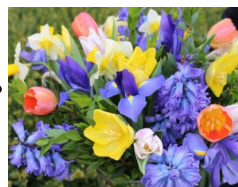


# QMS Weekly Newsletter



April 10, 2026  
*QMS Tsunami*

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

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: Social media, digital citizenship & cyberbullying (see p.6)
April 15	QMS PAC meeting in the Library (7 pm)
April 16	Fire Drill
April 16	SD40 DPAC Presentation (see p.7)
April 23	Football Play Day at QMS
April 27	District Professional Development Day School closed

### Principal's Message:

Well these four-day weeks sure do go by quickly! It was great to see so many students and staff wearing something green in recognition of Green Shirt day on Tuesday. The day aims to support organ donor awareness and registration following the Humboldt Broncos bus tragedy in 2017. On Wednesday, Division 13 students visited the Seymour Watershed in North Vancouver. Over the next two months, grade 5 classes will visit the watershed to learn about where our drinking water comes from, the water cycle, sustainability, and the importance of personal and social responsibility for the environment.

Also on Wednesday, many students enjoyed a meal from Macdonald's as part of the QMS PAC hot lunch fundraiser. Thank you to our PAC volunteers for organizing this fundraiser for our school. If parents or guardians are looking to get involved with any of our upcoming or year-end school events, please join us at next Wednesday's QMS PAC meeting (April 15) in the Library (7:00 p.m.). Our PAC is also looking for any parents/guardians that would like to join the PAC executive for next year.

Finally, 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 third term is also a great time for students to sharpen their focus & set their year-end goals in pursuit of a strong finish to their year. We encourage parents/guardians to talk with their child about strategies and supports that will help them reach their goals.

Enjoy your weekend.

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



### 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/SurveyFull1/central/main/access\\_Parent.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/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). 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.



### In Memoriam: Statement on the Passing of Chief Rhonda Larrabee

New Westminster Schools was deeply saddened to learn of Chief Rhonda Larrabee's passing. We extend our most heartfelt condolences to her family and the Qayqayt First Nation. Chief Larrabee was a dedicated leader of her Nation and a valued partner and friend. More than that, she was a champion for all Indigenous youth in our district, ensuring they felt seen, supported, and empowered throughout their educational journey in our schools. We are profoundly grateful for the guidance she provided to future generations in our community, and we will miss her greatly.

<https://newwestschools.ca/blog/2026/04/05/statement-of-condolence-for-the-passing-of-chief-rhonda-larrabee/>

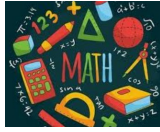


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# Upcoming Events and Reminders:

## 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.

## QMS PAC Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: **Order Now!**

All orders are due by Monday, April 27 (end of day).  
All orders delivered to QMS on Tuesday, May 5 (4 p.m.)

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-queensborough-middle-school>



## 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 [qmspac2013@gmail.com](mailto:qmspac2013@gmail.com)

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



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

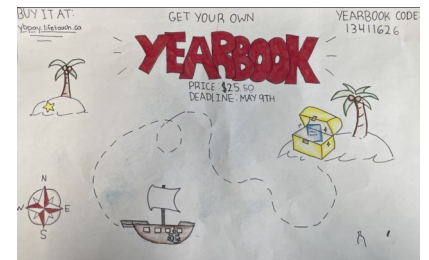
<https://newwestschools.ca/qms/2026/01/27/order-your-2025-2026-yearbook-now/>

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 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

**SST** SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER

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



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## SD 40 DPAC Presentation: April 16 (7:00-8:15 p.m.)

NEW WEST DPAC PRESENTS



MISCHA OAK

# 7 TIPS TO BECOMING A PRO ALLY



Understanding SOGI and supporting 2S/LGBTQ+ youth and community members with confidence:

- Improve your understanding, compassion and awareness of 2S/LGBTQ+ identities
- Understand what SOGI looks like in schools
- Learn what to say and do to be a more confident ally

For all SD40 parents & caregivers

Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

In person at Ecole Herbert Spencer or on Google Meet ([nwdpac.ca](http://nwdpac.ca) for the link)



## Community News:



*Building Pathways Through Art, Storytelling & Wellbeing*

### BURNABY COHORT

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
BOB PRITTE METROTOWN  
BRANCH  
6100 WILLINGDON AVE,  
BURNABY BC V5H 4N5  
(COMMUNITY ROOM 1)



APR. 21 - JUN 18  
ON TUES & THURS  
5- 7 PM



**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

Are you 13 to 19 years old? From another country? Finding your place?  
Join us!

#### Why Join?

- Meet new friends & learn new skills
- Get volunteer hours
- Snacks provided!
- Free to join!

#### What We'll Do?

- Create personal maps based on your future goals and identity.
- Collaborate on a group artwork with Taryn Walker, a professional artist from Burnaby's Public Art Roster, display it in a community space, and celebrate belonging and hope.

✉ Questions? Email us to [woven-futures@mosaicbc.org](mailto:woven-futures@mosaicbc.org)





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# 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!**



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

**Account #1160**



**OR**

**PROVIDE: QMS School TEL:**

**604-517-6040**



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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





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## New West Royals Soccer:

Since 1993

# Soccer Day Camps

...more than just a soccer camp!



**Keep the SAVINGS Rolling,  
Pay Less Today,  
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- ✔ 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)



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## 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:

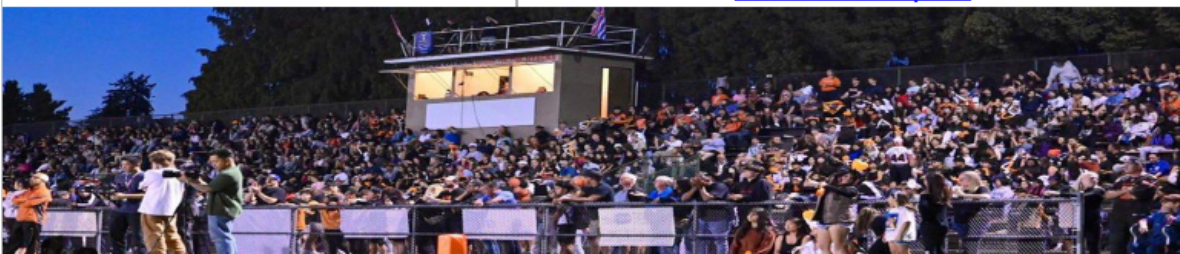
[www.coachoatway.com](http://www.coachoatway.com)

### Registration Form

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



### Hyacks Football Promotional Video





Queensborough Middle School

## Hyack Football:

**HYACKS FOOTBALL & Cheer**

SPRING 2026 FOOTBALL & CHEER      AGES 5-14      APRIL TO JUNE      REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

# HYACKS 2026

TEAM BONDING      SKILL BUILDING

UNITED SPIRIT      CONFIDENCE BUILDING



# Online Consent Forms:

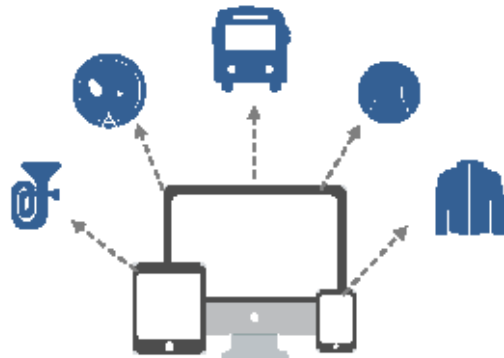
SchoolCashOnline  
KEV GROUP

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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