

# QMS Weekly Newsletter



February 6, 2026  
*QMS Tsunami*

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

February 9	Grade 7 Boys Basketball at EGMS
February 9	Grade 8 Boys Basketball - Fraser North Zone Playoffs (Feb.11-13 - TBD)
February 10	Grade 7 Girls Basketball at EGMS
February 11	Student-led parent-teacher conferences Early dismissal at 11:55 a.m.
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February 13	Field Trip (Div. 5/6): Ice skating (at Moody)
February 13	Jump Rope For Heart activities in PHE classes
February 16	Family Day: School closed
February 17	District Professional Development Day Students do not attend
February 18	QMS PAC Meeting at 7p.m. (MS Teams)
February 23	Grade 7 Boys Basketball at FRMS
February 24	Grade 7 Girls Basketball at FRMS
February 26	Fire drill

### Principal's Message:

This past week began with some special visitors arriving to our school, both from UBC & SFU. QMS is hosting 27 UBC student teachers every Monday in February as part of a collaboration initiative between the two schools. Meanwhile, we have a pair of SFU student teachers, Ms. Verrelli and Ms. Amores, that will be working directly with Divisions 7 and 14, respectively. We also have UBC student teacher Mr. MacNamara returning to work with Ms. Stephen's music classes. Finally, as you may have heard last we welcomed Ms. Glynda Tentes to our QMS staff. Ms. Tentes is working with Division 3 for the remainder of the school year.

On Monday, a group of NWSS staff and students met with our Grade 8 students to talk about course selection and what it's like to transition to high school. Grade 8s are reminded to complete their course selection online through their MyEd BC account by Friday, February 13.



In sports, our Grade 8 boys basketball team began their playoff journey on Thursday with a win vs Moscrop but lost Friday vs Burnaby South. Congratulations to the players and coaches for all their hard work and success as the team will advance to the Fraser North Zone playoffs beginning on Monday (in Port Coquitlam). Meanwhile, our Grade 7 basketball teams will be in action at EGMS this upcoming week, with the boys playing on Monday and the girls playing on Tuesday.

A friendly reminder that on Wednesday and Thursday there will be early dismissals (11:55 a.m.) due to student-led parent teacher conferences.

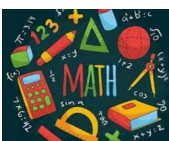
Enjoy your Sunday!

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



### Mathletes Math Club: Every Tuesday

Please note that our Mathletes Math Club will meet every Tuesday afterschool with Mr. Ha in Room 203 (Ms. Grewall's classroom).



### Grade 8 Course Selection:

Over the next two weeks, Grade 8 students will complete their course selection for their Grade 9 classes at NWSS. On February 3, NWSS staff visited QMS to share information with Grade 8 classes. Students and parents can check out more information using the link below:

<https://newwestschools.ca/nwss/students/course-selection/>



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# Upcoming Events and Reminders:

## QMS PAC Meeting Dates:

February 18    April 15  
May 20



## 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 Student Learning Survey: Now Open! Grade 7 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/>

## 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!

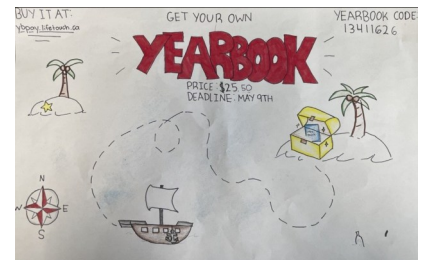
<https://newwestschools.ca/qms/2026/01/27/order-your-2025-2026-yearbook-now/>

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 February 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.

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.





## QCC Afterschool Programs: Ages 6-12

Hi all,

We would really appreciate your support getting word out about our drop in opportunities for ages 6-12. Due to low numbers, we assume families and students aren't aware about these programs. Our Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass can also be used for these programs. Here is a link to more information about these passes:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/message/19:7bdf4201-d4dc-4e8c-8332-f9faf9e6a8fe\\_fa027ff1-9e7d-4dc2-9671-6c54c5171332@unq.gbl.spaces/1769626800931?context=%7B%22contextType%22%3A%22chat%22%7D](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/message/19:7bdf4201-d4dc-4e8c-8332-f9faf9e6a8fe_fa027ff1-9e7d-4dc2-9671-6c54c5171332@unq.gbl.spaces/1769626800931?context=%7B%22contextType%22%3A%22chat%22%7D)

### Afterschool Programs Promo

#### Drop-in Afterschool Programs (5 - 12 years) [Ongoing until March 13, 2026](#)

Explore new activities, get active or tap into creativity with registered or drop-in afterschool programs. A variety of options Monday thru Friday to meet your afterschool needs and child's interests.

#### Queensborough Community Centre

· Open Gym - Children (9 - 12 years)  
Monday & Tuesday, 3:15 -5:15 pm

· Knitting & Crocheting (6 - 12 years)  
Thursday, 3:15 - 4:15 pm

[See up-to-date schedule at: newwestcity.ca/dropin](http://newwestcity.ca/dropin)

Thank you so much!!!

**Riley Gunderson** | Recreation Leader  
T 604.525.7388 | E [rgunderson@newwestcity.ca](mailto:rgunderson@newwestcity.ca)

**City of New Westminster** | Parks & Recreation  
920 Ewen St, New Westminster, BC V3M5C8  
[newwestcity.ca/rec](http://newwestcity.ca/rec) |

## 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





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# NWSS Hockey Academy:

RPM HOCKEY  EST. 1980 COMPANY LTD.

## NEW WESTMINSTER HOCKEY ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER 2026 - JANUARY 2027

Offered in partnership with RPM Hockey Company, New Westminister Secondary & School District 40



CHARACTER • INTEGRITY • TRADITION

### ABOUT THE ACADEMY



RPM & New Westminister Secondary have developed a Ministry Approved program that provides students with the opportunity to obtain academic credit and pursue their sport of choice.

Academy is (coed, inclusive & available for all skill levels) Available for players Grades 9-12.

RPM has been the popular choice of Parents, Players & Minor Hockey for over 45 years and Public Education for 22 years! That says a lot about the work we do day in and day out, season after season and year after year!



#### 2026 HOCKEY ACADEMY INCLUDES:

- Academy Format - Semester - Sept. 2026 to Jan. 2027
- Inside the school timetable
- Students can play minor hockey & school sports
- Professional Instruction
- On Ice Development
- Sport Specific Training
- Tactical/Game Play
- Performance Testing
- Guest Speakers & Workshops
- Complimentary Soft Goods
- Special Events
- Volunteer Experience
- Personal Growth & Leadership

#### ACADEMY COST \$1,565

Once you have registered online at [www.rpmhockey.com](http://www.rpmhockey.com) you must also notify the school that you would like to join their hockey academy.

#### New Parent - Zoom Meeting

January 21 2026 at 7:00 pm  
Meeting ID: 857 4557 3841  
Passcode: 827952

#### Contact:

New Westminister Secondary	Brent Foster	<a href="mailto:bfoster@sd40.bc.ca">bfoster@sd40.bc.ca</a>
Hockey Academy	Craig Millin	<a href="mailto:craig@rpmhockey.com">craig@rpmhockey.com</a>
Academy Administration	Holly Rogers	<a href="mailto:holly@rpmhockey.com">holly@rpmhockey.com</a>
Academy Administration	Sam Porta	<a href="mailto:sam@rpmhockey.com">sam@rpmhockey.com</a>



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

*My son he has become an outstanding student as a result of mixing school with the sport he loves.*

*Putting my son in the Hockey Academy was the best thing I ever did for his hockey development and you can quote me. Parent - Midget Zone Player*

*My son went from Bantam C to Bantam AAA and he not only brings home great marks, he looks forward to going to school every day.*

**Building great kids in the classroom, on ice and in their community!**

## NWSS Musical Theatre Program:



Dear Grade 8 Students, Parents, & Guardians,

As you prepare for the NWSS course selection process, we wanted to reach out with some important information regarding our program.

Every second year, we run our full AUDITIONED program. Recent productions have included *Shrek* and *Mamma Mia!* We are excited to announce that our next full-scale musical will take place in the early months of 2027. The planning process will start now, however!

Students who are interested in auditioning for a spot in our cast are encouraged to join our TEAMS PAGE (accessible to SD40 students) - Code: **5om8fqq** - to obtain information about the audition process AND to sign up for an audition time. Documents will be uploaded to FILES on the Teams page with specific details – **PLEASE READ!**

Students who make the program will be notified by spring break. Those who need more practice, will be encouraged to register for Musical Theatre *Foundations* (open to grade 9s who auditioned for the full program but require further instruction).

### AUDITION PROCESS AFTER SIGNING UP:

1. **Prepare a memorized monologue** with full characterization (approximately 1-minute). Bring in a hard copy of the text so teachers can follow along.
2. **Prepare a memorized song** from the genre of musical theatre and have a downloaded karaoke track on your phone; we will connect your device to our speaker.
3. **Learn the dance that will be posted** on our TEAMS page (one week prior to auditions). Students will arrive to their audition at the START of the session and will perform the dance in small groups. Then, students will take turns to come in and individually perform their song and monologue (in any order).
4. **Bring with you the completed info sheet AND a current photo** we can keep (does NOT need to be a formal headshot; a colour photocopy would be fine).

**Crew Stream:** For students interested in learning about the behind-the-scenes aspects of musical theatre while being involved in the creation of a large-scale production. **THESE STUDENTS SHOULD REGISTER FOR THEATRE PRODUCTION AND EMAIL MS. WALDNER WITH THEIR INTEREST ASAP.**

-There are limited spots available so an interview to secure a spot may be required.

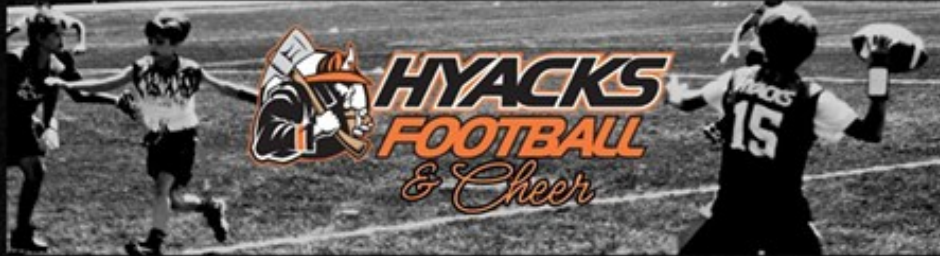
For more information, please contact Ms. Waldner or Ms. Monteleone at [lwaldner@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:lwaldner@sd40.bc.ca) or [fmonteleone@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:fmonteleone@sd40.bc.ca).

Thank you for your consideration of auditioning for the NWSS Musical Theatre Program.



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# 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



## New West Community Info: *Downtown's Living Room*

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/2025/09/04/downtownlivingroom.php>

### What's New



Come join us: Downtown's Living Room at Anvil Centre



Anvil Centre is excited to share exciting updates to its programming schedule! Starting this fall we hope you'll join us on Monday nights for **Downtown's Living Room**.

**Downtown's Living Room** will run Monday nights (excluding holidays) at 5:30 PM. This is your chance to come hang out, relax, make new friends and enjoy different activities on offer—everyone is welcome to take part in this FREE event!

Each week's theme will be shared in advance on various City of New Westminster channels, including:

- The City's [calendar of events](#),
- Anvil Centre's [social media channels](#)
- Anvil Centre's [website](#)
- The City of New Westminster's [Citypage](#) e-newsletter

We are now offering the opportunity to borrow board games at Anvil Centre. To learn more about what games are available, please connect with Anvil Centre's front desk staff.

A reminder that Anvil Centre's hours of operation have also changed, and that the Centre will now be open **Monday to Thursday until 8:00 PM**.



# 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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<b>February 26</b>	Fire drill
<b>February 27</b>	Field Trip (Div. 2): Circus School
<b>March 2</b>	Field Trip (Div. 1): Circus School
<b>March 4</b>	Grade 5 hockey tournament at FRMS
<b>March 6</b>	Field Trip (Div. 4): Circus School
<b>March 11</b>	Field Trip (Div. 5-11): Central City Fun Park
<b>March 12</b>	QMS Dance Show

### Principal's Message:

Looking back on this week, we had two days of student-led conferences on Wednesday and Thursday. This was a great opportunity for students to share and discuss their learning with parents and teachers, as well as set some goals for the remainder of the term. The week ended with our Jump Rope For Heart event in which all classes participated in a series of fun activities in the gym. Thank you to our families for supporting this long-standing Canadian school-based fundraiser that encourages students to get active, build healthy habits, and support lifesaving heart & stroke research. Thank you to Ms. Takhar, Ms. Sidhu and the Division 3 leadership students for organizing such a fun day for our school!

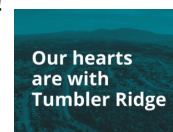


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A friendly reminder that QMS will be closed on Monday (Family Day) and Tuesday (Pro D Day). School will re-open on Wednesday and there will be a QMS PAC meeting (on MS Teams) on Wednesday night (7pm).

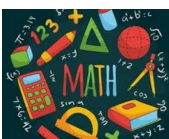
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QMS Principal



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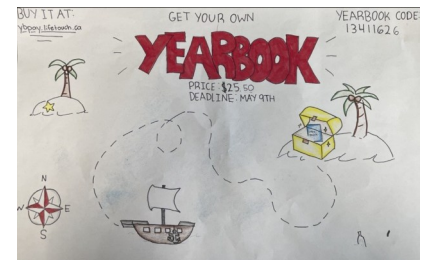
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  - Create unsafe conditions
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  - Physical violence
  - Retribution against a person who has reported incidents
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  - Theft of or damage to property

**RESPECT &  
RESPONSIBILITY**

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## 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.

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### **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.





## QCC Afterschool Programs: Ages 6-12

Hi all,

We would really appreciate your support getting word out about our drop in opportunities for ages 6-12. Due to low numbers, we assume families and students aren't aware about these programs. Our Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass can also be used for these programs. Here is a link to more information about these passes:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/message/19:7bdf4201-d4dc-4e8c-8332-f9faf9e6a8fe\\_fa027ff1-9e7d-4dc2-9671-6c54c5171332@unq.gbl.spaces/1769626800931?context=%7B%22contextType%22%3A%22chat%22%7D](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/message/19:7bdf4201-d4dc-4e8c-8332-f9faf9e6a8fe_fa027ff1-9e7d-4dc2-9671-6c54c5171332@unq.gbl.spaces/1769626800931?context=%7B%22contextType%22%3A%22chat%22%7D)

### Afterschool Programs Promo

#### Drop-in Afterschool Programs (5 - 12 years) [Ongoing until March 13, 2026](#)

Explore new activities, get active or tap into creativity with registered or drop-in afterschool programs. A variety of options Monday thru Friday to meet your afterschool needs and child's interests.

#### Queensborough Community Centre

· Open Gym - Children (9 - 12 years)  
Monday & Tuesday, 3:15 -5:15 pm

· Knitting & Crocheting (6 - 12 years)  
Thursday, 3:15 - 4:15 pm

[See up-to-date schedule at: newwestcity.ca/dropin](http://newwestcity.ca/dropin)

Thank you so much!!!

**Riley Gunderson** | Recreation Leader  
T 604.525.7388 | E [rgunderson@newwestcity.ca](mailto:rgunderson@newwestcity.ca)

**City of New Westminster** | Parks & Recreation  
920 Ewen St, New Westminster, BC V3M5C8  
[newwestcity.ca/rec](http://newwestcity.ca/rec) |

## 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

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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:

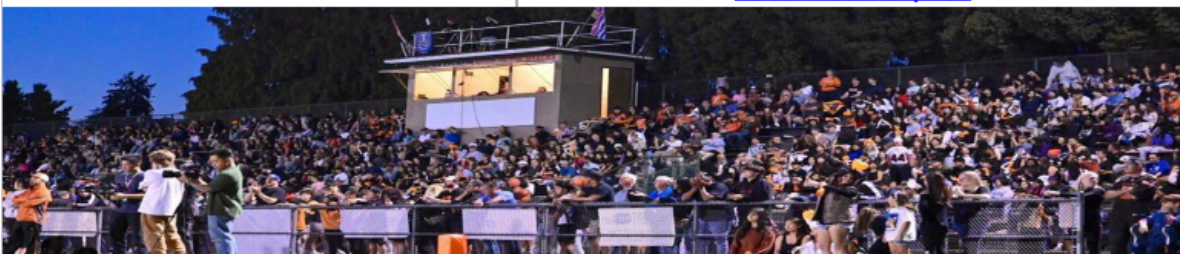
[www.coachoatway.com](http://www.coachoatway.com)

### Registration Form

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



### Hyacks Football Promotional Video



# Hyack Football:



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

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## New West Community Info: *Downtown's Living Room*

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/2025/09/04/downtownlivingroom.php>

### What's New



Come join us: Downtown's Living Room at Anvil Centre



Anvil Centre is excited to share exciting updates to its programming schedule! Starting this fall we hope you'll join us on Monday nights for **Downtown's Living Room**.

**Downtown's Living Room** will run Monday nights (excluding holidays) at 5:30 PM. This is your chance to come hang out, relax, make new friends and enjoy different activities on offer—everyone is welcome to take part in this FREE event!

Each week's theme will be shared in advance on various City of New Westminster channels, including:

- The City's [calendar of events](#),
- Anvil Centre's [social media channels](#)
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We are now offering the opportunity to borrow board games at Anvil Centre. To learn more about what games are available, please connect with Anvil Centre's front desk staff.

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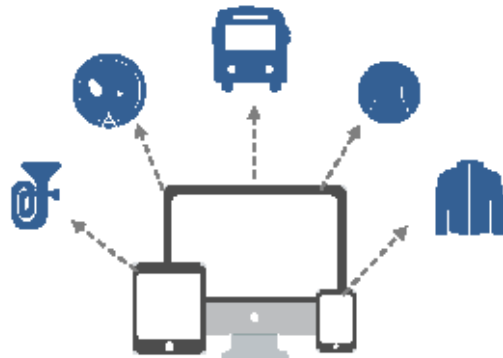
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## Register Today!

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.



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### 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

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# QMS Weekly Newsletter



February 20, 2026

**QMS Tsunami**

## Queensborough Middle School

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<b>February 25</b>	Pink Shirt Day 
<b>February 25</b>	QMS PAC A&W hot lunch
<b>February 26</b>	Fire drill
<b>February 26-28</b>	Grade 8 Boys Basketball at BC Provincials in Chilliwack (TBA) 
<b>February 27</b>	Field Trip (Div. 2): Circus School
<b>March 2</b>	Field Trip (Div. 1): Circus School
<b>March 4</b>	Grade 5 hockey tournament at FRMS
<b>March 6</b>	Field Trip (Div. 4): Circus School
<b>March 10</b>	Last day of Exploratory Rotation #4
<b>March 11</b>	Field Trip (Div. 5-11): Central City Fun Park
<b>March 12</b>	QMS Dance Show
<b>March 12</b>	Term 2 report cards published in MyEd Portal
<b>March 13</b>	Last day of school before spring break
<b>March 30</b>	School re-opens (after spring break)
<b>March 31</b>	Exploratory Rotation #5 begins

### Principal's Message:

This three-day week way went by very quickly. Throughout this week, there's been a lot of national pride in the air as students and staff have been captivated by the Olympic spirit!



In sports, our Grade 8 boys basketball team has been preparing all week for their upcoming games at the Bantam Boys provincials in Chilliwack (beginning on Thursday). Meanwhile, both our Grade 7 boys & girls basketball teams have been practising in preparation for their upcoming games at FRMS. Go Tsunami!

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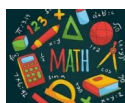
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### Mathletes Math Club: Every Tuesday

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 **GO CANADA!**  
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<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/>

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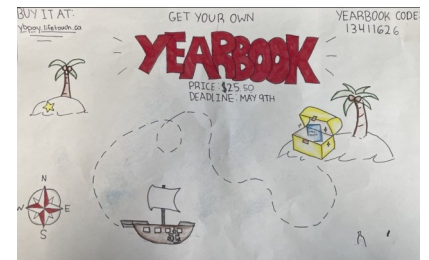
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- ◆ Engaging in purposeful learning activities in a timely manner
- ◆ Acting in a manner that brings credit to QMS
- ◆ The use of personal digital devices at school is to be restricted for educational purposes, to promote online safety and focused 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*

## 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.

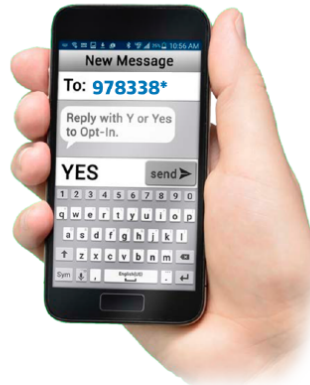
You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

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.



# New West Youth Updates:

Just a few Youth updates I mentioned at Wednesday's PAC meeting:

1. Youth Award Nominations are out. Please consider nominate an outstanding youth [here](#).
2. Youth Drop-In will celebrate Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

We have some fun activities and great prizes to win!

3. Spring Break Programming is out. The Youth Drop-in Spring Break schedule is below.

## Youth Drop-in 11 - 18 years

GENERAL INTEREST & SPORTS DROP-IN SCHEDULE						
Effective: March 14 - 29, 2026						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>New West Youth Centre - 620 Eighth Street - 604-515-3801 - 11 - 18 years</b>						
<b>Youth Drop-in</b> 1:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Game Fever</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Leaders in Training</b> 5:00 - 7:00 pm (13 - 18 years)	<b>Youth Drop-in</b> 1:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Nowruz Celebration</b> 3:00 - 8:00 pm March 17 <b>Sizzle &amp; Spice</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm March 24 <b>Youth DJ</b> 3:30 - 5:30 pm	<b>Youth Drop-in</b> 1:00 - 9:00 pm <b>New Picassos</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Youth Drop-in</b> 1:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Gym Jam</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Music Scene</b> 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>Youth Drop-in</b> 1:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Net Ninjas</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Youth Drop-in</b> 1:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Mix Masters</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm	
<b>Queensborough Community Centre - 920 Ewen Avenue - 604-525-7388 - 11 - 18 years</b>						
<b>Monday Masterpieces</b> 3:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Game-On</b> 3:00 - 5:30 pm <b>Table Tennis Nights</b> 6:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>Nowruz Celebration</b> 3:30 - 6:00 pm March 18 <b>Spring Break, Spring Bake</b> 3:30 - 6:00 pm March 25	<b>Chill Vibes Music Lounge</b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>Youth Grill &amp; Chill</b> 3:30 - 10:00 pm March 20 <b>Teensborough Basketball Tournament</b> 3:30 - 10:00 pm March 27	<b>Arcade Afternoon</b> 3:00 - 5:00 pm	
<b>tamosewrtx Aquatic and Community Centre - 65 East Sixth Avenue - 604-777-5100 - 11 - 18 years</b>						
<b>Bake Studio</b> 3:15 - 5:15 pm <b>Youth Drop-in</b> 3:15 - 9:00 pm	<b>Sports Drop-in</b> 3:00 - 6:00 pm	<b>The Paint Lab</b> 3:15 - 5:15 pm <b>Youth Drop-in</b> 3:15 - 9:00 pm	<b>Sports Drop-in</b> 3:00 - 6:00 pm	<b>Spring Slam Showdown</b> 3:15 - 10:00 pm March 20 <b>Spring Spike Fest</b> 3:15 - 10:00 pm March 27	<b>Sports Drop-in</b> 3:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Youth Drop-in Swim</b> 8:00 - 10:00 pm March 21	
Learn more about Youth Services. Visit <a href="http://newwestyouth.ca">newwestyouth.ca</a> Schedules are subject to change. For up-to-date schedules visit: <a href="http://newwestcity.ca/youthdropin">newwestcity.ca/youthdropin</a>						



## QCC Afterschool Programs: Ages 6-12

Hi all,

We would really appreciate your support getting word out about our drop in opportunities for ages 6-12. Due to low numbers, we assume families and students aren't aware about these programs. Our Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass can also be used for these programs. Here is a link to more information about these passes:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/message/19:7bdf4201-d4dc-4e8c-8332-f9faf9e6a8fe\\_fa027ff1-9e7d-4dc2-9671-6c54c5171332@unq.gbl.spaces/1769626800931?context=%7B%22contextType%22%3A%22chat%22%7D](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/message/19:7bdf4201-d4dc-4e8c-8332-f9faf9e6a8fe_fa027ff1-9e7d-4dc2-9671-6c54c5171332@unq.gbl.spaces/1769626800931?context=%7B%22contextType%22%3A%22chat%22%7D)

### Afterschool Programs Promo

#### Drop-in Afterschool Programs (5 - 12 years) [Ongoing until March 13, 2026](#)

Explore new activities, get active or tap into creativity with registered or drop-in afterschool programs. A variety of options Monday thru Friday to meet your afterschool needs and child's interests.

#### Queensborough Community Centre

· Open Gym - Children (9 - 12 years)  
Monday & Tuesday, 3:15 -5:15 pm

· Knitting & Crocheting (6 - 12 years)  
Thursday, 3:15 - 4:15 pm

[See up-to-date schedule at: newwestcity.ca/dropin](http://newwestcity.ca/dropin)

Thank you so much!!!

**Riley Gunderson** | Recreation Leader  
T 604.525.7388 | E [rgunderson@newwestcity.ca](mailto:rgunderson@newwestcity.ca)

**City of New Westminster** | Parks & Recreation  
920 Ewen St, New Westminster, BC V3M5C8  
[newwestcity.ca/rec](http://newwestcity.ca/rec) |



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:

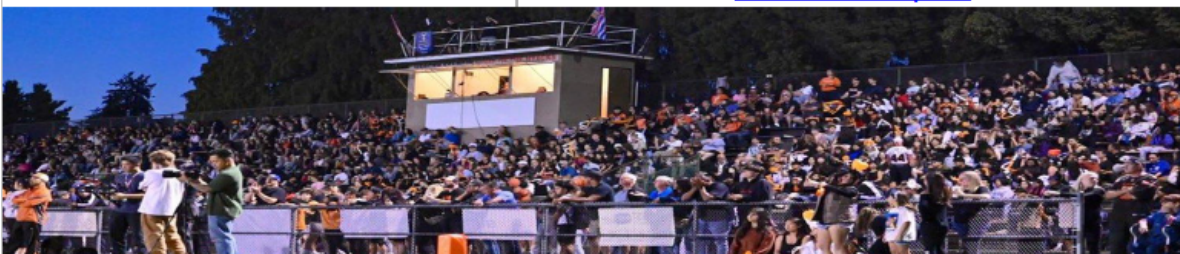
[www.coachoatway.com](http://www.coachoatway.com)

### Registration Form

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



### Hyacks Football Promotional Video



# Hyack Football:



The poster features a central image of a young boy in an orange jersey with the number 1 on the back, looking towards the right. Behind him, a group of cheerleaders in black and orange uniforms are performing a pyramid. The background is a collage of football and cheerleading action shots. At the top, there is a banner with the text 'HYACKS FOOTBALL & Cheer' and a logo of a football player. Below the banner, four key details are listed: 'SPRING 2026 FOOTBALL & CHEER', 'AGES 5-14', 'APRIL TO JUNE', and 'REGISTRATION OPEN NOW'. The year 'HYACKS 2026' is written in large, bold, orange letters across the middle. Four laurel wreath icons surround the central image, each containing a benefit: 'TEAM BONDING', 'SKILL BUILDING', 'UNITED SPIRIT', and 'CONFIDENCE BUILDING'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

SPRING 2026  
FOOTBALL & CHEER

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# HYACKS 2026

TEAM BONDING

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## 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



## New West Community Info: *Downtown's Living Room*

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/2025/09/04/downtownlivingroom.php>

### What's New



Come join us: Downtown's Living Room at Anvil Centre



Anvil Centre is excited to share exciting updates to its programming schedule! Starting this fall we hope you'll join us on Monday nights for **Downtown's Living Room**.

**Downtown's Living Room** will run Monday nights (excluding holidays) at 5:30 PM. This is your chance to come hang out, relax, make new friends and enjoy different activities on offer—everyone is welcome to take part in this FREE event!

Each week's theme will be shared in advance on various City of New Westminster channels, including:

- The City's [calendar of events](#),
- Anvil Centre's [social media channels](#)
- Anvil Centre's [website](#)
- The City of New Westminster's [Citypage](#) e-newsletter

We are now offering the opportunity to borrow board games at Anvil Centre. To learn more about what games are available, please connect with Anvil Centre's front desk staff.

A reminder that Anvil Centre's hours of operation have also changed, and that the Centre will now be open **Monday to Thursday until 8:00 PM**.



# Online Consent Forms:

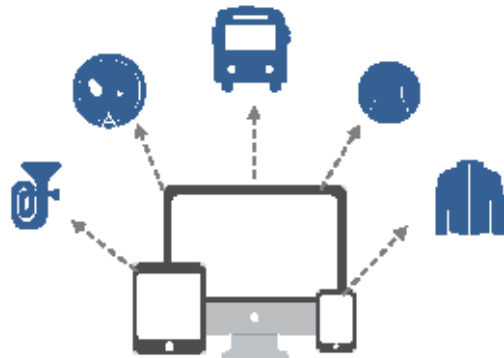
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## Register Today!

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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# QMS Weekly Newsletter



February 27, 2026  
**QMS Tsunami**

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

<b>February 26-28</b>	Grade 8 Boys Basketball at BC Provincials in Chilliwack (TBA)	
<b>February 27</b>	Field Trip (Div. 2): Circus School	
<b>March 2</b>	Field Trip (Div. 1): Circus School	
<b>March 4</b>	Grade 5 hockey tournament at FRMS	
<b>March 6</b>	Field Trip (Div. 4): Circus School	
<b>March 10</b>	Field Trip (Div. 13/15): Anvil Centre	
<b>March 10</b>	Last day of Exploratory Rotation #4	
<b>March 11</b>	Field Trip (Div. 5-11): Central City Fun Park	
<b>March 11</b>	Field Trip (Div. 12/14): Anvil Centre	
<b>March 12</b>	QMS Dance Show (in Gym)	
<b>March 12</b>	Term 2 report cards published in MyEd Portal	
<b>March 13</b>	Last day of school before spring break	
<b>March 30</b>	School re-opens (after spring break)	
<b>March 31</b>	Exploratory Rotation #5 begins	
<b>April 3</b>	Good Friday: School closed	
<b>April 6</b>	Easter Monday: School closed	
<b>April 7</b>	Green Shirt Day	

### Principal's Message:

It was another active week at QMS - especially during our Music and PHE classes where students have been choreographing & practicing their dance routines for the dance unit. The culmination of this hard work will be on display for our QMS community during our Mar. 12 Dance Show!

In sports, both our Grade 7 boys & girls basketball teams played in tournaments at FRMS this week. Congrats to our Grade 7 players and coaches on a basketball season filled with fun, teamwork and growth! Meanwhile, our Grade 8 boys basketball team competed at the Bantam Boys provincials in Chilliwack. On Thursday, the team won their first game vs. Columneetza (Williams Lake) but lost their second game vs. M.E.I. On Friday morning, the boys battled relentlessly but lost in overtime vs. Enver Creek, and finished the day coming up a bit short vs. the home team, Chilliwack. The Tsunami won their final game on Saturday vs. Penticton. Congratulations to our Grade 8 team for a historic season - way to go boys! Thank you to our NWSS coaches and sponsors - Mr. Rai & Ms. Weick - for all their encouragement and support! See p.8 for photos.

In the spirit of Pink Shirt Day (Wed.), thank you to Divisions 7, 8 & 10 for spreading kindness at QMS (see p.9).



Enjoy your weekend.

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



### QMS PAC Purdy's Fundraiser:

Thank you to our QMS PAC for organizing a Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser! Please use the link below to place your order. All orders are due by March 22. Thank you for your support!



<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000027731>

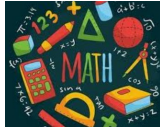


Queensborough Middle School

# 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.

## QMS Student Learning Survey: Now Open! Grade 7 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/>

## 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!

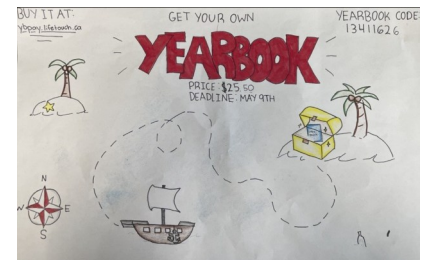
<https://newwestschools.ca/qms/2026/01/27/order-your-2025-2026-yearbook-now/>

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 February 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*

## 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.

# Grade 8 Boys Basketball: BC Provincials in Chilliwack







# New West Youth Updates:

Just a few Youth updates I mentioned at Wednesday's PAC meeting:

1. Youth Award Nominations are out. Please consider nominate an outstanding youth [here](#).
2. Youth Drop-In will celebrate Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

We have some fun activities and great prizes to win!

3. Spring Break Programming is out. The Youth Drop-in Spring Break schedule is below.

## Youth Drop-in 11 - 18 years

GENERAL INTEREST & SPORTS DROP-IN SCHEDULE						
Effective: March 14 - 29, 2026						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>New West Youth Centre - 620 Eighth Street - 604-515-3801 - 11 - 18 years</b>						
Youth Drop-in 1:00 - 9:00 pm Game Fever 4:00 - 8:00 pm Leaders in Training 5:00 - 7:00 pm (13 - 18 years)	Youth Drop-in 1:00 - 9:00 pm Nowruz Celebration 3:00 - 8:00 pm March 17 Sizzle & Spice 4:00 - 8:00 pm March 24 Youth DJ 3:30 - 5:30 pm	Youth Drop-in 1:00 - 9:00 pm New Picassos 4:00 - 8:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 1:00 - 9:00 pm Gym Jam 4:00 - 8:00 pm Music Scene 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Youth Drop-in 1:00 - 9:00 pm Net Ninjas 4:00 - 8:00 pm	Youth Drop-in 1:00 - 9:00 pm Mix Masters 4:00 - 8:00 pm	
<b>Queensborough Community Centre - 920 Ewen Avenue - 604-525-7388 - 11 - 18 years</b>						
Monday Masterpieces 3:30 - 6:00 pm	Game-On 3:00 - 5:30 pm Table Tennis Nights 6:00 - 9:00 pm	Nowruz Celebration 3:30 - 6:00 pm March 18 Spring Break, Spring Bake 3:30 - 6:00 pm March 25	Chill Vibes Music Lounge 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Youth Grill & Chill 3:30 - 10:00 pm March 20 Teensborough Basketball Tournament 3:30 - 10:00 pm March 27	Arcade Afternoon 3:00 - 5:00 pm	
<b>tamosewrtx Aquatic and Community Centre - 65 East Sixth Avenue - 604-777-5100 - 11 - 18 years</b>						
Bake Studio 3:15 - 5:15 pm Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm	Sports Drop-in 3:00 - 6:00 pm	The Paint Lab 3:15 - 5:15 pm Youth Drop-in 3:15 - 9:00 pm	Sports Drop-in 3:00 - 6:00 pm	Spring Slam Showdown 3:15 - 10:00 pm March 20 Spring Spike Fest 3:15 - 10:00 pm March 27	Sports Drop-in 3:00 - 9:00 pm Youth Drop-in Swim 8:00 - 10:00 pm March 21	
Learn more about Youth Services. Visit <a href="http://newwestyouth.ca">newwestyouth.ca</a> Schedules are subject to change. For up-to-date schedules visit: <a href="http://newwestcity.ca/youthdropin">newwestcity.ca/youthdropin</a>						



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!**



**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!**





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:

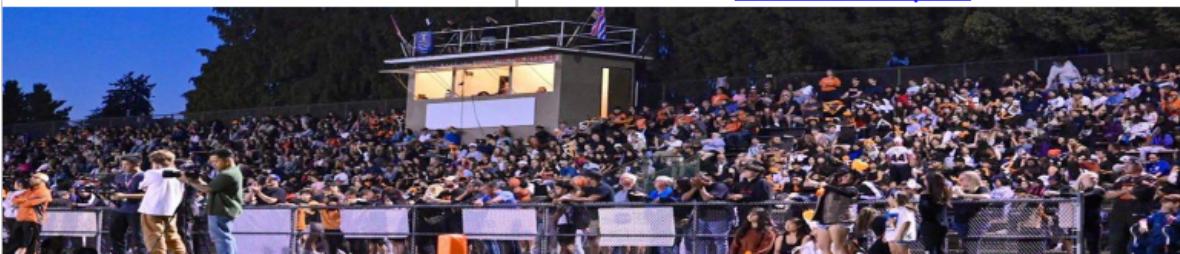
[www.coachcoatway.com](http://www.coachcoatway.com)

### Registration Form

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



### Hyacks Football Promotional Video



# Hyack Football:



The poster features a collage of images: football players on a field, a cheerleader in a black jersey with the number 15, and a group of cheerleaders performing a pyramid. The text 'HYACKS FOOTBALL & Cheer' is written in a stylized font. Below this, the text 'SPRING 2026 FOOTBALL & CHEER', 'AGES 5-14', 'APRIL TO JUNE', and 'REGISTRATION OPEN NOW' is displayed. The large orange text 'HYACKS 2026' is the central focus. Four laurel wreath icons surround the central text, each containing a benefit: 'TEAM BONDING', 'SKILL BUILDING', 'UNITED SPIRIT', and 'CONFIDENCE BUILDING'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

## 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



## New West Community Info: *Downtown's Living Room*

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/2025/09/04/downtownlivingroom.php>

### What's New



Come join us: Downtown's Living Room at Anvil Centre



Anvil Centre is excited to share exciting updates to its programming schedule! Starting this fall we hope you'll join us on Monday nights for **Downtown's Living Room**.

**Downtown's Living Room** will run Monday nights (excluding holidays) at 5:30 PM. This is your chance to come hang out, relax, make new friends and enjoy different activities on offer—everyone is welcome to take part in this FREE event!

Each week's theme will be shared in advance on various City of New Westminster channels, including:

- The City's [calendar of events](#),
- Anvil Centre's [social media channels](#)
- Anvil Centre's [website](#)
- The City of New Westminster's [Citypage](#) e-newsletter

We are now offering the opportunity to borrow board games at Anvil Centre. To learn more about what games are available, please connect with Anvil Centre's front desk staff.

A reminder that Anvil Centre's hours of operation have also changed, and that the Centre will now be open **Monday to Thursday until 8:00 PM**.



# Online Consent Forms:

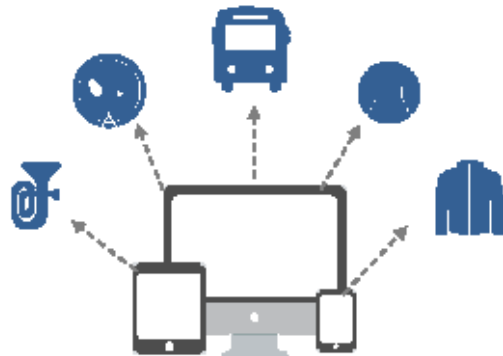
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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

## 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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