

QMS Weekly Newsletter



December 5, 2025
QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

December 5/6	Grade 8 Boys Basketball Tourney at NWSS
December 9	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game at Central
December 10	<i>The Little Mermaid</i> Dress Rehearsal (1:15 p.m.): QE students in attendance
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QMS PAC 50/50 Fundraiser: **Cash Only**

The PAC will be selling 50/50 tickets before each musical performance. Half of the proceeds will go towards school initiatives, and the other half to the winner!



Please remember to bring cash for the 50/50, as well as for the Leadership Bake Sale.

Thank you for your support.

Principal's Message:



This past week our Little Mermaid 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 & 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. Meanwhile, the second round of tickets have been made available for purchase through School Cash Online and will be cut off on Tuesday at noon. See p. 6 for more info.

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 11**. Please contact the office or your child's teacher if you have any questions. The performances are approximately 75 minutes each.

In sports-related news, our Grade 8 boys basketball team played a couple of road games this week.



On Tuesday, the boys competed hard (despite a limited bench) but came up short vs. Vancouver College. Meanwhile, on Thursday the Tsunami won in a blowout vs EGMS. Way to go Tsunami! Our first home will take place in January (after the musical is over).

Enjoy your weekend.

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



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-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.

-Come hang out on Saturday afternoons at QCC, play video games, snack on popcorn, enjoy board games, & more!

-Every Wednesday at 3:15pm is Leadership Club. Help manage Sign-In and Concession Sales during Drop-In, help plan and deliver Special Events, or Assist with Friday Night dinners.

-Diwali Celebrations on Wednesday, October 22nd – Come for a samosa, decorate a clay lamp, and practice the art of henna -Halloween Party on Friday, October 31st – Participate on a 'Hot Ones' challenge if you dare, Mummy Wrap your friends, carve a pumpkin, and eat lots of candy! Games all night long and free pizza!

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www.newwestyouth.ca or email Val at:

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Personal electronic devices:

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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.



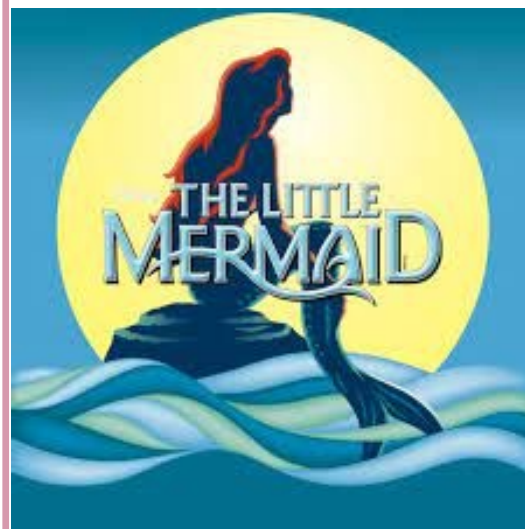
Visitors:

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:

December 11, 2025 (1 p.m. & 7 p.m.)



QMS Presents...*The Little Mermaid Jr.*

This message was shared on Thursday, November 27

Hello QMS Families,

Our two Winter Musical performances of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The winter production is a wonderful community-building event for our school, as all students are given the opportunity to either be part of the musical chorus, cast, set and stage design or event planning. 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 for 6:30 p.m. The performances are approximately 75-90 minutes each. Students will not be dismissed until the performance is over.



Each person attending must have a ticket to enter. Adult tickets are \$12.00 each and high school students are \$8.00 each (~~and~~ no refunds will be given). Children under 12 are free but must have a ticket to attend.

As of 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28, families can log into their School Cash Online account and purchase tickets until December 4th (11:59 p.m. cut-off) in limited quantities (1:15 p.m. – up to 4 tickets; 7:00 p.m. – up to 2 tickets). **The second release of tickets is now live and will close at noon on Tuesday, December 9.** Tickets for the evening performance are in short supply, though there is much more room for the matinee performance.

As quantities allow, we will be having a second release of tickets on School Cash Online on December 5th (1:00 p.m.). For both performances, we will have a limited number of tickets available to the public for purchase at the door (cash only) up until 15 minutes before showtime.

Ms. Takhar and our Leadership students will be having a bake sale at both performances with the proceeds going to charitable causes. Don't forget to bring cash so you can enjoy some tasty treats! Ms. Averill's class will also be selling art pieces that they've created through their pottery exploratory. In addition, the QMS PAC will be fundraising with a 50/50 raffle (**cash only**) during both performances, with all proceeds going towards purchasing items for the school. Our PAC is looking for volunteers to help with the 50/50 raffle for one hour before each show. If you can help, please email Don at: qmspac2013@gmail.com

Thank you again for all your support and we look forward to seeing you at one of our performances of *The Little Mermaid Jr.*!

QMS Office

K-8 Family Math Night at NWSS: Wednesday, Dec. 10



Kindergarten-grade 8
Family Math Night
Wednesday, December 10
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Students must be accompanied by an adult.

New Westminster Secondary Atrium
820 6th St, New Westminister, BC



Join us for a fun evening of
exploring math through
games and puzzles!

Bring the whole family!

Register here:

New Westminister Schools Math
Festival Thursday December 10
5:30-7:00 pm



For more info, contact Joshua Angiola
Numeracy Curriculum Facilitator
jangiola@sd40.bc.ca



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.

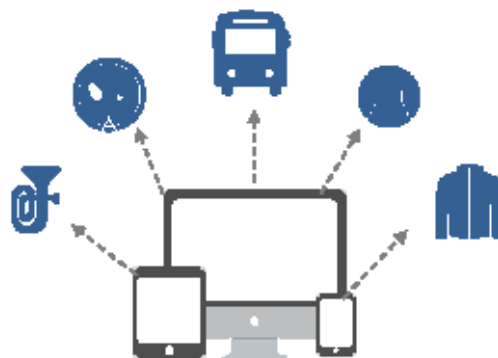
3. Add a Student

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
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January 15	QMS PAC Meeting at 7pm in Library

QMS PAC 50/50 Fundraiser: **Thank You!**

First off, the PAC would like CONGRATULATE all the students and teachers for the wonderful musical that took place on Thursday.

We would also like to thank all those who purchased 50/50 tickets to support the PAC. Thanks to you, we raised \$933.00. Way to go QMS community!!

Also, on behalf of the PAC, Debbie, Bernadette and myself, we wish you all Happy Holidays and all the best for 2026.

Don Doyle - QMS PAC Chair



Principal's Message:

Simply amazing, QMS! Congratulations and thank you to the students and staff for all their talents and efforts in putting together two amazing performances of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* While it's been said before, it truly takes a village to pull off such a significant undertaking, and we are so very proud of the commitment and support of our QMS community. The QMS winter musical production continues to be a beautiful tradition and a wonderful community building event for our school.

After weeks of rehearsing scenes, singing songs, designing sets/backdrops, creating and gathering props, organizing hair and make-up, coordinating beautiful costumes, designing programs and posters - it was magical to see it all come together! We know that an undertaking of this size isn't possible without the support of a dedicated staff that wholeheartedly recognizes the impact of their efforts. The memories that are created and the overwhelming feedback we receive from families/guests each year is what energizes us and affirms our commitment to such a magical, community-building event. We are so very thankful and proud of our students and staff for their commitment to creating such a memorable and fulfilling experience! Thank you to all those who attended Thursday's performances - your support is truly appreciated!

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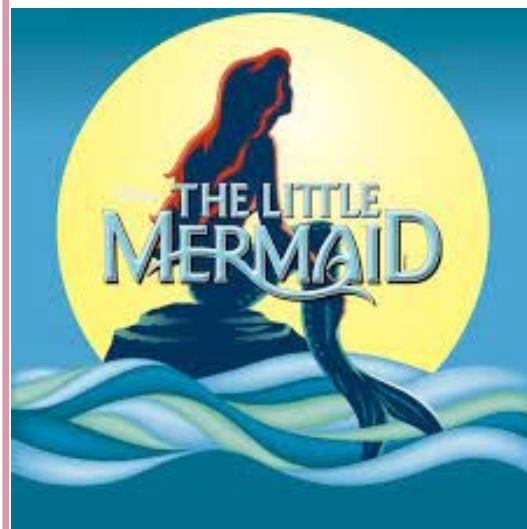
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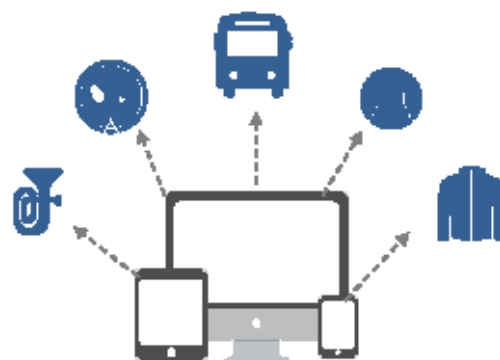
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QMS Weekly Newsletter



December 19, 2025

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

December 19	Last day of school before winter break
January 5	School reopens after winter break
January 6	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game vs FRMS
January 8	Grade 8 Boys Basketball game vs Alpha
January 14	QMS PAC Meeting at 7pm in Library
January 22	Fire Drill

Principal's Message:

This past week was a fun and festive one as students participated in *Spirit Week* at QMS (including Jersey, Twin, Favourite Decade, Favourite singer and PJ Day). Several classes also enjoyed some ice skating at Moody Park Arena. Thank you to our QMS PAC for organizing our hot lunch day (A&W) on Wednesday! 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). Thank you to Ms. Hin Wong for organizing such a wonderful slideshow!

Meanwhile in sports, our Grade 8 Boys basketball team ended 2025 on a winning note with two road wins this week. The boys won at Burnaby North on Monday and at John Knox on Tuesday. Congrats to the players and coaches on their success thus far and we look forward to games resuming at home in the new year.

As this will be the last edition of the QMS Weekly Newsletter until after school reopens, 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 2026!

Happy holidays!

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



QMS PAC 50/50 Fundraiser: **Thank You!**

First off, the PAC would like CONGRATULATE all the students and teachers for the wonderful musical that took place on Thursday.

We would also like to thank all those who purchased 50/50 tickets to support the PAC. Thanks to you, we raised \$933.00. Way to go QMS community!!

Also, on behalf of the PAC, Debbie, Bernadette and myself, we wish you all Happy Holidays and all the best for 2026.

Don Doyle - QMS PAC Chair



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

QMS PAC Meeting Dates:

September 17	October 15	November 12
January 14	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

MISSION



VISION



VALUES



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

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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



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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
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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/>

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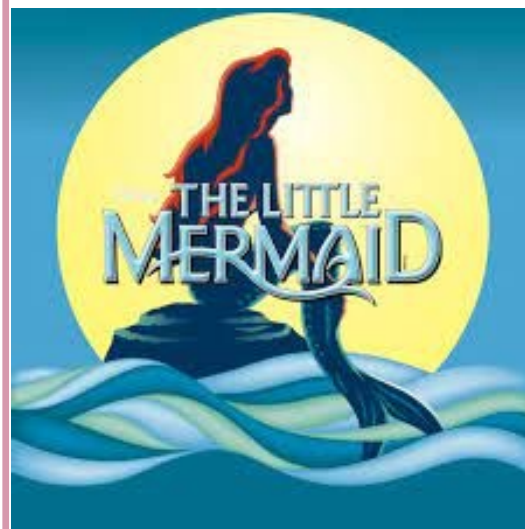
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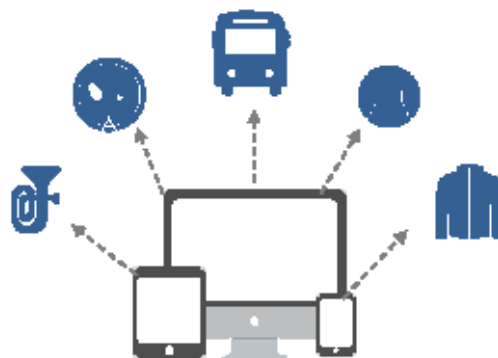
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