

October 11, 2019



**QSI**

INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL OF **PÁPA**  
**HUNGARY**

## English Only?

### Yes, but with a few caveats

There are arguments to be made for allowing students to communicate in languages other than English, especially if they are beginners. For example:

- Providing or allowing for explanations of grammar concepts in learners' L1 (first language) speeds up the learning process.
- Students are limited in learning complex concepts through a lack of English vocabulary related to the grammar of English.
- Communicating in another language during class allows students to fill in the gaps, especially if the class is large.

Here at QSI Pápa we encourage (expect, even) students to speak English on a regular basis. Of course, we understand that for new English language learners (or at least those who haven't reached fluency) there are occasions like those mentioned above where a quick explanation in a student's native language can save a substantial amount of time in mastering concepts sooner without getting bogged down in a dictionary. We encourage this too.

However, there are certainly valid arguments for an English only classroom. For example:

- Students will learn to speak English by speaking English.
- Students who don't speak only English are also not thinking in English. Speaking only in English helps students begin speaking English internally.
- The only way to become fluent in a language is by being immersed in the language.
- An English only policy in class requires students to negotiate the learning process in English.
- Students speaking another language distract other English learners. And more importantly, often alienate those who *don't* speak that language. If everyone speaks English, everyone is included. And that, perhaps, is one of the most important reasons of all.



### Upcoming Events

- Oct 17 *Easy Lessons Film*
- Oct 18 Parent/Teacher Conf.**
- Oct 23 *Holiday (no school)*
- Oct 25 *Ind Endeavor Assembly*
- Oct 28-Nov 1 *Fall Break (no school)*

### Lunch October 14-18

- 14: Penne with four cheese sauce
- 15: Breaded pork chop with rice
- 16: Fried cheese with French fries, salad
- 17: Roasted chicken with rice and corn
- 18: Pizza salami





## UNIVERSITY FAIR

The American International School of Budapest (AISB) will be hosting the CIS University fair this year and we are invited!

The event is on Monday, November 11. We will be taking all secondary students who are interested.

CIS asks students to sign up in advance using StriveScan. StriveScan has already set up student registrations and live dashboards. Students can register using this link: [www.cois.org/Budapest](http://www.cois.org/Budapest)

Also, the college counselor from QSI Bratislava will visit Friday, November 8, for both a parent and student question/answer session. More information to follow . . .



For more information, click on "Scout Me In" below:



## HERE'S TO AN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SCHOOL YEAR!

We are excited to introduce two new support staff available to our school community for the first time at QSI Pápa.

The American military has authorized an "MFLC" (Military Family Life Counselor) to be available to our school to offer groups and workshops to our students, parents and staff on a 90 day rotation. Look for new activity period activities for the 5-11 year-olds and leadership-oriented groups for secondary students run by the MFLC. Additionally, if parents are interested, a parenting group can be organized to fit your needs. Ms. Cynthia Williams, a licensed counselor, is the current MFLC and she will be here until the end of November. We will update you on who her replacement is as the info becomes available.

Mrs Brianna Blanchard Rodgerson is a licensed counselor and parent in our QSI community who is serving as our "on call" school counselor and international student therapist. Ms. Bri's goal is to maintain a high level of morale at the school. She can provide individual, brief therapy as needed and will collaborate with teachers, students and parents to support students in post-disciplinary scenarios, and improve relationships. Ms. Bri is available for all students and teachers - and parents may contact her to consult about their child as well. She can be reached at:

bri-rodgerson@papa.qsi.org