

QMS Weekly Newsletter



January 9, 2026

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

January 12	Grade 6-8 immunization catch-up (Fraser Health) at 9:30 a.m.
January 12	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game vs Burnaby Mountain
January 14	Field Trip (Div. 7, 8, 10): Ice skating at Rosemary Brown Arena
January 15	Black Excellence Day
January 15	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game at Moscrop
January 19	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game vs Cariboo Hill
January 21	QMS PAC A& W Hot Lunch
January 21	QMS PAC Meeting at 7pm on MS Teams
January 22	Fire Drill
January 22	Last day of Exploratory Rotation #3
January 22	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game vs Burnaby South
January 26	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game at Byrne Creek
January 27	Collaboration Day: Early dismissal at 11:55 a.m.
January 28	QMS Band Concert at 6:30 p.m.
January 30	QMS Winter Olympics

Principal's Message:

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful winter break. As students returned to QMS on Monday, they've resettled into classroom routines and schedules. The start of a new year is a great time for students to revisit personal goals and work habits for the remainder of the school year - and we'd appreciate any parent support with having conversations with your child about goals and strategies for success.

In sports, our Grade 8 boys basketball team played two home games this week. The boys went 2-0 to start 2026 with a pair of convincing wins over FRMS and Alpha Secondary. Come out to cheer on the team when they host Burnaby Mountain on Monday.

This week our Grade 5 classes enjoyed a couple presentations in the MPR. On Tuesday, district staff and students talked to our Grade 5s about the late French immersion program. On Wednesday, we had some feathered friends in the building as part of a presentation by the Owl Rehabilitation Society.



With the colder temperatures setting in, please make sure children are dressed for the weather (with extra layers of clothing at school) as students go outside for their breaks. Likewise, as students play in the rain, it's always good to have an extra set of shirts/pants/socks/shoes in case they need to change their wet clothes.

Enjoy your weekend!

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



QMS PAC Update:

January's PAC Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. on MS Teams.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWE4MG13ZTgtOTY1ZC00NzdiLTlMTktMjRjM2NiNDBiODMx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%226a0da203-1754-4e34-9fe8-976f0353c52a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226c7d2969-704e-44ec-8622-c000ee411971%22%7d

Meanwhile, to order the A & W hot lunch for Wednesday, January 21, please visit School Cash Online.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

QMS PAC Meeting Dates:

September 17	October 15	November 12
January 21	February 18	April 15
May 20		



Breakfast Program: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Students can enjoy a delicious and nutritious breakfast in the Foods Room every Wednesday & Friday morning (between 8:00-8:30 am) for only 50 cents.



If you would like to volunteer (one hour commitment) please email PAC Chair Don Doyle at qmspac2013@gmail.com

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



QMS Learning Goal for 2025.2026

For the upcoming school year, our staff is engaging in professional learning in the areas of numeracy and literacy. For the last three years our school goal focused on developing the five SEL competencies with our students: self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, social awareness and responsible decision-making. Stay tuned for more updates on our school learning plan.



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.

Student Planners:

The planner is a powerful organizational tool for students and an important means of communication between parents and teachers.



Students are expected to write homework assignments in their planners each day, and we ask that parents sign the planner each evening.

The cost of the planner is \$10 and can be purchased through School Cash Online.

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

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

Youth Drop Info:

Attention all Grade 6, 7, & 8's!

Cost is \$1 or buy a Year Youth Membership for only \$21
 -Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Drop-In programs offer sports, crafts, games, baking, and much more!
 -On Tuesdays, swing by the Community Centre from 6-9 for Ping Pong, crafts, puzzles, and music.
 -Thursdays come chill at the Community Centre and listen to your favourite music, discover new artists, and travel back in time through tunes from 6 – 7:30pm.

QUEENSBOROUGH WINTER HOLIDAY YOUTH DROP-IN HOURS

Saturday, December 20th 12:00 -5:00pm
 Monday, December 22nd 3:30 – 6:00pm
 Tuesday, December 23rd 3:00 -9:00pm
 Wednesday, December 24th 12:00 -3:30pm
 Saturday, December 27th 12:00 -5:00pm
 Monday, December 29th 3:00-6:00pm
 Tuesday, December 30th 3:00-9:00pm
 Wednesday, December 31st 12:00-3:30pm
 Friday, January 2nd 3:00-9:00pm
 Saturday, January 3rd 12:00-5:00pm

For more info on the Drop-In program, visit:
www.newwestyouth.ca or email Val at:
vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca



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
- ◆ The use of personal digital devices at school is to be restricted for educational purposes, to promote online safety and focused learning environments.



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

RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

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.

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/>

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 school.



At times, teachers may permit students to bring 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.

Please note that any personal items brought to school are at the student's own risk - the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

In keeping with the new BC Ministry of Education's Ministerial Order M89 (and AP 104 District Code of Conduct), **"The use of personal digital devices at school is to be restricted for educational purposes, to promote online safety and focused learning environments."**

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards:

Many students ride bikes, scooters or skateboards to school. For your child's safety, please ensure that they are wearing an approved helmet. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Scooters & skateboards can be stored in the blue cage located by near the counselling office.



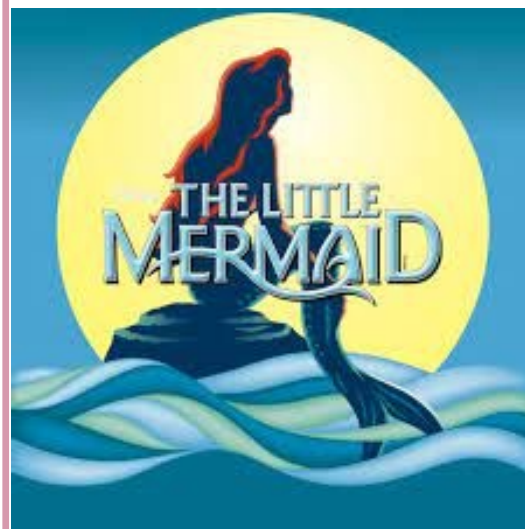
Visitors:

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 our “visitor” badges is helpful to staff who may not know you.

QMS Winter Musical Production:

Thank you for all your support!!



Kinsight Community Resources:

Kinsight> Everyone's welcome.
Everyone belongs. Everywhere.



New Westminster Sibling Group Jan 21, 2026

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Sibling Group gives children and youth a chance to connect with others who understand what it's like to have a sibling with extra support needs. It's a space to share stories, build friendships, and enjoy time together in a fun and supportive environment. We are pleased to offer the Sibling Group at the Kinsight office in New Westminster (ages 8-13) and at the Tri-Cities Children's Centre (ages 9-14).

Registration is required each month. Click the QR code to register



Kinsight -Sibling Group Session
625 Agnes St, 103, New Westminster, BC V3M 5Y4

[View on map](#)



Jan 21, 2026 06:30pm

Please contact Stephanie Ward Sward@Kinsight.org or Hannah Lin Hlin@Kinsight.org for more information.

New West Community Info: *Downtown's Living Room*

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/2025/09/04/downtownlivingroom.php>

What's New



Come join us: Downtown's Living Room at Anvil Centre



Anvil Centre is excited to share exciting updates to its programming schedule! Starting this fall we hope you'll join us on Monday nights for **Downtown's Living Room**.

Downtown's Living Room will run Monday nights (excluding holidays) at 5:30 PM. This is your chance to come hang out, relax, make new friends and enjoy different activities on offer—everyone is welcome to take part in this FREE event!

Each week's theme will be shared in advance on various City of New Westminster channels, including:

- The City's [calendar of events](#),
- Anvil Centre's [social media channels](#)
- Anvil Centre's [website](#)
- The City of New Westminster's [Citypage](#) e-newsletter

We are now offering the opportunity to borrow board games at Anvil Centre. To learn more about what games are available, please connect with Anvil Centre's front desk staff.

A reminder that Anvil Centre's hours of operation have also changed, and that the Centre will now be open **Monday to Thursday until 8:00 PM**.

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.

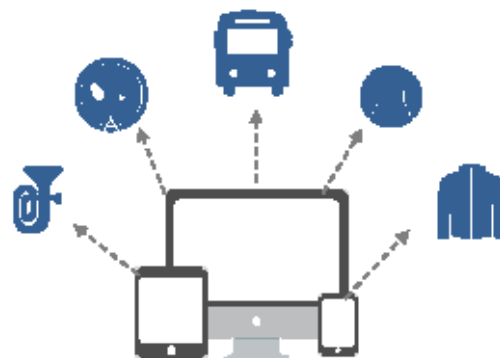
3. Add a Student

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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