

QMS Weekly Newsletter



November 7, 2025

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.
November 11	Remembrance Day: School closed
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On Wednesday, QMS had a special visit from Canadian Olympic bronze medalist swimmer, Brent Hayden. Brent gave a presentation to all the Grade 5 classes on the 'Hero in You' program, in advance of their field trip to the BC Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday.



Following National Indigenous Veterans Day on Saturday, parents are invited to attend our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 10 (10:30 a.m.). The school will be closed for Remembrance Day on Tuesday, November 11. School will re-open on Wednesday. Parents are also invited to join us on Wednesday night for our QMS PAC meeting in the Library (7:00 p.m.).

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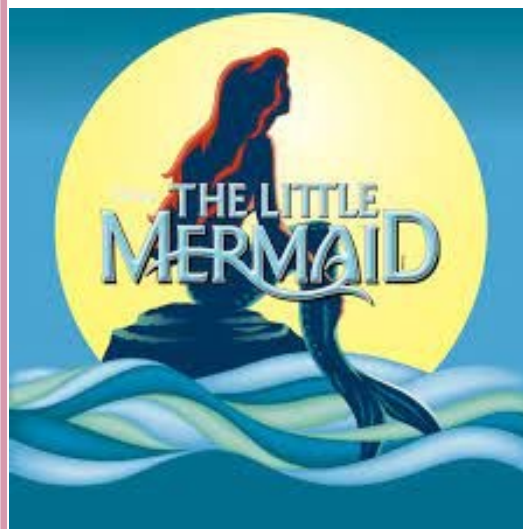
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To learn more about the Queen Elizabeth Elementary NLC:

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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 Westminster 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:

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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

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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.

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- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
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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.

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For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at
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<https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/30202/166/False/True>

Principal's Message:

The week began with our school community coming together for our Remembrance Day assembly (see p.7). Thank you to Ms. Ferris, Ms. Stephen, Grade 5 teachers & all staff and students who contributed to the lovely assembly that honoured the people that sacrificed their lives so that we may enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

In sports-related news, we had a pep rally on Wednesday to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our Grade 8 girls, Grade 7 boys and girls volleyball teams during their respective fall seasons. Congratulations again to our Grade 7 girls for winning the New West banner! Thank you Mr. Rai for organizing such a fun and spirited event. Meanwhile, the week ended with some field trips on Friday. Divisions 5 & 6 enjoyed their tour of the BC Sports Hall of Fame at BC Place, while Divisions 9 & 11 had fun ice skating at Moody Park Arena.



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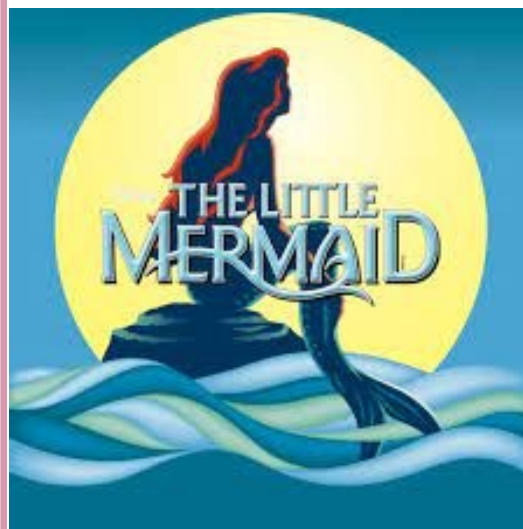
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Queensborough School Bus Update:



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New Westminster, BC V3M 0J7

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October 30, 2025

Sent by Email

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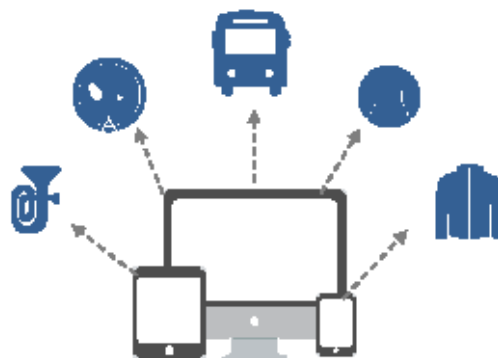
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QMS Weekly Newsletter



November 21, 2025

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

November 21	District Professional Development Day School Closed
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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:

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- ♦ 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
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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.

-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!

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
- ◆ 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.

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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.



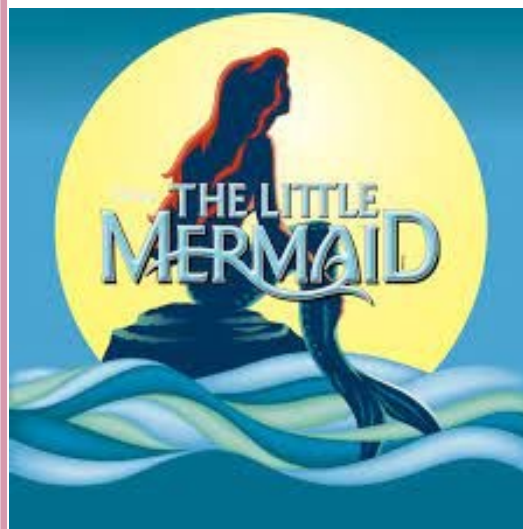
Visitors:

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.

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Neighborhood Learning Centre in Queensborough!

Dear Queensborough Community:

New Westminster Schools is planning a new Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) at Queen Elizabeth Elementary, and we'd love to hear your thoughts!

We're inviting Queensborough residents to help shape how this shared space will be used and what kinds of programs it should offer to best serve the community.

Our online survey will be open from November 3 to November 17.

Take our NLC survey by clicking on the link below:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=A6INalQXNE6f6JdvA1PFKmbG-I299DZO7pWxRX_MtxUM1dQR1JLTIBXQkFUSFk1SjgyNkNCS01GSy4u&route=shorturl

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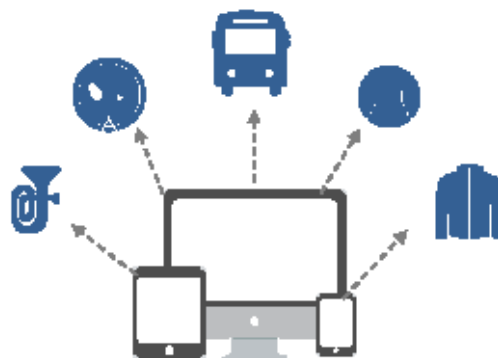
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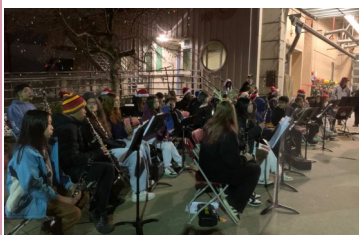


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Please notify the school by **9:00 a.m.** if you know your child will be absent or late for school. You may leave a phone message (please include your child's name and division #) at the school anytime of the day or night.

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.

-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!

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.



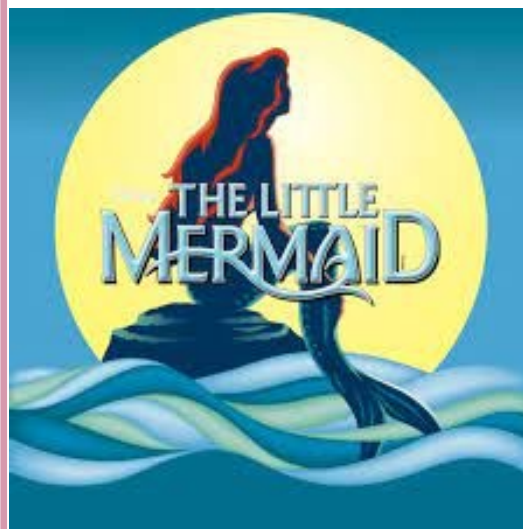
Visitors:

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:

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).

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 Westminster 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
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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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