

QMS Weekly Newsletter



October 3, 2025
QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

October 1-3	The Little Mermaid Auditions begin (at lunch and afterschool).
Oct.1—Nov. 7	FSA administration for Grade 7 students
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Principal's Message:

The month of October began with a short yet busy week for QMS students. With auditions underway for our winter musical production of *The Little Mermaid*, students are reminded to pay attention to the morning announcements (8:40 a.m.) and to check the musical bulletin board for important musical information and updates.



In sports, our Grade 8 girls volleyball team was on the road again on Wednesday as they played two games vs. Cariboo Hill and FRMS. The girls are finding their groove as they won both their matches (2-0). Next up for the girls are two home matches on Wednesday (vs. Burnaby Mountain & Burnaby North). This is our only home date. Therefore, we would love to see students and parents come to the gym to support our team. The first game starts at 4:00 p.m. and the second game starts at 5:15 p.m. Go Tsunami!

Looking ahead to next week, Grade 7 students will be participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). The FSA is a set of reading, writing and numeracy assessments and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the ministry with important information on how well students are progressing.

Enjoy your weekend!

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



Back to School Permissions:

Just a friendly reminder to parent/guardians to complete all the consent forms for your child through School Cash Online.



World Teachers' Day:

Sunday, October 5 is World Teachers' Day. Here at QMS we are very thankful for all the energy and commitment that our wonderful teachers bring to our school and students each and every day. Please join us in celebrating our dedicated QMS teachers who foster caring and inclusive classroom communities, and create lifelong learning opportunities for all our students.



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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 PAC Donation Letter :

October 1, 2025

Dear all new and returning Parents & Guardians of QMS!

WELCOME

Thank you to all who attended the PAC meeting on September 17. Our next meeting is in the school library, **Wednesday, October 15 @ 7:00pm**. All parents belong to the PAC and we welcome you to join us in advocating & fundraising for the kids!

2025/2026 FUNDRAISING GOALS

To support our students and teachers the goal is to raise: **\$10,000**

Our fundraising will involve Pizza days, 50/50 draw at Winter Musical, Neufeld Farms Meats & Treats, Grade 8 Car Wash and other fun events. Last year we raised about 10,244.04, this was 619.71 increase from last year. A HEART FELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PAC FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND DONATIONS THROUGH THIS LETTER

HOW STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM PAC FUNDRAISING

Last year money contributed to 1) Field Trips, 2) Terry Fox Run juice boxes, 3) New school stage for winter musical and other assemblies, 4) Sports Uniforms, 5) Classroom supplies requested by teachers for special in class projects/activities, 6) Sports Day Lunch for all students & teachers, 7) subsidy for Grade 8 Grad Hoodies, 8) Grade 8 graduation ceremonies & 9) School Clubs.

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Typically, QMS PAC has always requested for parents and guardians to donate their time. Your volunteer time during fundraisers and lunch events is so greatly appreciated. Your time to advocate for your students at a PAC meeting is also greatly appreciated.

Help the students of QMS by considering and making a one-time cash/cheque or school cash donation by
Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Your contribution will help us build our spending budget during October's PAC Meeting.

Make cheques payable to: QMS PAC, Cash can be in an envelope or ziplock handed in to their teacher.

On Behalf all parents and students Thank You for your generosity! We hope to see you at the PAC meeting!

Yours Truly,

Your PAC Exec Team: *Don, Bernie, Deb and Sue*



QMS Community School Programs:

Click [here](#) to register



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

Tuesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm

Dates: Oct 7 - Nov 4

Registration Fee: \$52.50

Python Coding (Grades 5-8)

In this course, students will learn to make games using advance coding concepts and to bridge the gap between Scratch (block base programming) to Python coding.

Queensborough Middle School - Classroom next to Library

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Date: Oct 29 - Dec 3

Registration Fee: Free

To submit your registration application, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/SCS1GYSzHz>

Forms must be submitted by Tuesday, September 23rd. Participants will be selected via a random draw. If your child is selected for the program, you will be contacted for confirmation and/or payment.

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools

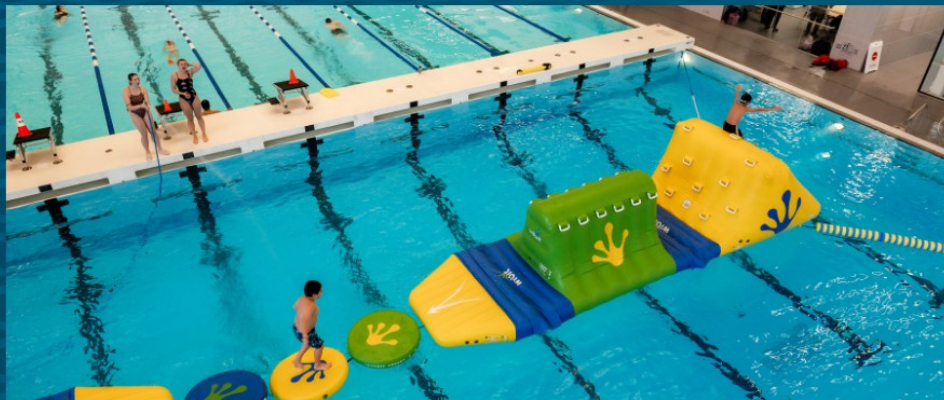
Phone: 604-517-6291 E-mail: communityschools@sd40.bc.ca

Check out our friends for more program opportunities at :



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Free Access to Drop-in Programs for Grade 5 & 6 students

Programs include drop-in skating, swimming, gymnastics, pickleball, badminton, open sport, and knitting & crochet.

- unlimited free drop-in visits for Grade 5's
- 10 free drop-in visits for Grade 6's
- Must be a New Westminster resident. Valid for the current school year.



Grade 5 & 6 ActivePASS
newwestcity.ca/activepass



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.

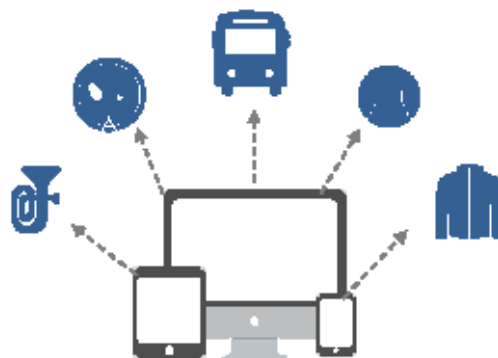
3. Add a Student

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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October 24	Provincial Professional Day School Closed

Grade 8 Grad Parent Meeting:

Just a friendly reminder that Grade 8 parents will be meeting (MS Teams) on Tuesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. The focus will be on planning for Grade 8 year-end events. Please use the link below to join the meeting:

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_ZTExMzEwN2Uzml2YS00MGO1LTkzMGYiM2EzNzQyMmUwMDhk%40thread.v2%3fcontext=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%226a0da203-1754-4c34-9f68-976f0353e52a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223e82a064-831c-41ba-a506-fd240ac33f1%22%7d

Three-way Conferences:

Teachers will be reaching out to families in preparation for our upcoming student-led parent-teacher conferences which will take place on October 22 & 23 (Wed/Thurs). Students will be dismissed at lunch time (11:55 a.m.) on both days.



Principal's Message:

Things are rolling along at QMS as teams, events and activities are in full swing. On the musical front, the first round of auditions have been completed and call backs will take place next week. Students auditioning for the *The Little Mermaid* are reminded to pay attention to the morning announcements and to check the musical bulletin board for important musical info/updates. Field trips have also kicked off as Dv. 14 & 15 enjoyed a fun day learning about BC agriculture at the Pencil Patch on Wednesday.

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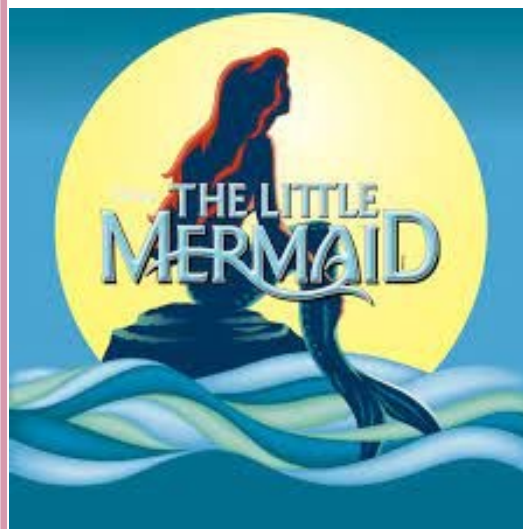
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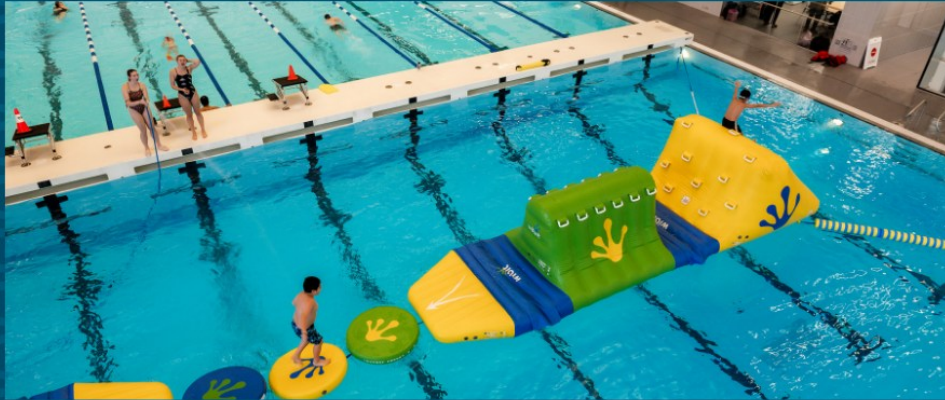
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Grade 5 & 6 ActivePASS
newwestcity.ca/activepass



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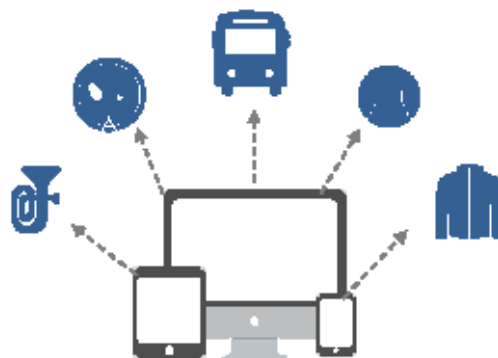
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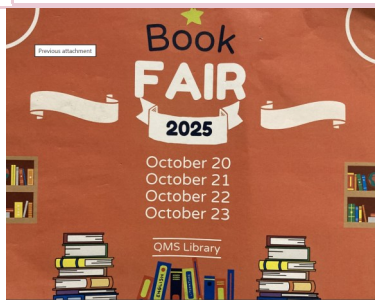


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[Grade 8 Grad Parent Meeting-20251014_190305-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

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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!

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www.newwestyouth.ca or email Val at:

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RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

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Students:

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<https://www.tranbc.ca/2015/09/01/prepare-to-be-schooled-bc-is-back-to-school/>

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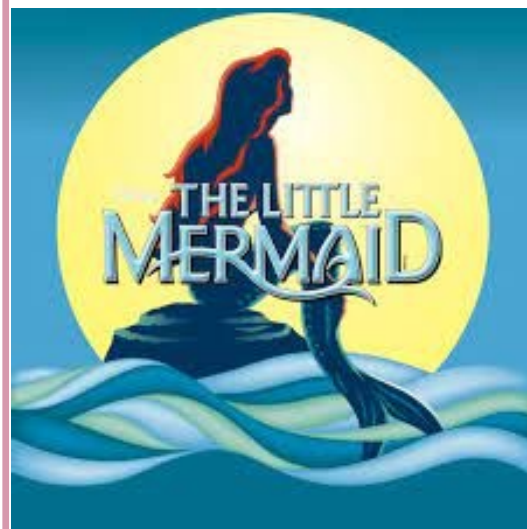
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SMARTPHONES
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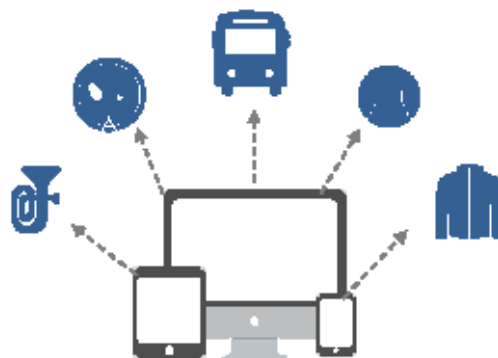
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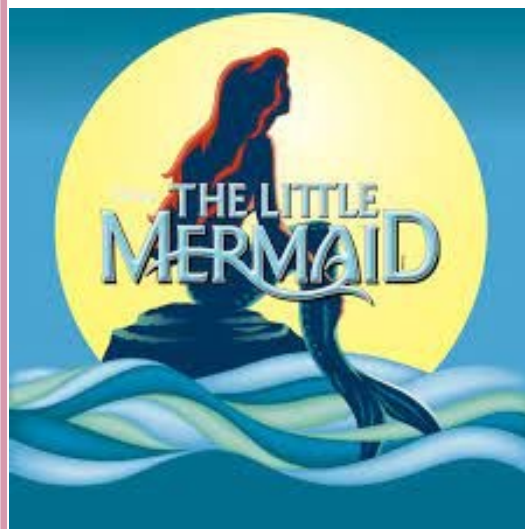
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Parent Presentation: Monday, October 27 (6:15 p.m.)

A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

TOPICS INCLUDE

**SOCIAL MEDIA
SMARTPHONES
AI & EDUCATION
CYBERBULLYING
SEXTING
ONLINE GAMING
ONLINE GROOMING
PRIVACY**



**GLENBROOK
MIDDLE SCHOOL
OCTOBER 27, 2025
6:15PM**

Halloween Reminders For Students:

Halloween can be an exciting holiday for students to get to be creative, have fun, and engage in celebration and dress up. It's also a time when we need to do to keep each other safe.

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No replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are allowed on school property.

School codes of conduct must always be followed. This means acting respectfully to peers and staff and maintaining good care of school property. Vandalism is never acceptable and is a crime.

The possession or use of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly and always prohibited.



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Purchase these items and more online.

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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.

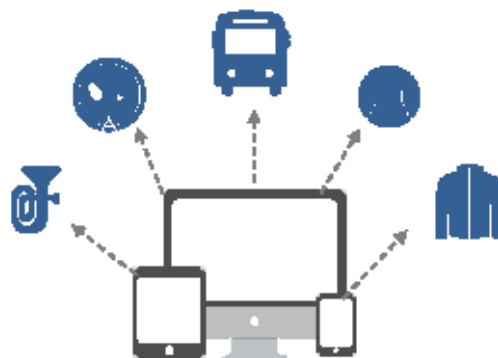
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Which payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

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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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QMS Weekly Newsletter



October 31, 2025

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

Oct.1—Nov. 7	FSA administration for Grade 7 students
October 31	Halloween Howler (in Gym)
November 3	Grade 7 Boys Volleyball Tourney at FRMS
November 3	BYOD parent session (MS Teams) 6:30 p.m.
November 4	Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Tourney at FRMS
November 6	Fire drill
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.
November 11	Remembrance Day: School closed
November 12	QMS PAC Meeting in Library (7:00 p.m.)

BYOD Parent Info Session: **Monday at 6:30 p.m.**

We will be hosting an information session for parents/guardians wanting to find out more about the BYOD program. Many classes are offering the Bring Your Own Device program at QMS (i.e. Div. 1-4, 7-11). Please use MS Teams link below to join the meeting.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MzVjYWU5YTEtM2E1Mi00MGZiLTk1Y2YtYmI3ZDFhMzZkOWVm%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

QMS PAC Donation Letter Campaign:

Throughout the month of October our QMS PAC has been working hard to plan fundraising efforts throughout the year to help fund initiatives to support students and events. Please see p. 6 of the newsletter for information of how you can donate to this cause - ends November 5. Thank you for your support!

<https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/29409/166/False/True>

THANK YOU
for donating

Principal's Message:

It was a very busy week at QMS, ending with a very festive & spirited Halloween Friday - it was so wonderful to see so many dress up in costumes! Thank you to all our families for donating non-perishable food items to our We Scare Hunger food drive - it's greatly appreciated! Thank you to Ms. Takhar and her leadership students for organizing the food drive, as well as the Halloween Howler event on Friday. Students joined their team/house colours to compete in a series of fun games & challenges in the Gym.

In sports, our Grade 8 girls volleyball playoff journey has come to an end. The team battled hard till the very end, beginning with games vs. STM (1-2) and Byrne Creek (0-2) on Monday, followed by Fraser North Zones at Garibaldi Secondary on Tuesday. Congratulations to all the players on a great season of growth and competitive play, and thank you to Coach Weick & Coach Rai for all their support and encouragement of our players! Meanwhile, on Tuesday and Wednesday our Grade 7 Girls and Grade 7 Boys played well at the EGMS volleyball tournament. It's great to see so many players continue to get some game action to learn the game, develop their skills, work as a team—and above all, have fun!

Meanwhile, rehearsals for *The Little Mermaid* continue for cast members. Students involved in the musical are reminded to pay attention to the morning announcements and to check the musical bulletin board for important musical info/updates.

Enjoy your weekend.

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order November 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.



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!



Leaving School at Lunchtime

We have a closed campus at QMS.

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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.

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.



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604-517-6040

Email: queensborough@sd40.bc.ca

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Please cut this out and put it on your fridge!

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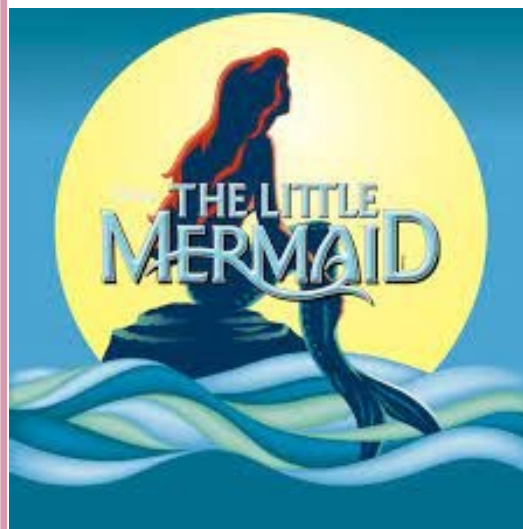
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Take our NLC survey by clicking on the link below:

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

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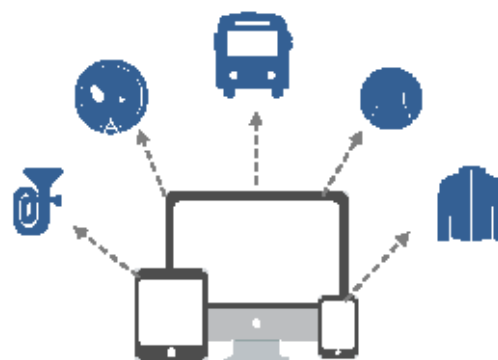
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Which payment methods are accepted?



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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