



Oct 11, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*\*Note: A PDF copy of this message, and an archive of previous weekly messages can be found on our school website.*

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/queenmary/About/Principal/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Arriving at Thanksgiving weekend always feels like an important time in the school year as it is at this time that we finally feel settled into our routines, and our classroom communities start to really gel and become productive, busy learning centers. Many of the grades begin the year with a unity of inquiry under the IB PYP theme "Who We Are", as a means of establishing a classroom culture of collaboration, understanding, and respect. It is also a mid-point in the term which feels a bit celebratory – we have made it this far already!!

Speaking of routines...we kindly ask PLEASE:

- Do NOT use our school staff parking lot for picking up and dropping off students.
- Do NOT park your car in the drop-off zone in front of the school. Note the signs showing where and when you can park.
- Always have your child check in at the office if they arrive to school late instead of walking them to their classroom door.
- Please remember to pay the school fees!!

Thanks!!

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**Student-Teacher-Parent Conferences** - Final Dates October 15, and 17

We hope you have enjoyed taking part in your child's goal-setting conferences this week. Powerful and transformative learning occurs when students reflect on, identify, commit to, and take ownership for their chosen areas for growth. Please be reminded that students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on October 15 and 17 to allow time for these meetings. Please ensure children are picked up promptly at 2:00 as we will not have any staff supervision on the school grounds after dismissal.

If you have not booked a meeting yet there may still be times available. **PLEASE USE THIS [LINK](#)** to book your conference time with your child's teacher. If no times are available, please email your child's teacher to see if there are any other (unscheduled) times available to meet.

If clicking on the above link doesn't connect, copy the following address and paste into your browser.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Term1QMConferencesCopy@sd44O365.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Please Note: These meetings are exclusively meant for student-focused goal setting. At any time of the school year, if you have other topics you would like to discuss with teachers, feel free to email them to set up a meeting or a discussion over the phone.

### **Japanese Guest Teacher Arriving!**

We will be hosting Ms. Mei Otsuka, our guest teacher from Japan, here at Queen Mary for the next few months. She will be arriving on Tuesday and is eager to share traditional and cultural aspects into our classrooms (in addition to learning from us!).

### **This Week's Highlights**

The QM basketball teams launched into their season with games against other elementary school in NVSD! Thank you to our amazing coaches, score keepers, and teacher sponsors who helped our students get organized and game ready. Go Eagles!

### **Division 3 and 4 inquire into responsibility and community!**

The Grade 6s have been diving deeply into their IB PYP Who We Are unit of inquiry this week as they created identity cards, reflected on their role as big buddies, and researched the changes of an adolescent brain.



### **UBC Teacher Candidates and EA Practicum Students**

Over the course of the year we are host to a number of educators on their journey toward their professional certification. Some are in programs to become Educational Assistants and others are in teacher education programs. We currently have two Educational Assistant Practicum students and five Teacher Candidates assigned to our school. Many of our staff members are involved as mentors for these individuals and you might hear your child speak of them in the context of their classroom learning. Please join us in welcoming them to Queen Mary!

### **GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER**

Over the course of the year, Grade 7s and parents/teachers run fundraisers to help pay for their year-end "Grade 7 Grad" celebratory events and legacy gift. This is their first fundraising event:

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**Cream Pony Donut Sale:** Order through Munchalunch starting October 4th until October 31st at 11pm.

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Pick up will be on **Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm in the Atrium.

**Prices:**

12-pack (variety) \$36.00  
6-pack (variety) \$20.00  
Individual Donut \$3.50

**NEXT WEEK at Queen Mary**

**The week of October 17 – 22 is Secret Path Week**

Throughout the week we will be collecting funds for the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund, contributing to a collective reconciliation journey through awareness, education, and action. We hope to raise \$600 to match the 600 km Chanie walked. Classroom teachers will be collecting these funds from students as the week progresses.

Classes will be walking laps of the East field and tracking their distances walked to contribute to our whole-school goal of walking 600 km by Friday, matching the distance Chanie Wenjack walked. We will also walk around the block as a whole school on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. We invite families to join us for this community walk - we will be leaving the school grounds from the EAST field at 2:00 p.m.

For more info click on these links:

Secret Path Week & Walk for Wenjack

[Secret Path Week - The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund \(downiewenjack.ca\)](http://downiewenjack.ca)

Chanie Wenjack

[Our Story - The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund \(downiewenjack.ca\)](http://downiewenjack.ca)

**MONDAY Oct 14:**

**Thanksgiving Day** – Schools are closed

**TUESDAY Oct 15:**

- 2:00pm dismissal for student goal-setting conferences (student-teacher-family) \*\*BOOK your appointment using the [LINK!](#)

**WEDNESDAY Oct 16:**

- HOOPS After School 4 Kids basketball program in the gym from 2:30-3:30 p.m. (for registered students – [LINK HERE](#) to register)

**THURSDAY Oct 17:**

- Earthquake Drill “The Great BC Shakeout” (drop-cover-hold practice)

- 2:00 dismissal for student goal-setting conferences (student-teacher-family) \*\*BOOK your appointment using the [LINK!](#)

- Red Fox after school program (for registered students)

**FRIDAY Oct 18:**

- Walk for Wenjack 2:00 p.m.

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- Queen Mary After School Sports Program (Play 4 Life Foundation) in the gym from 3:00-4:30 p.m. (for registered students – LINK HERE to register)

**SATURDAY October 19:** Provincial Election! Queen Mary is a voting site.

**\*QM After School Programs - LINK HERE** to see all program information and registration details

**UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES to NOTE:**

*(Please routinely check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website for most up-to-date list of school events)*

[Home - Queen Mary Community Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca)

**QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

The next QM PAC meeting is on **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** on ZOOM. Email the PAC for the link if interested in attending.

**Queen Mary PAC Facebook Page:** visit it frequently to stay informed, and to learn about ways to connect with and get involved in the school community.

[Queen Mary PAC | North Vancouver BC | Facebook](#)

You can contact members of the PAC Executive members in the following ways:

Email: [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com)

Facebook Link: [www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPAC](https://www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPAC)

**Fun Lunch:**

Orders must be placed using Munchalunch (online) by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.), for the following week's Fun Lunch. If you have any questions about Fun Lunch food orders, please contact the PAC. Fun Lunch Order Munchalunch Login:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/>

If you are interested in helping with the Fun Lunch program this year (organizing the lunch orders and get them into classrooms), please sign up via this link:

<https://signup.com/go/nnAOPus>

**NVSD News and Information**

Kindergarten Registration opened Tuesday, October 8 and ends Monday, December 9, 2024 for priority placement.

Information about Kindergarten, including the registration process and resources, available on the NVSD website.

[Kindergarten - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)

**Community Info**

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[Foundry](#) is holding a FREE session for parents at Carson Graham on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The key note speaker, Anna Nelson, from Family Services of the North Shore, will provide an overview of their Sexual Assault Response Program (SARP) and supports for youth who disclose sexual assault – [LINK HERE](#) if interested

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Enjoy a wonderful long weekend!! Gobble Gobble!!

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