

QMS Weekly Newsletter



September 29, 2023

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

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| September 29 | Orange Shirt Day & Terry Fox Run |
| October 2 | National Day of Truth and Reconciliation School closed |
| October 3 | FSA administration begins for Grade 7 classes |
| October 4 | QMS Girls Volleyball home game vs EGMS |
| October 11 | Thanksgiving Day School Closed |
| October 12 | Shelter in Place, Hold & Secure & Lockdown drills |
| October 17 | Fruit & Veggie delivery (plums) |

Principal's Message:

This past week seemed more eventful for QMS students with each passing day. Thanks to our parent volunteers we are pleased to announce that the breakfast program is back up an running on Wednesdays and Fridays.

In sports, our Grade 8 girls volleyball team played a pair of home games and won them both! Congrats to the players and coaches as they played well in both games against Byrne Creek (Monday) and John Knox (Wednesday). Way to go Tsunami! Special thanks to all the fans that cheered on the girls for both games!

On Thursday, Ms. Takhar's students displayed the projects they've been working on during their fall science fair. It was great to have so many QMS & QE students check out all the cool projects in the MPR.

In honour of Truth and Reconciliation Week, classes were actively engaged in lessons and activities throughout the week - culminating with Orange Shirt Day on Friday. On Friday morning, classes from all three New Westminster middle schools participated in a virtual presentation with a focus on Reconciliation (which was facilitated by our district's Indigenous Education teacher, Amelia Laidlaw).

Meanwhile, on Friday afternoon - following our first PAC Pizza Day of the year - students and staff participated in our annual Terry Fox Run. Thank you to our Grade 8 classes for organizing such a fun event, and for coordinating all the classroom collections. As was announced on Friday, we raised over \$1300 towards cancer research - way to go QMS! Division 5 led the school in class donations, followed by Division 13 and 12. Since we surpassed our goal of \$1000, Mr. Villeneuve's class (Div.5) gets to decide which colour Ms. Scharf will dye her hair! Thank you Ms. Scharf for being such a great sport! Thank you as well to our PAC for donating all the juice boxes for our students and for helping supervise along the route!

Have a great weekend!

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order October 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.



Moana Audition Reminders:

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.

With auditions underway, all those students who have expressed interest in auditioning for Moana must make sure they attend their posted audition times. Auditions times/dates are posted on the bulletin board outside of the Music Room. Students are expected to be responsible for making sure they are punctual, attentive and prepared in meeting their obligations and commitments for the musical audition process.



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

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.

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.

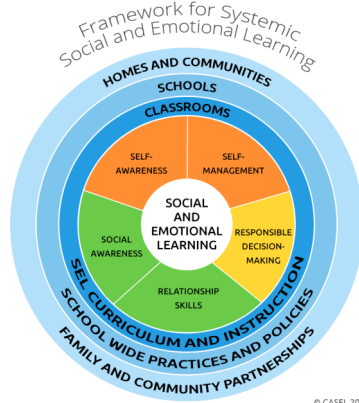
We'd love to expand the program to more than one day per week. If you would like to volunteer (one hour commitment) please email PAC Chair Leanne Mackie (qmmpac2013@gmail.com).

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

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| 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

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 cage located by near the counselling 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.

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 Terry Fox Run:



QCC:

Upcoming QCC Special Events: Join us afterschool on Mon, Wed, and Friday at 3:15pm for Drop-In.

- Voices of India program begins on Tuesdays at 3:30 at Queensborough Community Centre
- 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 Monday Sampler activities begin October 16th – 4 Mondays of ‘Eats and Treats Baking’ followed by 4 Mondays of ‘Mindfulness activities’
- There are no Drop-In programs on Monday, Oct 2nd (Truth & Reconciliation) or on Monday, Oct. 9th (Thanksgiving)

Drop-In Programs for Grade 5:

- Open Sports on Monday from 3-4:30pm at QCC.
- Wake Up, Get Moving, from 8-8:45am Monday to Friday at QCC.
- After-School Games, hosted by New West Library at QCC, Wednesdays 3-4pm



All Ages:

- Family Halloween Party at QCC called ‘Fangtastic Family Fun’ on Friday, Oct 27th from 5-7pm. Dress up and enjoy games, activities, and crafts.

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

Fall 2023 Drop-in Schedule

| YOUTH DROP-IN SCHEDULE | | | | | |
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| Effective September 4 - December 22, 2023 | | | | | |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| YOUTH CENTRE • 620 Eighth Street • 604.515.3801 • 13 - 18 years | | | | | |
| Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm | Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm | Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm | Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm | Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 11:00 pm | Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 11:00 pm |
| Badminton 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Youth DJ Program 3:30 - 5:30 pm | Art Attack 3:30 - 5:30pm | Proud Place 3:30 - 5:00 pm | Youth Culinary Kitchen 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Badminton 5:30 - 7:00 pm |
| | | | City Squad 5:30 - 7:00 pm | | |
| | | | Music Scene Jam Session 6:30 - 8:30 pm | | |
| Register for Youth Centre Fitness Centre at newwestcity.ca/youthdropin | | | | | |
| QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE • 920 Ewen Avenue • 604.834.0319 • 11 - 18 years | | | | | |
| | Voices of India 3:30 - 5:30 pm | | | Basketball 5:00 - 10:00 pm | |
| | | | | Friday Drop-in 5:30 - 10:00 pm | |
| FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL • 800 Queens Avenue • 604.834.0320 • 11 - 13 years GLENBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL • 701 Park Crescent • 604.834.0303 • 11 - 13 years QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL • 833 Salter Street • 604.834.0319 • 11 - 13 years | | | | | |
| Specialty Sampler 3:15 - 5:15 pm | | Leaders in Training 3:15 - 5:15pm | | Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm | |
| Glenbrook Middle DJ Program 3:15 - 5:15 pm | | | | | |

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**

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



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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

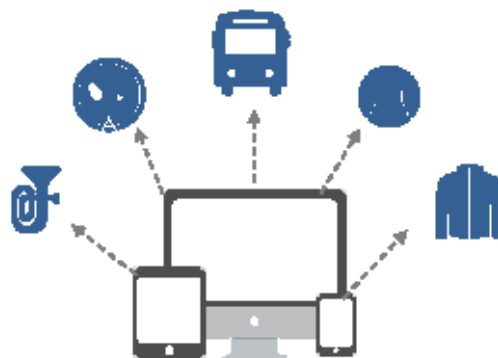
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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

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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