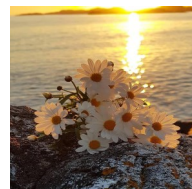


QMS Weekly Newsletter



September 15, 2023

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

September 15	Welcome Back Assembly in the Gym
September 18	Professional Development Day Students do not attend
September 19	Fuel Up Lunch Program begins for participating students
September 19	Fruit & veggie delivery (blueberries)
September 20	Breakfast program begins (Wed. & Fri.) 8 a.m. in the Foods Room
September 20	PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting 7:15 p.m. in the Library
September 21	Picture Day: morning only
September 21	Fire Drill
September 29	Terry Fox Run 1:30 p.m. Volunteers needed
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
October 2	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation School closed

Welcome to the following new staff members:

- ♦ Jesse Greenway - Grade 6/7 Teacher
- ♦ Harriet Averill - Grade 8 Teacher
- ♦ Kim Byrne - Resource Teacher
- ♦ Nataliya Chorna - ELL Teacher
- ♦ Zsuzsanna Viragh - Resource Teacher
- ♦ Linda Nguyen - Education Assistant
- ♦ Christina Mills - Education Assistant
- ♦ Cassidy Mcleod - Education Assistant
- ♦ Shane Lee - Education Assistant
- ♦ Peter Fiorini - Education Assistant



On Friday, we had to say goodbye, to one of our resource teachers, Ms. Virani, who is taking a leave for the year.

Principal's Message:

With our first full week complete, students have now settled into their classroom schedules and routines, including their first rotation of exploratory classes. The week ended on a very energetic note as the entire school gathered in the Gym for our Welcome Back assembly. During this time, students were introduced to all our staff, learned about ways to get involved in school activities, teams and clubs; and also discovered the title of this year's winter musical production—Moana! The musical a wonderful community-building event for our entire school. Audition information and opportunities to get involved will be shared during our morning announcements.



A reminder to families that on Monday the school will be closed to students due to the district-wide Professional Development Day. In addition, the Fuel Up lunch program is rolling out next week for those families that wish to order food items for their child. We also have our breakfast program starting up on Wednesday (between 8:00-8:30 a.m.). We would like to offer it on Fridays (and other days) this year, however, that is determined solely by the availability of volunteers. If any parents or grand-parents are interested in helping out with our breakfast program, please reach out to Don Doyle at ddedoyle@shaw.ca.

At QMS we invite families to take an active interest in the school and your child's progress. A strong connection between home and school is key to optimizing each student's success. Your involvement matters! Whether you're able to offer a little or a lot of time, please consider participating in school activities. Parents/guardians are invited to attend the first PAC meeting on **Wednesday, September 20 at 7:15 p.m.** (Library) to find out about how you can be involved in our wonderful QMS community.

Enjoy your weekend!

John Lekakis



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run is scheduled for **Friday, September 29** (1:30 p.m.). We need volunteers to take up posts along the route. If you are able to help, please email our QMS PAC at: qmspac2013@gmail.com



Breakfast Program begins September 20: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Students can 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 Leanne Mackie (qmspac2013@gmail.com).

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



Leaving School at Lunchtime

We have a closed campus at QMS.

We ask that students stay at school and not leave the school property and the adjacent park during lunchtime between 11:55 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.



Students may go home for lunch **only** if they have a permission form signed by their parent or guardian.

This form must be completed each year and is available at the office. **Please ask!** This form is for going home, not for visiting the Community Centre or a store.

Student Planners:

The planner is a powerful organizational tool for students and an important means of communication between parents and teachers.

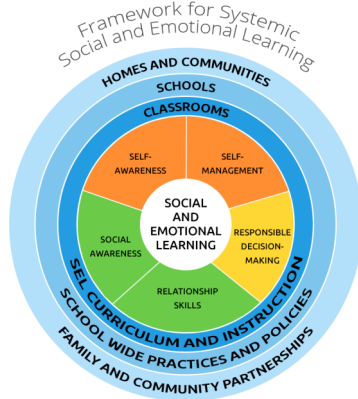


Students are expected to write homework assignments in their planners each day, and we ask that parents sign the planner each evening.

The cost of the planner is \$10 and can be purchased through School Cash Online.

QMS Learning Goal for 2023.2024

For the upcoming school year, our staff is exploring areas of professional learning and will soon decide our learning focus for the coming year. For the last two year's our goal focused on developing the five SEL competencies with our students: self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, social awareness and responsible decision-making. For your reference, please read our [22.23.School Learning Plan QMS](#).



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!

School Routines and Expectations:

School Mission:

At Queensborough Middle School we are dedicated to working together within a safe, caring, respectful learning environment to enable all students to reach their full potential as life-long learners and contributing global citizens.

QMS Values:

At Queensborough Middle School we value:

- ♦ respect for ourselves and others
- ♦ respect for learning
- ♦ respect for the environment

MISSION



VISION



VALUES



QMS Vision:

- ♦ Our vision is that our students reach their full potential as caring, self-motivated people with good self-esteem and high standards.
- ♦ Our students are preparing to be contributing members of the global community through the development of life-long learning skills.
- ♦ Our local community is important to us and we are working together to share resources and develop appreciation of our heritage and history.

Reminders About the School Timetable:

- The first bell rings at **8:31 a.m.** Students may enter the school at **8:25 a.m.** (There is no supervision from staff members before or after school.)
- Nutrition Break is from **10:25 to 10:40 a.m.** (Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks **and** dress for the weather as we are outside most days.)
- Lunch is at **11:55 to 12:45 p.m.** Students play outside first and come inside to eat their lunch at **12:25 p.m.**
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.
- Students are dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**

Bell Schedule

8:31 a.m.	Welcoming Bell
8:36 a.m.	CHAT begins
8:40 a.m.	Morning classes begin
10:10 a.m.	Nutrition Break/recess
10:25 a.m.	Morning classes continue
11:55 a.m.	Lunch begins (outside)
12:25 p.m.	Students inside to eat
12:45 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

Bell Schedule

QMS Band:

Any Grade 5-8 students interested in joining the QMS Band program, please let Ms. Stephen know. QMS Band sign-up forms can be picked up at the office.



Youth Drop In Is Back!

Queensborough Community Centre staff will be running Youth Drop In sessions at QMS on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays after school. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit: www.newwestyouth.ca
 Monday & Wednesday 3:15 – 5:15pm
 Friday 3:15 – 9:00pm (dinner included)



Join us for games, sports, crafts, karaoke, baking & cooking. Watch for info coming soon on the Leaders In Training program, and a new program – Voices of India.

Drop-In fee is \$1 per time, or \$21 for year pass. Year pass must be purchased at the Community Centre.

Questions? Email Val at vmckinnon@newwestcity.com or

Upcoming Events and Reminders:



School Routines and Expectations:

QMS Code of Conduct

The QMS Code of Conduct follows the guidelines of the BC Human Rights Code. QMS Staff, Students, Parents and any visitors to the school are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

The purpose of the QMS Code of Conduct and Code of Consequences:

- ◆ To establish and maintain a safe, caring and orderly environment for purposeful learning
- ◆ To clarify and publish expectations for student behavior at school, going to and from school, and while attending any school function or activity at any location
- ◆ To promote the values expressed in the **BC Human Rights Code** respecting the right of all individuals in accordance with the law-prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation or gender identity-in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school.

Acceptable Behaviour for QMS Students:

- ◆ Showing Respect, Compassion and Integrity
- ◆ Respecting self, others, the learning environment and the surrounding environment
- ◆ Helping to make the school a safe, caring and orderly place
- ◆ Informing an adult, in a timely manner (in advance, if possible) of incidents of bullying, harassment or intimidation
- ◆ Engaging in purposeful learning activities in a timely manner
- ◆ Acting in a manner that brings credit to QMS

Unacceptable Conduct for QMS Students:

- ◆ Behaviours that:
 - Interfere with the learning of others
 - Interfere with an orderly environment
 - Create unsafe conditions
- ◆ Acts of:
 - Bullying, harassment or intimidation
 - Physical violence
 - Retribution against a person who has reported incidents
 - Discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity (prohibited grounds set out in the **BC Human Rights Code**)
- ◆ Illegal acts, such as:
 - Possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances
 - Possession or use of weapons
 - Theft of or damage to property



The unacceptable behaviours listed in the Code of Consequences are examples only and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list.

A student's medical, cognitive, social-emotional and personal profile must be considered in the determination of appropriate interventions and/or consequences. Therefore, the application of the school's Code of Conduct must take into account the student's ability to meet behavioural expectations.

Disciplinary action, wherever possible, is preventative and restorative, rather than merely punitive. The purpose of consequences for unacceptable behavior is to help students learn from mistakes and be proactive about preventing further inappropriate behaviour.

**RESPECT &
RESPONSIBILITY**

Safety First:

Safety to and from School:

Parents and Guardians:

Please take care when dropping off and picking up your children from school:

- ⇒ Drive slowly in the vicinity of the school and park
- ⇒ Watch for pedestrians
- ⇒ Don't stop in or block the crosswalks
- ⇒ Please park in legal, designated areas



Students:

Be Aware of Your Surroundings:

Pay attention when walking to and from school.

Watch out for moving vehicles at driveways, back lanes and parking lots. If you are listening to music, remove an ear piece before crossing the street or walking in less populated areas.

Team Up:

It is safer and more fun to walk to school with family or friends. If something unusual happens on your way to or from school, report the incident immediately to an adult you know and trust.

Check the school website for our “Best Routes to School” brochure for maps and safety tips for walking and cycling to school, and the following link for Back to School Safety Tips:

<https://www.tranbc.ca/2015/09/01/prepare-to-be-schooled-bc-is-back-to-school/>

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards:

Many students ride bikes, scooters or skateboards to school. For your child's safety, please ensure that they are wearing an approved helmet. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Scooters & skateboards can be stored in the blue cage located by near the counselling office.



Personal electronic devices:

If students have an electronic device that they want to use for personal reasons on the way to and from school, they must lock it in their locker as soon as they arrive.

At times, teachers may permit students to bring their devices into the classroom for educational purposes; otherwise they should be secured in their lockers. Emergency phone calls can be made at the office during the day.

Personal items brought to school are at the student's own risk and QMS is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

Upcoming QCC Special Events:

- Pro-D Day Youth Swim on September 18th from 2:15-3:45pm at Moody park Outdoor Pool
- Pro-D Day Drop-In on September 18th at QCC from 3:30-6:30pm with Nick & Camille
- QMS Membership Day on September 25th. Buy your annual drop-in membership for only \$21
- Drop-In Volleyball Tournament on September 29th at 3:15pm
- Youth Skate on October 14th from 8:15-9:45pm at Moody Park Arena
- Schools Out – Babysitter Training on October 20th from 8:30am-4:30pm at Queens Park Arena



More info on all these great programs can be found at newwestyouth.ca or email Val at vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca



QMS Community School Programs:

Click [here](#) to register



Community School Programs at QMS!

SUPERCOOKS (Grades 6-8)

Have you ever wished you could make delicious meals at home? Join SUPERCOOKS and learn some kitchen skills, recipes, and nutrition.

Queensborough Middle School - Home Ec. Room

Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00pm

Session 1: Oct 4 - Oct 25 *no class Oct 18*

Session 2: Oct 27 - Nov 15

Registration Fee: Free



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Python Coding (Grades 6-8)

With endless possibilities, Python Playground is where your coding adventure begins. Whether you aspire to be a game developer or just want to explore the world of coding.

Queensborough Middle School - Computer Lab

Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Date: Nov 2 - Dec 7 (6 sessions)

Registration Fee: Free

To submit your registration application, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/eyumpBjnZH>

Forms must be submitted by Monday, September 18th. Participants will be selected via a random draw. If your child is selected for the program, you will be contacted for confirmation.

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools

Phone: 604-517-6291 E-mail: communityschools@sd40.bc.ca

Check out our friends for more program opportunities at :



Online Consent Forms:

SchoolCashOnline
KEV GROUP

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

Register Today!

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.

1. Create Your Profile

Go to our school website at queensboroughschool.ca click the "Fees and Forms" button and then the green "REGISTER AND LOGIN HERE" link or go to: <https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".

2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

☒ I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

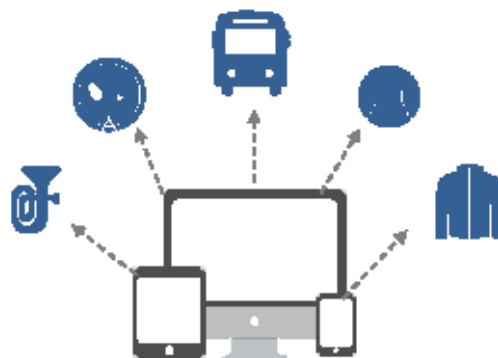
3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.



Which payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date.

Interac Online

Pay directly from your bank account with Interac Online.



For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

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