

# QMS Weekly Newsletter



April 17, 2026  
*QMS Tsunami*

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

April 20	Grade 8 Boys Volleyball vs Burnaby South (at NWSS)
April 21	Fire Drill (rescheduled from April 16)
April 22	Field trip (Div. 13/14): Nikkei Museum
April 23	Field trip (Div. 12/15): Nikkei Museum
April 23	Football Play Day at QMS (1:00-4:00 p.m.)
April 23	Grade 8 Boys Volleyball at Byrne Creek
April 27	District Professional Development Day <b>School closed</b>
April 30	Last day of Exploratory Rotation #5
April 30	Football Play Day at EGMS
April 30	Grade 8 Boys Volleyball at EGMS
May 1	Field trip (Div. 5/6): Planetarium
May 4	Vaisakhi assembly in the Gym (9:10 a.m.)
May 7	Football Play Day at Mercer (1:00-4:00 p.m.)

### Principal's Message:

This past week began with some of our Grade 7 & 8 students joining students from the other middle schools for the NWSS Student Voice Symposium. It was a great chance for QMS students to meet with other students and share their thoughts on a range of topics connected to student life. Student Voice is one of dozens of student clubs that students can participate in when they attend NWSS.

In sports, our Grade 8 boys volleyball team won both their games this week vs. Alpha (2-0) on Monday, and Burnaby Central (2-0) on Thursday. The team is off to a perfect 3-0 start and are gearing up for two more games this upcoming week vs. Burnaby South (at NWSS) and at Byrne Creek.

On Wednesday, we had our QMS PAC meeting in preparation for the home stretch of fundraising activities and year-end events. Thank you to our PAC volunteers for organizing our most recent fundraiser with Crumbl Cookies. If parents or guardians are looking to get involved with any of our upcoming or year-end school events, please email Don Doyle at [qmspac2013@gmail.com](mailto:qmspac2013@gmail.com). Our PAC is also looking for any parents/guardians that would like to join the PAC executive for next year.

Happy Vaisakhi to our QMS community. Our school's Punjabi language classes are currently rehearsing in preparation for their student-led Vaisakhi assembly on Monday, May 4.

Enjoy your weekend.

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



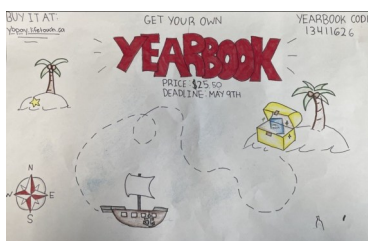
**Yearbook:** Order your yearbook with the link below!

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

**Yearbook code:**  
**13411626**

Price: **\$25.50**

Deadline: **May 9**



**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 Neufeld Farms Fundraiser:**

All orders are due by Monday, April 27 (end of day). **Order Now!**

All orders delivered to QMS on Tuesday, May 5 (4 p.m.)

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



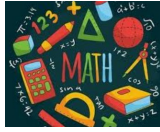


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# Upcoming Events and Reminders:

## Mathletes Math Club: Every Tuesday

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



## Memorial Service for Chief Rhonda Larrabee:

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In loving memory of

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of Qayqayt First Nation

May 14, 1945 - April 4, 2026



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## Earth Week Book Swap:

The Environment Club is hosting a school-wide **Book Swap** on **Friday, April 24th** for Earth Week! If your child wishes to participate, they are encouraged to bring in one or more gently used books they already own that they no longer need or want.



## 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!



## 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 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.





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## In Loving Memory of Chief Rhonda Larrabee

### *Memorial Service*



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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!**





## 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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## New West Royals Soccer:

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# Soccer Day Camps

...more than just a soccer camp!



Keep the SAVINGS Rolling,  
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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:

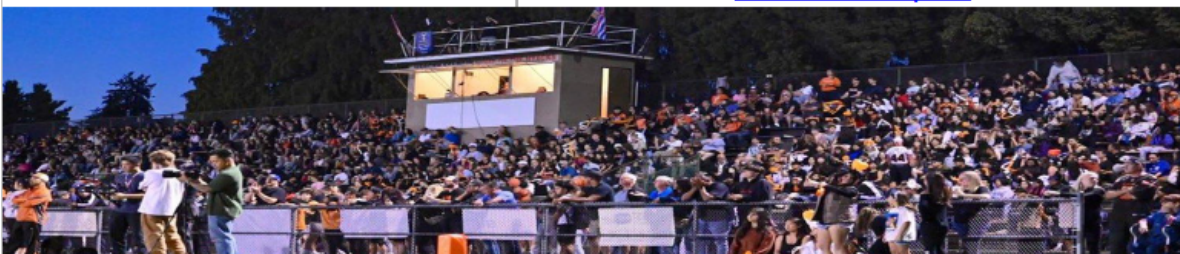
[www.coachoatway.com](http://www.coachoatway.com)

### Registration Form

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



### Hyacks Football Promotional Video





# 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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