



Queensborough Middle School
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Dear students, parents and caregivers,

Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to welcoming all our students, new and returning, to QMS on Tuesday September 5th. We have been working hard to ensure that the school is ready for all our students and staff to return. Over the summer, our school was fortunate to have the exterior of the building painted and the roof replacement completed.

Meanwhile, if you are receiving this letter and your child will not be returning to QMS as they are moving to a different school, please let the office know as soon as possible. Likewise, if you are taking an extended vacation, please make sure your parent/guardian lets the office know approximately what day you will return (as we don't want you to lose your spot at QMS because we don't know where you are). Parents can let the office know by calling 604-517-6040 or by email (queensborough@sd40.bc.ca).

With respect to health and safety, we just wanted to pass along a few reminders:

- Each day parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing the health of any student who will be attending school.
- Do not attend school or work if you are sick.
- Mask wearing will continue to be supported as a personal choice. For the time being, disposable masks will continue to be available at each site for those who need or want one.

Our schedule will remain the same as last year. The warning bell will ring at 8:31 a.m. and classes will begin at 8:36 a.m., with the school day ending at 3:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, September 5th, students in grades 5, 6 and 7 will be attending for approximately one hour (between 8:36 - 9:36 a.m.). The grade 8 students will be



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attending for most of day and will be **dismissed at 1:45 p.m.**, as there will be lessons and team-building activities planned for them. All grade 8 students are asked to pack a lunch and bring their water bottles for Tuesday. This scheduling difference is based on ministry requirements for instructional time, which is higher for grade 8 than grades 5 - 7.

Please visit our website for more information at <https://queensboroughschool.ca/>. We are still in the process of making updates for this year but this is a great place to find things such as our school supply lists, school expectations, and instructions on how to use the MyEd BC parent portal, School Cash Online, and access permission forms (<https://queensboroughschool.ca/parents/notices-information/school-calendar>).

Below is the schedule for Tuesday, September 5th (8:36 a.m.):

All Grade 8 students (both returning and new students) will meet on the grass field.

All Grade 6 & 7 students will meet with their **last year's** teacher.

- Div. 5 - Room 206 - Riel Villeneuve
- Div. 6 - Room 208 - Apinder Sekhon
- Div. 7 - Room 201 - Angie Takhar
- Div. 8 - Room 216 - Colleen Carrington
- Div. 9 - Room 214 - Marc Rouleau
- Div.10 - Room 132 - Alex Pichler (TBA)
- Div.11 - Room 203 - Gurmeet Grewall
- Div.12 - Room 124 - Heather Scharf
- Div.13 - Portable 6 - Peter Ha
- Div.14 - Portable 4 - Kim Johal

All Grade 5 students from QE (registered) will meet in the Gym.

All **new** Grade 5, 6, 7 students will meet in the Multi Purpose Room.

When grade 5 - 7 students are dismissed (at 9:36 a.m.), they are asked to go home, as there are still grade 8 classes in session.



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On Wednesday, September 6 all students will be attending for the full day. Please make sure that your child brings their lunch, water bottle and school supplies with them. On Wednesday, Grade 8 students will go directly to their new classrooms, while all Grade 6 and 7 students will again meet with their last year's teachers, and all Grade 5 students will meet in the Gym.

I would like to introduce some of the new staff that will be starting at QMS in September. All staffing updates will be shared in the QMS newsletter during the first week.

- *Ms. Byrne (resource teacher) who is replacing Ms. Virani (going on leave)
- *Ms. Chorna (ELL teacher) who is replacing Ms. Cheung (going to NWSS)
- *Ms. Viragh (resource teacher) is joining us this year
- *Ms. Nguyen & Ms. Mills are joining our EA team this year

Once again, we are thrilled to have all the students back at school and looking forward to another amazing school experience for both students and staff this year. Enjoy the last few days of summer!

Take care.

John Lekakis
QMS Principal