurately updated. <https://forms.gle/9tbgMt988KT8wNnq7>

Other information

Information from the nurse

We can all help control the spread of infectious diseases through early recognition and action. A sick student could contaminate staff and students, and this is particularly dangerous for our immuno-compromised and pregnant community members. Therefore, it is the parents responsibility to keep a sick child or a child who appears to become sick at home. Please report all cases of infectious diseases directly to our school office, as this will help us to monitor conditions and prevent the spread of illnesses. Any student suspected of having an infectious disease must be seen by a doctor, as only the doctor can properly diagnose illnesses. A list of the most common notifiable diseases and more information about them can be found [here](#).

As a quick guide, you should not send your child to school if any of the following symptoms are present:

Temperature above 38°C

Acute cold, sore throat or persistent cough

Vomiting, nausea or severe abdominal pain

Diarrhoea

Red inflamed or discharging eyes

Suspected and untreated head lice

Acute skin rashes or eruptions

Other symptoms of acute illness

Please remember, your child should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school after illness. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Notification of Head Lice: Please find detailed information from our nurse about the right treatment [here](#).

Tick information: With the beginning of spring, ticks become active. Please find detailed information [here](#).

Car Pooling: If you are interested in car pooling, you can connect with each other via an interactive map. Add your location, if interested. This is to avoid the data protection restrictions. Please have a look at [this guide](#).