

## Newsletter August 2020



# PAOLO

Paulinum International Parents  
Organisation

Dear parents

After the enormous challenges posed by the Corona pandemic before the summer, our children will start into **the new school year** tomorrow. We are happy to once again welcome some new international families at **Paulinum**. The school intends to return to a regular school life as much as possible by focusing on attendance classes and observing strict rules for health protection. We hope that this will work out, but will offer support for our international parents regardless!

Cordially, your PAOLO-team

PS: As always, all information is thoroughly researched, but we offer no guarantees! We take no responsibility for external links either. ☺

### PAOLO SCHEDULE

We are optimistic and hope that we will be able to resume our popular tradition of meetings in Münster's cafés and restaurants.

- Thursday, September 3, at 10 a.m. – our first **coffee morning** of the new school year. We'll meet at the **Brasserie** on the Promenade ([Salzstraße 35](#), 48143 Münster), maybe on the roof top terrace. A good opportunity to chat and ask questions while the kids are at school. We look forward to a relaxed and interesting morning.
- Wednesday, October 7, at 07.30 p.m – **get-together** for all old and new PAOLO families at Café **Klemens** in the Stadthaus 1 ([Klemensstraße 10](#), 48143 Münster). We'll chat, answer questions, and support each other.

**All internationally oriented families are warmly welcome to join in our activities – no matter if you have personal experience abroad or not, if you have been in Münster already for a while or are new to our city. Please bring along Paulinum parents who do not (yet) speak German or English!**

### PAOLO consultation hours:

Questions? Ideas? Worries?  
Need help getting started at Paulinum?

PAOLO offers regular consultation hours at Paulinum. To set up an appointment, please call the school office at 0251/5105000, or send an email to [paolo@paulinum.eu](mailto:paolo@paulinum.eu) and we will get in touch.

**Translations:** We're happy to help you translate school information into

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- Farsi
- French
- Japanese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- ...

Just send us a brief email and we will be in touch.

**Search/Offer/Give away:** You have just arrived in Münster and you are urgently looking for a kids' bike? You have a cupboard, table or chair to offer or give away to other PAOLO families? Just send a **brief** e-mail to [paolo@paulinum.eu](mailto:paolo@paulinum.eu) with your search/offer as well as your phone number or email address. We will publish your ad in our next newsletter.



## PAOLO

Paulinum International Parents  
Organisation

### PAULINUM – HINTS AND TRICKS

#### Corona repercussions

- The **first day of school festivities** for 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take place while observing all hygiene principles against infectious diseases, the school announced. This concept worked very well for the Abitur festivities in June – in the school yard, with social distancing, disposable gloves and elbow checks.
- **International travel programs and meetings** will only slowly and gradually return to normal – the same goes for domestic school trips as well as music and sports events.
- Paulinum conducted a [poll](#) regarding **distance learning** in Corona times. Overall, the results show great satisfaction among the students, the school says. Paulinum is now working on integrating the lessons learned during the Corona experience into regular schooling from this year on.

**PAOLO welcomes this decision. However, we think that our children would benefit most from learning in attendance classes again. A direct exchange within the class is particularly important for children with little or no knowledge of the German language.**

**Parents' conferences:** At the beginning of the school year, German schools host parents' conferences ("Klassenpflegschaftssitzungen") for all grades. Parents of a class or a year get together to talk about important topics and to elect their representatives. Class teachers also participate in these meetings.

Please attend „your“ parents' conference to get all the important information concerning your child's class and grade and to meet the other parents. If you need translation support, please contact your partner families or PAOLO at [paolo@paulinum.eu](mailto:paolo@paulinum.eu).

The dates of the parents' conferences can be found on the school's website at [TERMINE](#).

#### **Teachers' consultation**

**hours:** If you or your children have any questions or problems at school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers. The teachers have consultation hours that can be found in the [PERSONEN/KOLLEGIUM](#) section of the Paulinum homepage. You can set up an appointment by calling the school office (phone 0251/5105000). If you need any assistance or translation help, please don't hesitate to contact PAOLO at [paolo@paulinum.eu](mailto:paolo@paulinum.eu). We will do our best to support you and/or find someone who speaks your language.

#### **FALL BREAK: October 12 to 24**

Holiday schedule at:  
<https://www.schulferien.org/NRW/nrw.html>

Follow us online: You can find current activities, further information und interesting links on ...

- our Website: <https://www.paulinum.eu/personen/paolo/>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/paulinum.paolo>