

QMS Weekly Newsletter



November 4, 2022

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

November 4	Photo Retakes
November 4	Division 9 Field Trip: Hive Bouldering Gym
November 9	Division 5 & 6 Field Trip: Science World
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 a.m. in Gym)
November 11	Remembrance Day School closed
November 14	District Professional Development Day Students do not attend
November 17	Earthquake Drill
November 18	PAC Pizza Day (order on School Cash Online)

Principal's Message:

This week began on a festive note as students dressed up in their costumes and classes competed in activities during our Halloween Howler. Thank you to Ms. Takhar, Mr. Rai and Division 4 for organizing all the fun events!

We'd also like to thank our generous QMS community for all their support for the Halloween For Hunger food drive and the Scholastic book fair.

Meanwhile, in sports this past week, our Grade 7/8 girls volleyball team were back in actions in the Fraser North Zone championships. After finishing second in their pool on Tuesday, the team competed hard but lost during Wednesday's quarterfinal match.

Once again, with temperatures getting colder (and wetter) this week, please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather as students go outside during nutrition and lunch breaks, rain or shine.

Have a great weekend!

John Lekakis

QMS Principal
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Traffic Safety:

With the dark and rainy season comes an increased number of vehicles dropping off and picking up students. Please respect the speed limit, traffic signs and appropriate parking spaces. Please be on the look out for pedestrians near the school and Community Centre. We want to ensure our students and users of the Community Centre arrive safely at their destinations.



Breakfast Program: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Students enjoy a delicious and nutritious breakfast in the Foods Room every Wednesday morning (8:00-8:30 am) for only 50 cents.

We'd love to expand the program to more than one day per week. **If you would like to volunteer** (one hour commitment) **please email PAC Chair Josie Johnston**(qmspac2013@gmail.com).

Thank you to our community volunteers for providing this wonderful program to our students!



Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

Parent Advisory Council:

The next PAC meeting is:
Thursday, November 17 (7:00 p.m.) in the QMS Library
All parents and guardians are welcome to join!

The PAC executive can be reached at:
qmspac2013@gmail.com



Events and Reminders:

Remembrance Day Poppy Campaign:



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2 provides poppies for all our staff and students, and is collecting cash donations for the 2022 Poppy Campaign. Poppies will be distributed on Thursday, November 10 prior to our Remembrance Day Assembly. Any donations will be gratefully accepted and can be sent to school with your child. Thank you for your support!

Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order lunches for November at:

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/online-ordering/>

Orders and changes must be made by noon, two days in ad-



Lost and Found:



Our Lost and Found is already overflowing with items. Please encourage your child to regularly check the Lost and Found for items that may belong to them.

About 4 times a year, unclaimed items are donated to charity. Parents are welcome to check the Lost and Found which is located across the hall from the office.

Student Cell Phone/Electronics Use: PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD



- Personal electronic devices are allowed in classrooms for **educational purposes** where permission has been granted by parents or guardians.
- Electronics used for personal purposes will not be permitted in the hallways during the day or outside during recess and lunch at QMS or on school field trips. Students who bring personal electronic devices (such as cell phones, ipods, etc.) do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for loss of or damage to these devices.
- If students do bring electronic devices to school, these items **must be locked in their lockers during the school day** unless they are being used for educational purposes under the direct supervision of staff.
- Any devices being used in the hallway or outside during the day for other than supervised educational purposes will be kept at the office and returned at the end of the school day. After the first occurrence, parents/guardians will be asked to attend the school to pick up their child's cell phone.
- **Students may use their cells phones or the phone at the office to contact parents/guardians during the day with office staff permission & supervision.**
- If you need to reach your child(ren) during the school day, we request that you **do not** call or text their cell phone as this is disruptive to the learning environment. Instead, please call the school office if you must reach your child(ren) during the school day.

QMS School Technology Rules & Consequences:

Do:

- Technology is to be used for schoolwork
 - ◊ MS Teams, Coding, & 3D Print Design
- Research
 - ◊ Library Website (book catalogue & research tools): <http://qmslibrary.blogspot.ca/>
 - ◊ Use credible websites: Trust your gut. If not sure, ask an adult.

Don't:

- No social media/cyberbullying
- No recording or filming (without permission and supervision from an adult)
- No nudity, swear words, or realistic violence
- No games (without permission from an adult)
- No recess and lunch use (without permission and supervision from an adult)

Web traffic is monitored by our IT Department

Using technology as a tool is a privilege.

Abuse it and lose it!

Consequences:

1. Meet with Teacher/Principal
2. Call to Parents or Guardians (or Police, if necessary)
3. Letter to Parents/Meet with Parents
4. Lose privileges and do all work on paper. Increased adult supervision if privileges earned back.



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Important Reminders:

Youth Drop In:



Queensborough Community Centre staff is running Youth Drop In sessions at QMS on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays after school. Open to all Grades 6-8 students.

Drop-in is normally \$1 per visit, or students can purchase a year-long pass for \$20. For more info, please visit:

www.newwestyouth.ca

Reporting Student Absences:

Call or email Queensborough Middle School at:

604-517-6040

Email: queensborough@sd40.bc.ca

Please notify the school by **9:00 a.m.** if you know your child will be absent or late for school. You may leave a phone message (please include your child's name and division #) at the school anytime of the day or night.

Please cut this out and put it on your fridge!

Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather of Other Hazards:

As Winter is fast approaching, we would like to remind parents and guardians of the following:

- The District will endeavor to keep all schools open provided that safety can be ensured for students and staff.
- Should schools be closed, announcements will be made over CKNW and CBC radio stations early enough in the day (usually before 6:30 a.m.) to allow parents to have students remain at home. Phone calls & emails will also be made to parents who are part of our School Messenger Automated Calling System.
- If the school is open, but a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make alternate arrangements for their child. In these instances, please call the school at **(604) 517-6040**. A message can be left at anytime to report an absence.

School Cash Online: **Online Consent Forms**

Thank you to parents and guardians for registering with School Cash Online and completing our online consent forms. We have consent forms completed for over 97% of our students; however, we need forms completed for all of our students so that they can participate in school activities such as:

- * the Fruit and Veggie program
- * walking field trips (such as last week's Terry Fox Run)
- * lessons using the internet and our school's Chrome books, MS Teams, and Discovery Education online
- * having their photos published in the yearbook, etc.

Consent forms are a no cost item meaning there is no fee charged for completing these.

QMS Learning Goal for 2022.2023:

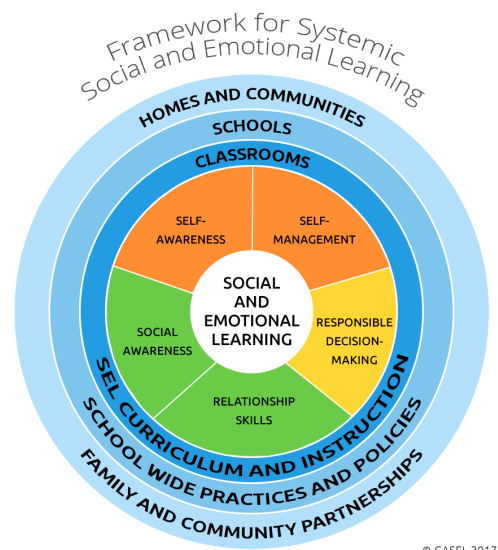
For the upcoming school year, our staff will continue with our learning focus towards Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Our goal is to develop the five SEL competencies with our students: self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, social awareness and responsible decision-making. As we chart our course for this year, please read our [21.22.School Learning Plan QMS](#) for more details.

Decision-Making Quotes

"INTEGRITY IS DOING THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING."



"IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO STOP AND GO DOWN A DIFFERENT PATH."





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QCC Drop-in:



Dear QMS Students and Parents/Guardians,

City of New Westminster Youth Services runs after school Drop-in programs at QMS for Grade 6, 7, and 8 students. Drop-ins are held in the Multi-purpose Room and Gymnasium.

What is Drop-in?

New West Youth Services facilitates drop-in programs that have less structure than a traditional recreation program. This leaves room for the youth to be the leaders of their experience and allowing the program to have a low barrier to entry to create a space where everyone is welcome. Youth can hang out with friends, play sports, challenge our staff to a game or create their own fun! We like to think of our middle school drop-in programs as a first step to independence. This means youth are able to come and go as they please, with parameters set up for them with parents and guardians. Don't worry -we have trained youth workers on every shift to ensure safety!

QMS Drop-in Schedule:

Mondays, 3:15 – 5:15pm
Wednesdays, 3:15 – 5:15pm
Fridays, 3:15 – 9:00pm

How much is Drop-in?

\$1.00 per visit or free with membership.

Youth Services Annual Membership costs \$20.00 – valid for 1 year from the date of purchase. Membership includes access to Middle School Drop-ins and discounted prices on some programs and events. Memberships can be purchased at QMS Drop-in or any City Recreation Facility.

We encourage everyone to visit www.newwestyouth.ca and our Instagram [@newwestyouth](https://www.instagram.com/newwestyouth) for the latest information about our programs.

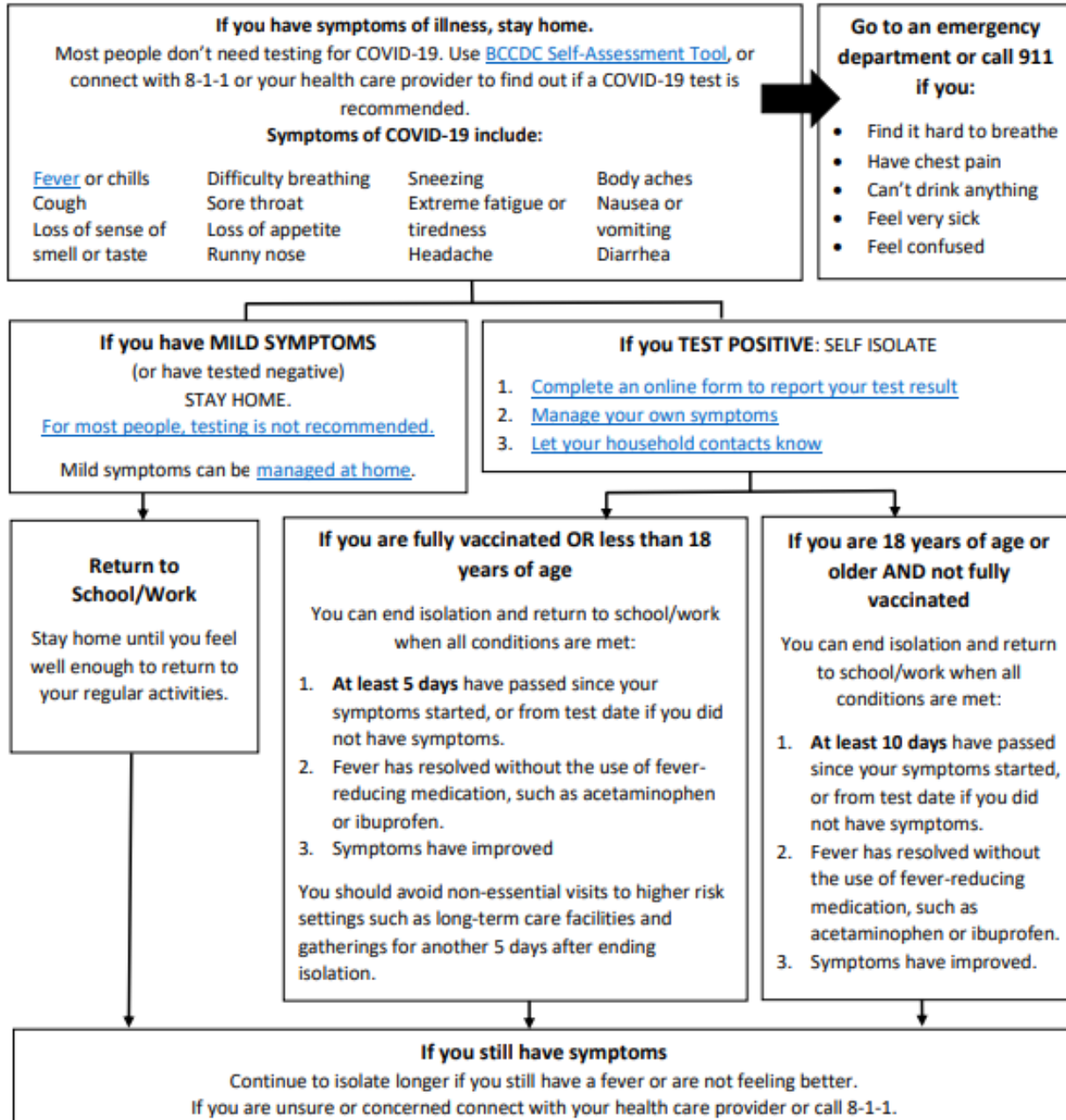
Questions about QMS Drop-ins?

QMS/Neighbourhood Youth Worker
Michelle Murray
604.834.0319
mmurray@newwestcity.ca



What To Do When Sick:

Summary: What to Do When Sick



What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at:

[Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)