

QMS Weekly Newsletter



September 22, 2023

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

September 25	QMS Girls Volleyball home game vs TBA
September 27	QMS Girls Volleyball away game at TBA
September 27	District FSA Parent Info Session (6pm) MS Teams Link
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 29	PAC Pizza Day
September 29	Terry Fox Run (1:15 p.m.) - Volunteers needed
October 2	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation School closed
October 3	FSA administration begins for Grade 7 classes

PAC Pizza Day: **Friday, September 29**

Reminder to place your pizza order through School Cash Online. Each slice is \$2.50.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time on pizza day, please send an email to: qmspac2013@gmail.com



Moana Audition Information Meeting: **Monday, Sept. 25 in the Music Room (recess)**

We are very excited for our winter musical production of Moana (on December 14). The musical is a wonderful community-building event for our entire school.

Any students interested in auditioning for Moana are invited to attend an information meeting in the Music Room at recess on Monday (Sept. 25). Students will learn about the audition schedule, the commitment required, and ways to get involved with the musical.



Principal's Message:

It was a short but busy week for QMS students as they continued with their routines, schedules and exploratory classes. This week the Fuel Up lunch program was rolled out for students, as was our first breakfast program offering of the year (on Wednesday). We would like to offer the breakfast program on Fridays (and other days) this year, however, that is determined solely by the availability of volunteers. If any parents or grand-parents are able to help out with our breakfast program (1 hour commitment), please reach out to Don Doyle at ddedoyle@shaw.ca.

On Wednesday, we had our first QMS PAC meeting of the year. Getting involved with our PAC is a great way to take an active interest in the school. Whether you're able to offer a little or a lot of time, please consider participating in school activities by reaching out to our QMS PAC Chair, Leanne Mackie (qmspac2013@gmail.com).

In sports, our Grade 8 girls volleyball team played a pair of road games this week. The team played well in both games, earning a win at FRMS on Monday, but coming up short at STM on Wednesday. Way to go Tsunami! Come out to the QMS Gym after school on Monday to cheer on the girls for their first home game of the season.

Next week, QMS will be recognizing Truth and Reconciliation Week, with lessons and activities throughout the week, and culminating with Orange Shirt Day on Friday. Also on Friday, the QMS PAC will be having their first Pizza Day fundraiser of the year. After lunch, students will be able to burn off that pizza by participating in our annual Terry Fox Run (beginning at 1:15 p.m.). Throughout the week classes will be collecting donations that will go towards cancer research in honour of Terry's legacy. If families are able to help out in any way, either with volunteering their time for the run, or by donations, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend!

John Lekakis



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run is scheduled for **Friday, September 29** (1:15 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.

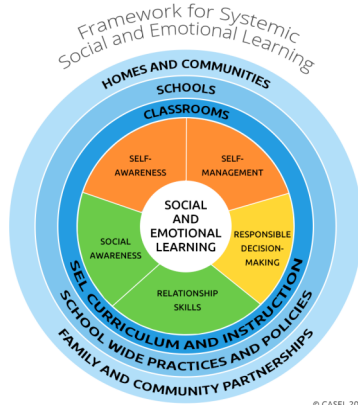
We'd love to expand the program to more than one day per week. If you would like to volunteer (one hour commitment) please email PAC Chair Leanne Mackie (qmspac2013@gmail.com).

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



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](#).



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.

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 80% 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 this 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.



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



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

Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order lunches at:

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

Orders and changes must be made by noon, two days in advance of delivery.



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 find us online at newwestyouth.ca

QMS Sports:



Grade 8 Girls
Volleyball games
at FRMS & STM



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 you child's safety, **please ensure that they are wearing an approved helmet.** Thank you for helping 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:

- QMS Membership Day on September 25th. Buy your annual drop-in membership for only \$21
- Voices of India program begins on Tuesday, Sept 26th 3:30 at Queensborough Community Centre
- 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
- Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Sept 29th at Drop-In
- 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 - space still available!



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



FAMILY SERVICES
of Greater Vancouver

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 :



Intro to Coding:



LEARN CODING FROM TECH INDUSTRY PROS



Middle Years: Intro to Coding

\$368 / grades 6-9

Get an early introduction to the basics of coding like variables, loops and functions in this after-school program. You will learn to design and code using the Swift programming language on Swift Playgrounds--available on iPad or Mac. There are 3 levels to this program, each one building on the fundamentals learned from the previous level.

Join us on this fun and exciting adventure! Attend our info sessions and register now. No prior experience necessary.

Online sessions every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm (level 1) or 5:30 pm to 6:16 pm (level 2).

For more information, visit gameofapps.org or scan the QR code.

Registration for early bird discount is Sep. 30th, 2023
Registration deadline is Oct. 16th, 2023



Preparing Youth for 21st Century Careers

Game of Apps:

ENTER APPLE'S STUDENT COMPETITION



Swift Student Challenge

\$428 / returning students (\$228 after district subsidy, limited quantities)

New this year, returning GoA students may join our Swift Student Challenge program where we prepare students to enter Apple's annual competition. You will build an iOS app incorporating some of Apple's latest technologies: SwiftUI, fetching server data, device capabilities such as motion sensors and multi-touch gestures, using the camera, and machine learning.

Past winners have won Apple-branded swag and a chance to attend WWDC-- Apple's worldwide developers conference--to meet with Apple's executives. Join us for this exciting opportunity!

Sessions are online every Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

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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.

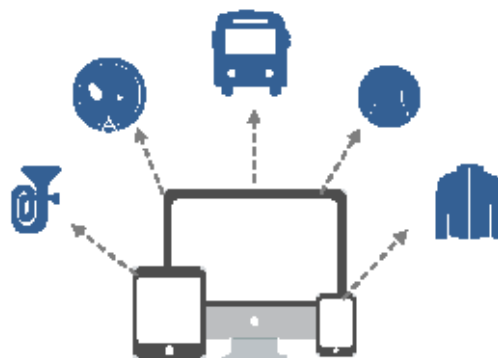
3. Add a Student

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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