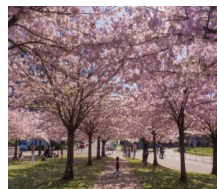


# QMS Weekly Newsletter



April 3, 2026  
*QMS Tsunami*

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

April 3	Good Friday: School closed
April 6	Easter Monday: School closed
April 7	Green Shirt Day
April 8	QMS PAC hot lunch 
April 8	Field Trip (Div. 13): Seymour Watershed
April 13	Fruit & veggie delivery (mini peppers)
April 13	NWSS Student Voice Symposium
April 14	Shelter in Place, Hold/Secure, Lockdown drill
April 14	SD40 Parent Info Night (see p.7)
April 15	QMS PAC meeting in the Library (7 pm)
April 16	Fire Drill
April 23	Football Play Day at QMS
April 27	District Professional Development Day School closed

### Principal's Message:

Welcome back QMS! We hope everyone enjoyed their spring break and are ready to begin a fun and memorable third term. Term 3 is typically the most active term, not only due to the warmer weather, but also because there are so many exciting events, field trips and activities planned for our students. The beginning of the third term is also a great time for students to sharpen their focus and set their year-end goals in pursuit of a strong finish to their year.

It certainly was nice having everyone back this week, and it was great to see school activities, routines and athletics back into full swing. On Tuesday, Grade 6-8 students began their 5th rotation of exploratory classes. Meanwhile, in sports our Grade 8 boys volleyball team has been practicing in preparation of their first match of the season.

As we head into next week, we'd like to remind students to wear green on Tuesday in recognition of Green Shirt Day.

### QMS Student Learning Survey: Now Open!

#### All QMS Parents/Guardians

While Grade 7 students will be completing the survey, we would like to invite parents/guardians to share their input by completing the survey using the link below:

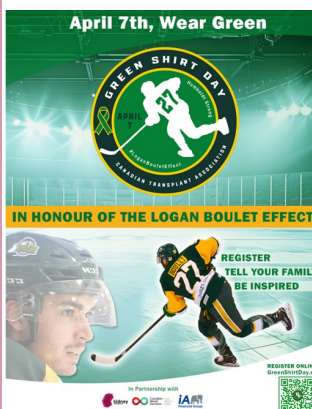
[https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull/central/main/access\\_Parent.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull/central/main/access_Parent.asp)

### QMS PAC Meeting: Wednesday, April 15

Parents and guardians are invited to attend our next QMS PAC meeting in person (in the Library at 7 pm) on Wed., April 15.



With planning for year-end activities underway, we are looking for volunteers who can help in any capacity - whether it's for Sports Day, grad events, fundraisers, etc. Please join us to learn how you can get involved.



Hey QMS!

On Tuesday, April 7, wear green to show your support of organ donor awareness and registration.



#LoganBouletEffect #GreenShirtDay

For more information on Green Shirt Day, please visit:

<https://greenshirtday.ca/>

Enjoy your Easter long weekend!

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



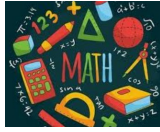


Queensborough Middle School

# Upcoming Events and Reminders:

## Mathletes Math Club: Every Tuesday

The Mathletes Math Club will meet every Tuesday afterschool with Mr. Ha in Room



## 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.

## District Parent Info Night: c/o Safer Schools Together Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying

Tuesday, April 14 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) - online session:

<https://newwestschools.ca/blog/2026/03/06/safer-schools-together-e-session-social-media-awareness-digital-citizenship-and-cyberbullying/>

## Breakfast Program: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Students can enjoy a delicious and nutritious breakfast in the Foods Room every **Tuesday & 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 [qmpac2013@gmail.com](mailto:qmpac2013@gmail.com)

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



## Yearbook: Order your yearbook with the link below!

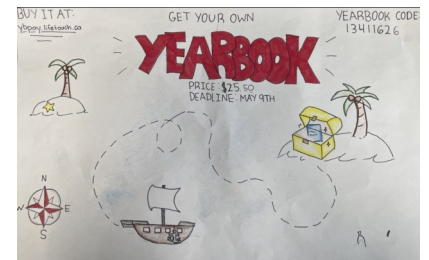
<https://newwestschools.ca/qms/2026/01/27/order-your-2025-2026-yearbook-now/>

Price: \$25.50

Deadline: **May 9**

Link: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/>

Yearbook code: 13411626



## 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.



## Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order April 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](mailto: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

<b>8:31 a.m.</b>	Welcoming Bell
<b>8:36 a.m.</b>	CHAT begins
<b>8:40 a.m.</b>	Morning classes begin
<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	Nutrition Break/recess
<b>10:25 a.m.</b>	Morning classes continue
<b>11:55 a.m.</b>	Lunch begins (outside)
<b>12:25 p.m.</b>	Students inside to eat
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	Afternoon classes begin
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Dismissal



## 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.

-Youth Award Nominations are now out! Nominate an outstanding teen:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7eMnRJC\\_xaI\\_poPF8sNfK8eSFhUCMbPkbB7U2zVhTHYtFgg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7eMnRJC_xaI_poPF8sNfK8eSFhUCMbPkbB7U2zVhTHYtFgg/viewform)

-Youth Drop-In will be celebrating Pink Shirt day on Wednesday, February 25th. There will be fun games and great prizes to win!

-Reminders: On Tuesdays from 3:00 – 9:00pm and Saturdays from 3:00-5:00pm, come hang out at the Queensborough Community Centre Multi-Purpose Room for Video Games, Board Games, Table Tennis, and more.

For more info on the Drop-In program, visit:

[www.newwestyouth.ca](http://www.newwestyouth.ca) or email Val at:

[vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca](mailto: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.

### **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.



## **SD 40 Proposed Police Partnership Program:**

*February 19, 2026*

### ***Letter to Families About the Proposed Police Partnership Program***

*Dear Families:*

*At New Westminster Schools, we are committed to cultivating inclusive spaces where every student feels safe and experiences a true sense of belonging. To further this commitment to secure and supportive learning environments, the Board of Education and the district are developing Policy 28, which outlines a formal partnership with the New Westminster Police Department.*

*The Police Partnership Program (PPP) is a transparent, relationship-focused initiative dedicated to enhancing school safety and student well-being. Rooted in human rights principles, the PPP integrates civilian supports, restorative practices, and inclusive education. Key elements of the PPP include:*

*Staff-led discipline where schools retain full responsibility for managing student conduct that is not in line with codes and expectations.*

*Collaboration where staff and community officers work side-by-side to foster a positive school climate.*

*Strict supervision through two new administrative procedures (AP192 and AP193). These APs establish specific roles, responsibilities, oversight mechanisms, and outline rigorous information-sharing protocols that provide clear direction on when, how, and by whom personal information may be shared with the police.*

*We believe this policy and these administrative procedures are of such significance that they must be shaped by our community. In alignment with our commitment to public participation and in line with principles of International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), we are requesting feedback on Policy 28 and Administrative Procedures 192 and 193.*

*The proposed timeline is as follows:*

*February 24 – The proposed policy and administrative procedures are introduced at the open board meeting for discussion.*

*February 19 to March 3 – We invite you to review the draft policy and procedures. Your insights are vital to ensuring this partnership reflects the values and needs of our families. Once the community input period has closed, we will review all feedback to ensure the final policy and administrative procedures reflect a balanced, community-focused approach prior to coming before the Board.*

*March 10 – The proposed policy, along with AP192 and AP193, will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration.*

*Drafts of the policy and administrative procedures are available for review:*

*Draft Administrative Procedure 192 – Police Partnership Program*

*Draft Administrative Procedure 193 – Information Sharing with Law Enforcement*

*Draft Policy 28 – Police Partnership Program*

*Provide your feedback through our online form:*

*Submit your input on Policy 28 and APs 192 and 193*

*Thank you for your continued partnership and for your dedication to the success of our students.*

*Cheryl Sluis  
Chair, Board of Education*

*Mark Davidson  
Superintendent of Schools*

## SD 40 Parent Info Night: April 14 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)



Remote Session via **Zoom** (link will be shared 2 days prior)

# SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CYBERBULLYING

FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS



HOSTED BY NEW WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS



### ABOUT THE SESSION

As a parent or caregiver, you play a vital role in shaping how your child becomes a responsible digital citizen. By serving as a role model, you set the tone for how they interact with the online world and help establish healthy boundaries and safeguards where needed. With your guidance, your child can develop a strong foundation in digital citizenship—learning to navigate the internet safely, respectfully, and responsibly. Join us as we share practical strategies, up-to-date information, and key focus areas to help keep children safe and supported in their online experiences.



To RSVP, please click on the [link here](#) or scan the QR Code.



### ABOUT SST

Safer Schools Together (SST) specializes in enhancing school safety by providing comprehensive training, services and tools that address both digital and behavioural threats.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- **Social Media Updates**  
The most current apps and trends in your children's social media lives.
- **Digital Parenting Strategies**  
How to have important conversations with your child around social media/online safety.
- **Digital Tattoo/Reputation**  
With recruiters and employers taking note--what will they find surrounding both you and your child online?
- **Family Suggestions**  
Recommendations for family guidelines on navigating the digital world.



**DATE:**  
April 14, 2026



**TIME:**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

## School Messenger Text Message Option:

*New Westminster Schools is delighted to announce that families can now sign up to receive important SchoolMessenger updates like safety alerts and reminders by text message in addition to email. There is no cost to receive these messages from the district.*

### How to Sign Up

You can opt-in using either of the following methods:

1. **The Early Bird Option:** Simply text "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 for Canada-based phone numbers or 61569 for international-based phone numbers.
2. **The "Wait and See" Option:** Reply with "Y" or "Yes" to the invitation text message that will be sent to your mobile device on Friday, Feb. 20, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

### Your Privacy & Control

- **Opt-Out:** You can stop receiving text messages at any time by replying "STOP" to any of our messages.
- **Data Safety:** SchoolMessenger follows the **Student Privacy Pledge™**. Your contact information is kept safe and will never be shared or sold.

For more information, please read the attached flyer below.



The Trusted Platform  
for School Community Engagement

### Parents and Guardians

#### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: 978338

For **INTERNATIONAL-BASED** numbers: 61569  
(see next page for QR code)

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



\*if your number is Canada-based.

Opt-In from  
your mobile  
now!



Just send "Y" or  
"Yes" to  
978338.

(For Canada-based numbers).

**\*Terms and Conditions**

Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel.

Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.



Queensborough Middle School

# QMS PAC Grade 8 Fundraiser:



Thank you to our PAC for setting up a Grade 8 fundraiser account at the Queensborough Landing Return-it Depot. Families can take in their cans/bottles (at the counter) and donate proceeds to Account #1160, or provide our school phone number (604-517-6040).

Previous attachment



## CAN ♻️ BOTTLE Fundraising



**HELP SUPPORT THE GRADE 8  
QMS GRAD CLASS OF 2026!**



**QUEENSBOROUGH  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

You can easily donate your empty, returnable containers to support our QMS Grade Class of 2026!



**NO SORTING  
NECESSARY!**



Queensborough Landing  
Unit A - 409 Boyne Street  
New Westminster, BC V3M 5K2

OR

**STEP 1: Inform the cashier that  
your donation is for**

**Account #1160**



**PROVIDE: QMS School TEL:**

**604-517-6040**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





Queensborough Middle School

## New West Royals Soccer:

Since 1993

# Soccer Day Camps

...more than just a soccer camp!



**Keep the SAVINGS Rolling,  
Pay Less Today,  
Until June 1**



- ✔ July & August weeks
- ✔ Morning & Full Day sessions
- ✔ Ages 5 to 13
- ✔ Before & After Care available

For more information:

 [royalsoccerclub.com](http://royalsoccerclub.com)

 800-427-0536

**Mornings** Starting from **\$165** /week

**Full Days** Starting from **\$249** /week

\* Limited time, discounts vary, see website  
Additional discounts for week 1 & 6 (4 day weeks)



Queensborough Middle School

## Middle School Flag Football:



## Join the New West Schools Spring Middle School Flag Football League 2026!



### Middle School Flag League Dates:

March 30<sup>th</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup> (6 weeks)  
Practices: 2 to 3 times per week  
with 3 Playday Tournaments

Are you and your friend interested in being challenged and learning the thrilling game of flag football?

### **This opportunity is perfect for you!**

Football is open to all Grade 6, 7, and 8 students. No prior playing experience is required; we will teach you and your friends the rules and fundamentals of the game.

### **Game Dates:**

- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 – 4:00 - Queensborough Middle
- Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 – 4:00 - Glenbrook Middle
- Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 – 4:00 – Mercer Stadium

### **Cost to Play: \$20**

(Pay through School Cash Online)

### **To Register, See Athletic Director:**

Name	E-mail	Room
Mr. Oatway	<a href="mailto:coatway@sd40.bc.ca">coatway@sd40.bc.ca</a>	112
Mr. Clarke	<a href="mailto:aclarke@sd40.bc.ca">aclarke@sd40.bc.ca</a>	120

Forms and information can be found online at:

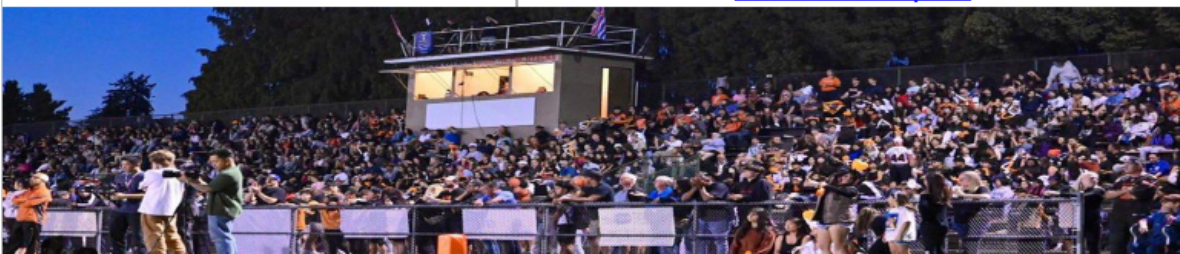
[www.coachoatway.com](http://www.coachoatway.com)

### Registration Form

2026 New West Schools Spring Middle School 5 v 5 Flag Football League



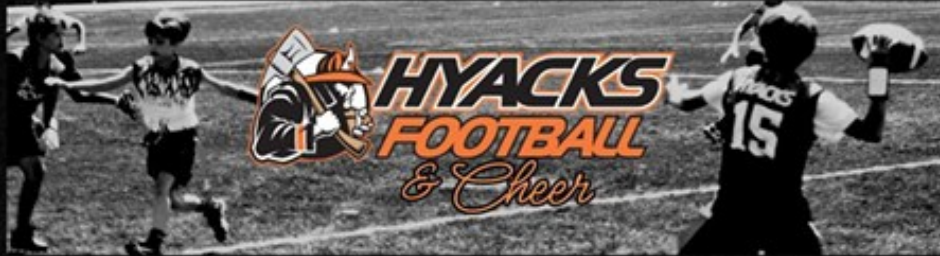
### Hyacks Football Promotional Video





Queensborough Middle School

# Hyack Football:



SPRING 2026  
FOOTBALL & CHEER

AGES  
5-14

APRIL TO  
JUNE

REGISTRATION  
OPEN NOW

# HYACKS 2026

TEAM  
BONDING

SKILL  
BUILDING

UNITED  
SPIRIT

CONFIDENCE  
BUILDING



## Community Information: Kinsight Sibling Group

# Kinsight Sibling Group

Kinsight's monthly Sibling Group is based on the Sibshop model, providing opportunities for children and youth to connect with peers who understand what it's like to have a sibling with extra support needs. We offer a recreational setting to share stories, build friendships, and have fun in a supportive environment.

### **New Westminster**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Siblings ages 8-13

Contact: Stephanie  
sward@kinsight.org

### **Tri-Cities**

Monday, 6:30-8:00pm

Siblings ages 9-14

Contact: Emily  
ejamieson@kinsight.org





# Online Consent Forms:

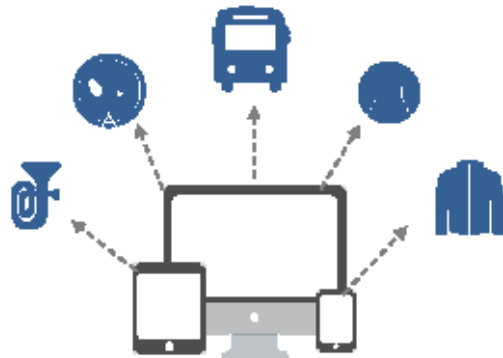
SchoolCashOnline  
KEV GROUP

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](http://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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com) or 1.866.961.1803

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