



QMS Weekly Newsletter

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BACK TO SCHOOL September 5, 2024
QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates	
September 8	French and Punjabi classes begin
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Welcome to the following new staff members:

- ◆ CL Chen - Resource Teacher
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- ◆ Felicia Wall - Education Assistant



Principal's Message:

Welcome to all our students and families as we begin the 2025-2026 school year! We hope you all had a fun and restful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

QMS is growing again! We are welcoming a few new staff members and our office staff has been busy with new student registrations. We currently have 405 students divided among 15 divisions. In June our staff worked very hard to make the best decisions for every class placement, and students are now settled into their classes. It often takes some time for students to adjust to a new environment, routines and new classmates — which is all part of the middle school experience. We appreciate your support and cooperation in reassuring your child that change (which comes with a new school year) brings fresh opportunities for students to learn and grow, and create new friendships.

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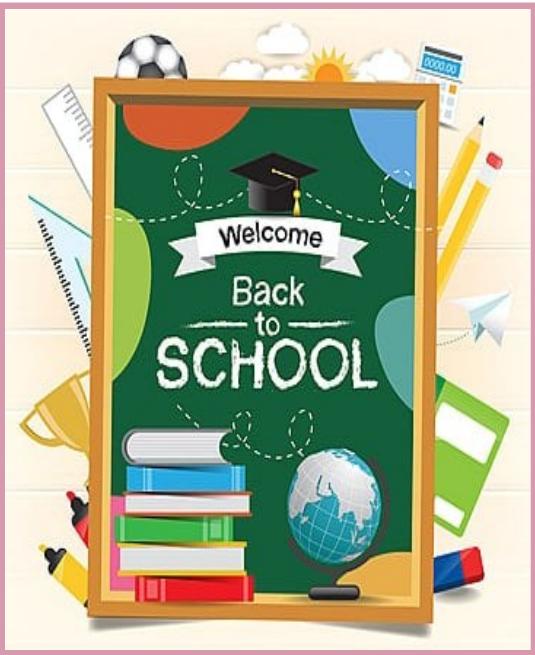
Scooters & skateboards can be stored in the blue cage located by near the counsellor's office.



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





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QMS Community School Programs:

[**Click here to register**](#)



New
Westminster
Schools

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

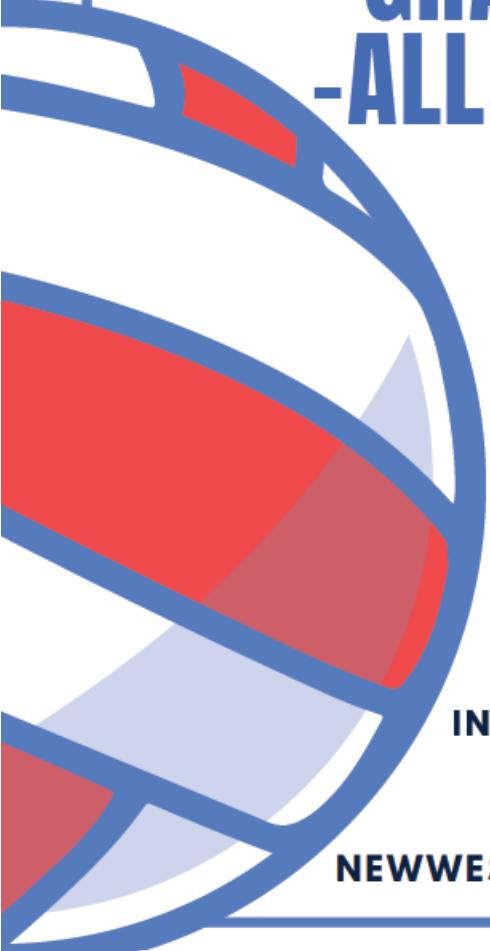




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NEW WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM GRADES 6/7 -ALL GENDERS-



**SEPT. 9 TO NOV. 4
16 SESSIONS**

**TUESDAYS (QMS) AND
THURSDAYS (EGMS)
6:00 - 7:30**

COST: \$160

INFO@NEWWESTVOLLEYBALL.CA

**REGISTER ON-LINE @
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Online Consent Forms:

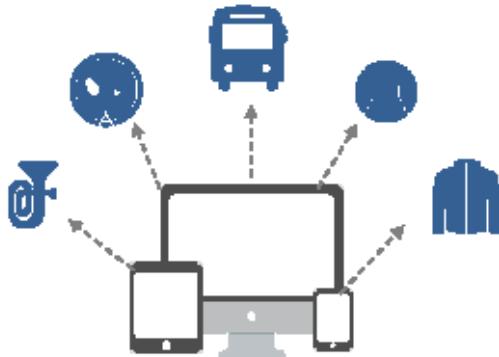
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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

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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 queensborouhhschool.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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Please join us for our first PAC meeting in the Library at 7:00 p.m. If you're a parent/guardian of a Grade 5 child or are new to QMS, attending PAC meetings is a great way to learn about what is happening at school and how to get involved.



Principal's Message:

Now that our first full week is complete, students have settled into their classroom schedules and routines, including their first rotation of exploratory classes. On Thursday, the building was buzzing as the entire school gathered in the Gym for our highly energetic Welcome Back assembly. Thank you to Mr. Ha & Mr. Rai for organizing such a fun assembly! During this time, students were introduced to all our staff, learned about ways to get involved in school activities, teams and clubs; and also discovered the title of this year's winter musical production—*The Little Mermaid* (see p.6)! The musical is a wonderful community-building event for our entire school. Audition information and opportunities to get involved will be shared during our morning announcements. Meanwhile, the week ended with all students back in the gym for Indigenous storytelling with Dallas Yellowfly (*c/o 3 Crows Productions*). Students were treated to an engaging presentation focused on themes of respect for the land, sustainability, Indigenous knowledge & worldviews. Special thanks to our audience participants - Kolton, Shaughnessy, Logan and Mr. Ha!

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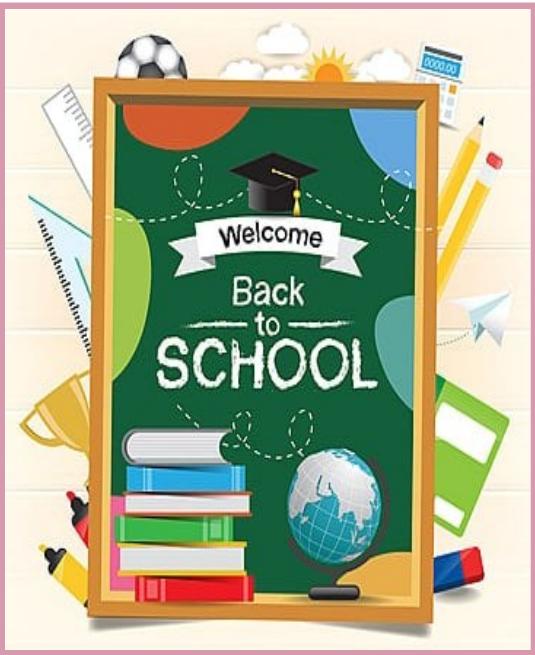
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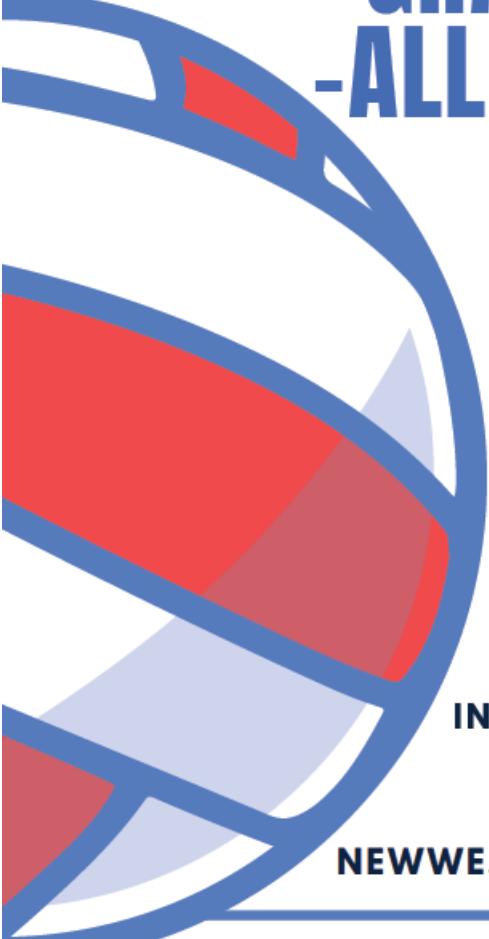




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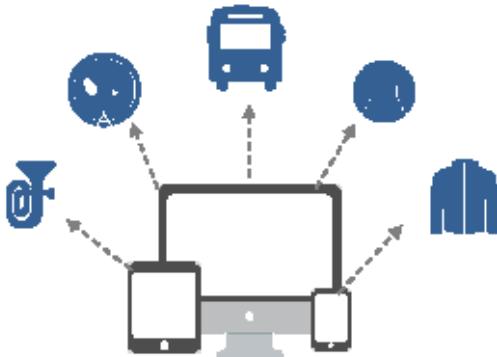
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The purpose of the QMS Code of Conduct and Code of Consequences:

- ◆ To establish and maintain a safe, caring and orderly environment for purposeful learning
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Safety First:

Safety to and from School:

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Students:

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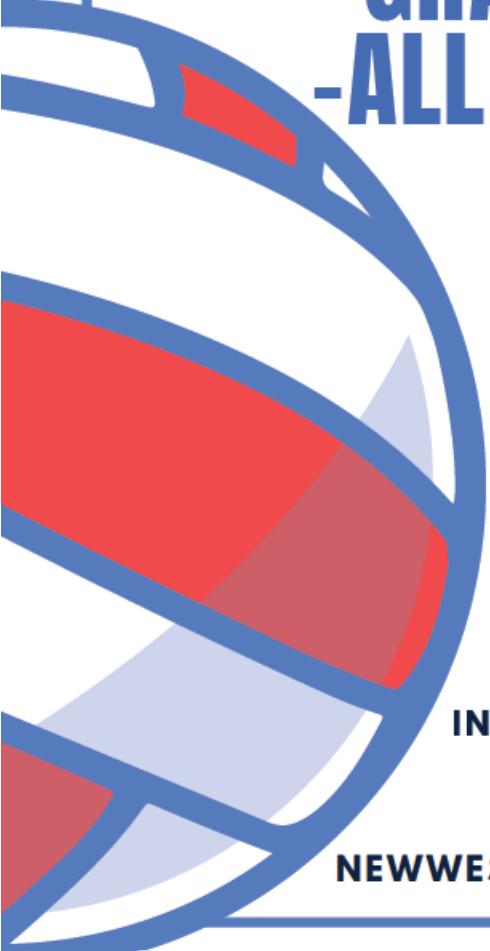




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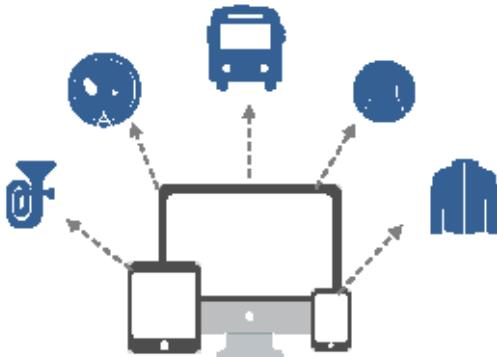
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School Routines and Expectations:

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



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.

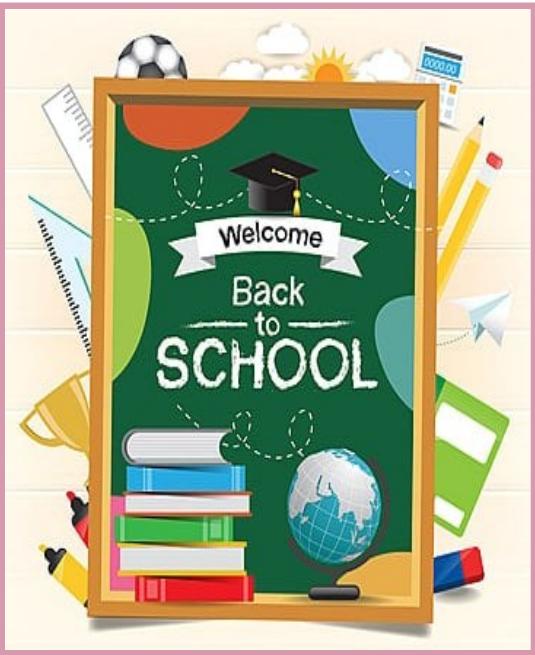
Scooters & skateboards can be stored in the blue cage located by near the counsellor's office.



Visitors:

Please report to the office when visiting the school:

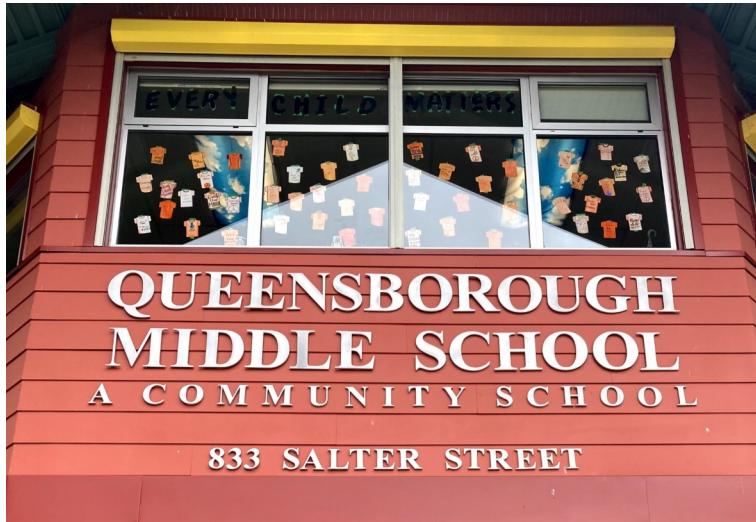
Please sign in at the office when entering the school. We need to be aware of all visitors to the school and identifying yourself with one of our “visitor” badges is helpful to staff who may not know you.





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QMS Reconciliation Week:





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Terry Fox Run:





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QMS Community School Programs:

[**Click here to register**](#)



New
Westminster
Schools

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:





QMS Community Programs:

[Click here to register](#)



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:

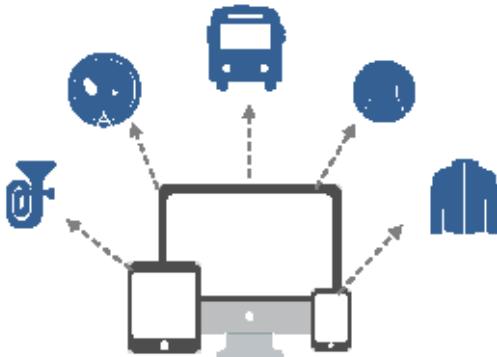
SchoolCashOnline
KEV GROUP

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 queensborouhhschool.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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