

QMS Weekly Newsletter



December 22, 2023

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

December 22	Moana slideshow & sing-along in the Gym for all students (1:30-2:45 p.m.)
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): https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/discover-new-westminster-schools/
January 16	Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team vs. Byrne Creek (home game at NWSS)
January 17	Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team vs. Cariboo Hill (home game at NWSS)
January 17	Grade 8 Field Trip - <i>Annie</i> (at NWSS Theatre)
January 18	Collaboration Day Early dismissal for students at 11:55 a.m.
January 24	QMS PAC meeting in the Library (7:15 p.m.)
January 25	QMS Band Concert in the Gym (6:30 p.m.)

Principal's Message:

Following the Moana performances, this past week was a little more subdued but also quite fun as students participated in *Spirit Week* at QMS (including Jersey, Twin, Rap-er, Ugly Sweater and PJ Day). The week ended with our students gathering in the Gym for our traditional musical slideshow and sing-along (as we do on the last Friday afternoon before the winter break).

Meanwhile in sports, our Grade 8 Boys basketball team played two more road games this past week. The team played hard and went 1-1 with a win at John Knox (Monday) and a loss at STM (Wednesday). Congratulations to the players and coaches on their progress thus far and we look forward to games resuming in the new year.

As this will be the last edition of the QMS Weekly Newsletter until after school resumes, on behalf of our staff we would like to wish our QMS families a festive, safe and healthy winter break. Thank you for all your support this past year - all the best in 2024!

Happy holidays!

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



QMS PAC Announcements:

*Thank you to QMS families with all their support of our Truffle Pig chocolate fundraiser!

*Next PAC meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 (7:15 p.m.) in the Library.

Lost and Found: **LAST CHANCE!**

Our Lost and Found is already overflowing with items. We have a table displaying all the items at the front entrance. Please encourage your child to check the Lost and Found for items that may belong to them. **See page 2 & 3**

Unclaimed items are donated to charity. Parents are welcome to check the Lost and Found which is located across the hall from the office.

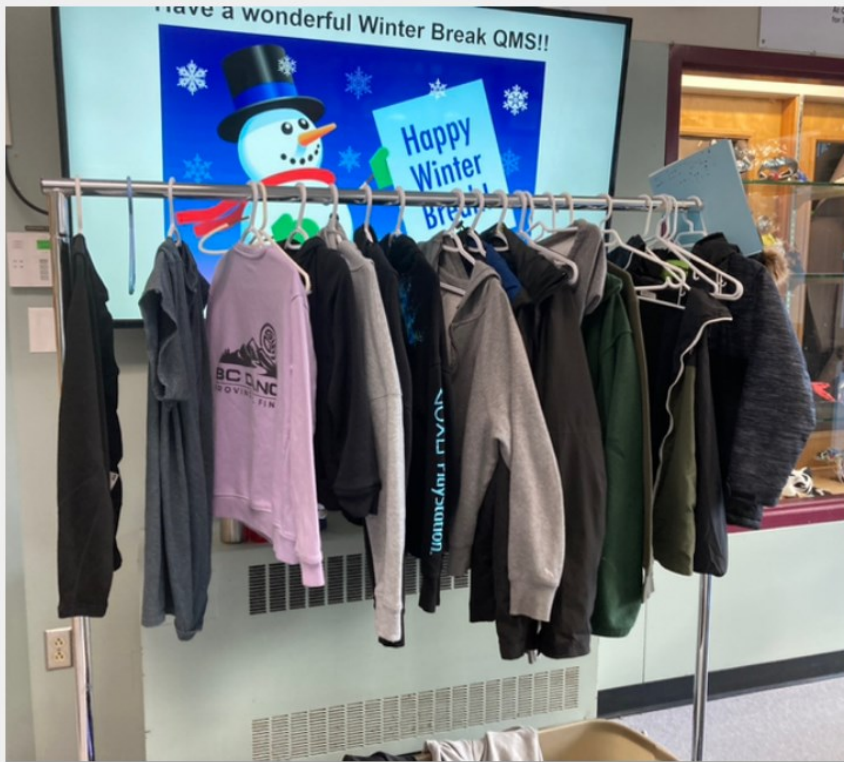


HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK!



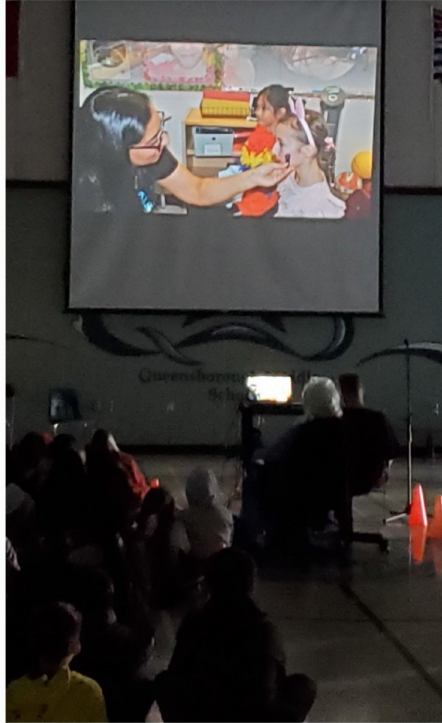
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Inside QMS:



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

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.



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

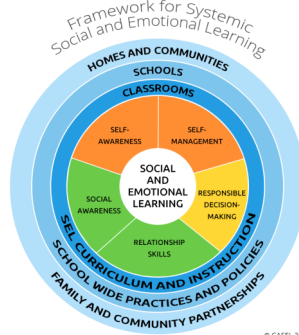
Please notify the school by **9:00 a.m.** if you know your child will be absent or late for school. You may leave a phone message (please include your child's name and division #) at the school (or email) anytime of the day or night.

Please cut this out and put it on your fridge!



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.



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 (qmspac2013@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

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** 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 January 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.

Happy Holidays to our QMS Families - Enjoy the break & we’ll see you on January 8!

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. Drop-In will continue over the Winter Holiday at the Queensborough Community Centre.

-REINDEER GAMES: Wednesday, December 27th 3:30 – 6:30pm Come to drop-in for festive games, competitions, and crafts

-WINTER OLYMPICS: Friday, December 29th 3:30 – 9:00pm Compete in relay races, floor hockey, and more.

-FIRESIDE FUN: Wednesday, January 3rd 3:30 – 6:30pm Roast marshmallows and play music around the fire pit

-NEW YEAR NEW BEGINNINGS: Friday, January 5th 3:30 – 9:00pm Start the New Year off right by cooking a delicious meal from scratch

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					
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					

Community School Programs at QMS

Click on link below to register:

[Community School Program Registration Form \(Winter 2024\) - Queensborough Middle School \(office.com\)](#)



Community School Programs at QMS!

SUPERCOOKS (Grades 5-8)

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

Dates: Jan 24 - Mar 13

No class Feb 7 and Feb 16

Registration Fee: Free



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of Greater Vancouver

Python Coding (Grades 5-8)

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 - Library

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Date: Jan 24 - Mar 6 (6 sessions)

No class Feb 7

Registration Fee: Free

To submit your registration application, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/tBfq5wBYjb>

Forms must be submitted by Friday, January 12th. 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:



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

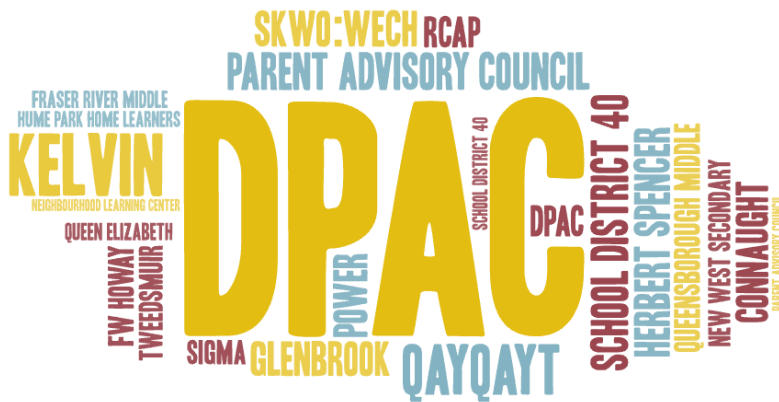
Click [here](#) for our website

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 , 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**