

# QMS Weekly Newsletter



December 8, 2023

**QMS Tsunami**

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

December 8	QMS PAC Pizza Day
December 12-13	Moana dress rehearsals in the Gym
December 14	Winter Musical Production: Moana Jr. Matinee show: 1:15 p.m. Evening show: 7:00 p.m.
December 15	First term report cards published (MyEd BC)
December 22	Last Day of School before Winter Break
January 8	School Reopens after Winter Break
January 10	Discover New West School Event (5:30-8:30): <a href="https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/discover-new-westminster-schools/">https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/discover-new-westminster-schools/</a>

### QMS PAC Announcements:

**\*50/50 Tickets** - will be sold at the winter musical at both the afternoon and evening shows to raise funds for QMS. Bring your cash or cards.



**\*LuvinLunch** - take the stress away from making lunch everyday. LovinLunch is a food order company focused on lunches for kids. All orders placed through this link <https://www.lovinlunch.ca/qmspac> 25% goes back to QMS PAC. This program will run till the end of June 2024.

### Principal's Message:

In sports, it was another week of road games for our Grade 8 Boys Basketball team as the QMS squad battled hard in losses to Burnaby North and Burnaby Central (overtime). It's great to see the team coming together and improving with each passing game. The team will be off next week but will resume playing games on December 18 (at John Knox) and December 20 (at STM). Go Tsunami!

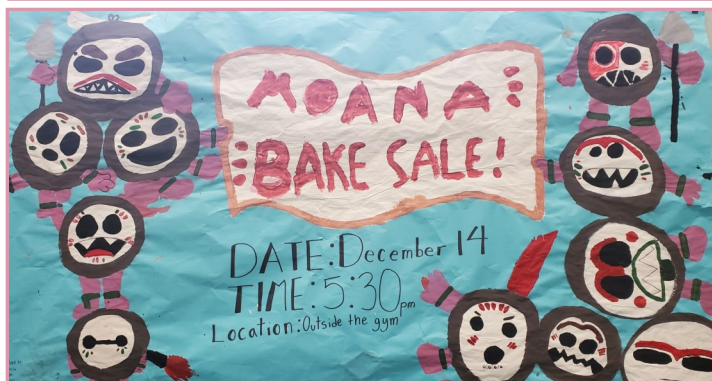
This past week our Moana preparations were ramping up into overdrive! Everywhere you look in QMS, students are rehearsing scenes, singing songs, designing and building sets and backdrops, creating and gathering props, organizing hair and make-up products, coordinating costumes - and the list goes on! We are so looking forward to sharing all these efforts & talents with our entire QMS community.

The winter musical is a wonderful community-building event for our school. Our expectation is that all students in the school will be participating in both the **1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. shows**. All classes (except for actors & back-stage crew) will be on the risers to the left and right of center stage during the actual performance to sing and/or participate in the chorus. In preparation for the evening performance, all cast members are asked to be at the school by 6:00 p.m. All other students are expected to be in their classrooms at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14**. The performances are approximately 75 minutes each.

Last Friday our Moana ticket sales went live and each person attending must have a ticket to enter. As of Friday, December 8, we've released additional tickets. Adult tickets are \$12.00 each and high school students are \$8.00 each (no refunds will be given). Children under 12 are free but must have a ticket to attend. Families can purchase tickets through School Cash Online (until Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 9:00 p.m.) - and there will only be a limited amount of tickets available for purchase at the door. Don't be disappointed, order your tickets today!

Enjoy your weekend!

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



## Inside QMS: Catching a glimpse of Moana preparations





## Reminders:

### 2023-24 Yearbook:

Hello QMS families: If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please use the link below. Please keep a record of your order, as last year we had a few purchase more than one by accident. Thanks! Yearbook Team

Purchase a yearbook at:

[www.ybpay.lifetouch.ca](http://www.ybpay.lifetouch.ca)

ID Code: 13411624

Cost: \$26.50



### 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.

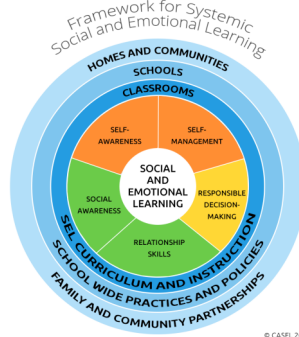
Students may go home for lunch **only** if they have a permission form signed by their parent or guardian.

This form **must be completed/signed 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.



### QMS Learning Goal for 2023.2024

For the upcoming school year, our staff has decided 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. This year we aim to develop and transfer these SEL skills so students can navigate technology and the online world. Our school learning plan is on our school website.



### 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.



### Reporting Student Absences:

Call or email Queensborough Middle School at:

**604-517-6040**

Email: [queensborough@sd40.bc.ca](mailto: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 (or email) anytime of the day or night.

**Please cut this out and put it on your fridge!**



### Breakfast Program: **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 ([qmispac2013@gmail.com](mailto:qmispac2013@gmail.com)).

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

## 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.

### Dress for the Weather:

Students go outside for fresh air and exercise during recess, lunch and daily physical activities.

Students are expected to “dress for the weather” as we usually are outside rain or shine. It’s always a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes at school.



### Please report to the office when visiting the school:

Please sign in at the office when entering the school. We need to be aware of all visitors to the school and identifying yourself with one of our “visitor” badges is helpful to staff who may not know you.



### 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 **10:10 to 10:25 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 daily.
- Students are dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**

#### **Bell Schedule**

<b>8:31 a.m.</b>	Welcoming Bell
<b>8:36 a.m.</b>	CHAT begins
<b>8:40 a.m.</b>	Morning classes begin
<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	Nutrition Break/recess
<b>10:25 a.m.</b>	Morning classes continue
<b>11:55 a.m.</b>	Lunch begins (outside)
<b>12:25 p.m.</b>	Students inside to eat
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	Afternoon classes begin
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	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** especially now with weather and visibility becoming worse with seasonal changes Students who do not wear a helmet will be asked to leave their bikes, scooters and skateboards at home.



Thank you for helping keep our children safe. Scooters & skateboards can be stored in the cage located by near the counselling office.



### Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order December lunches at:

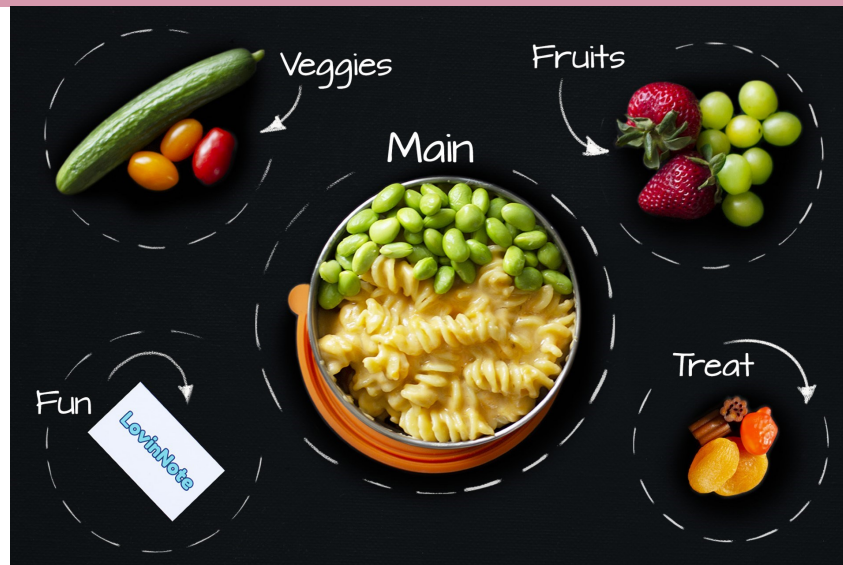
<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/online-ordering/>



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

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR MOANA TICKETS THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!**

## QMS PAC presents...LovinLunch meal kits!



Here is something pretty cool that could make our lives a bit easier. LovinLunch is all about making delicious, healthy school lunches a breeze (and dinners too, by the way). You know those hectic mornings when you're trying to pack lunches? Well, this can help us out big time. With LovinLunch, we get tasty meal kits with fresh ingredients delivered right to our door! It's a win-win – our kids get fresh nutritious food, and we get a break from meal-prep and lunch planning stress. Let's give it a shot and simplify our lives with LovinLunch! Our school gets 25% of all sales placed through this link:

<https://www.lovinlunch.ca/qmspac>





## QCC Youth Events:

### Upcoming QCC Special Events:



Join us afterschool on Mon, Wed, and Friday at 3:15pm for Drop-In. Enjoy games, sports, crafts, karaoke, baking & cooking. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend. Monday & Wednesday 3:15 – 5:15pm; Friday 3:15 – 9:00pm (dinner included).

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

- After School Drop-In will move to the Queensborough Community Centre beginning on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Skate at Moody Park Arena on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:15pm.
- Holiday Hoopla at the Queensborough Community Centre on Saturday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> (Register Online).
- Queensborough Community Centre Family Holiday Movie Night on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (Register Online).

More info on all these great programs can be found at [newwestyouth.ca](http://newwestyouth.ca) or email Val at [vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca](mailto:vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca)

## Fall 2023 Drop-in Schedule

YOUTH DROP-IN SCHEDULE					
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 <a href="http://newwestcity.ca/youthdropin">newwestcity.ca/youthdropin</a>					
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					

## New West DPAC Meetings for 2023-2024

The New West DPAC (District Parents' Advisory Council) represents all parents and caregivers of students registered in the district, and all parents and caregivers are invited to attend and participate in our monthly meetings.

Our meetings occur on the third Thursday of each month and are offered in a hybrid format. The in-person location rotates through our schools, and the zoom link for virtual attendance is posted on our website and on our Google calendar.

Click [here](#) for our calendar

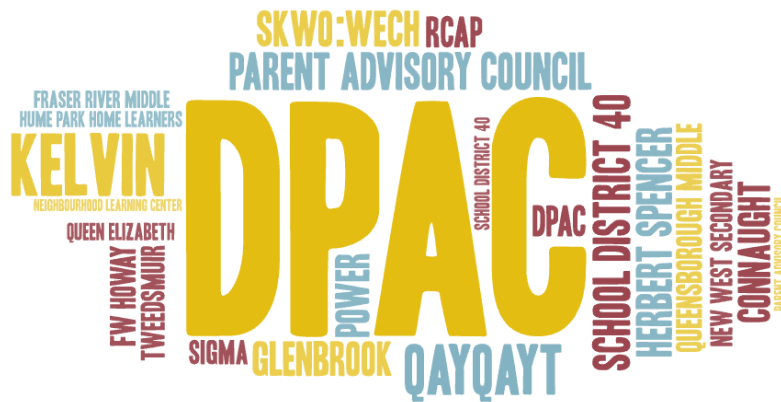
Click [here](#) for our website

Our next meeting is on **Thursday January 18th, at 7 pm** in the library of Ecole Herbert Spencer Elementary, or over zoom. Our full meeting list for the remainder of the year is:

- November 16th, in person at Ecole Herbert Spencer Elementary
- *No meeting in December*
- January 18th, in person TBD
- February 15th, in person TBD
- *No meeting in March*
- April 18th, in person TBD
- May 16th, in person TBD
- June 20th, in person TBD

To contact DPAC with any question, concern, or comment about education in our District you can email us at [newwestdpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:newwestdpacchair@gmail.com) , or message us through our [Facebook page](#) . We hope to see you out at our next meeting!

Laura, Cyrus, Sue and Krista  
The New West DPAC Executive



## 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**