



September 29, 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#/=>*

Fall is truly here when we say farewell to September! It is a beautiful time of the year for spending time outdoors learning about and observing the changing of the season. ☺

With the weather becoming cooler and more unpredictable PLEASE make sure children are dressed to stay warm and somewhat dry when outdoors, especially if there is ANY possibility of rain! We had many students come to school this week on our wettest day, without coats or boots, and as a result we had to call an indoor recess, which we typically do not do. Students really need, and benefit from, the time they spend outside at recess and lunch. All students will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch from this point forward, unless there is tremendous pooling of water and a torrential downpour, so please keep this in mind when checking what they are wearing before they leave home.

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This Week's Highlights:

Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

Members of our student leadership club and our Indigenous Support Worker, Elizabeth Nahanee, provided our school community with a thoughtful assembly, bringing attention to the importance of our collective work toward reconciliation. The reason for wearing an orange shirt was explained, information about Residential School shared, and Grade 2 students performed the Children's Blessing Song.



This week Grade 7 students brought in food to share with each other for a Grade 7 “buffet-style” Community Breakfast, as part of their inquiry into how personal and cultural values influence consumption choices, specifically with regards to eating habits.

The Grade 5s are exploring the structure and function of government as they inquire into how data and values enable citizens to make informed choices. Guest speakers they have had into the class to facilitate their learning have included School Board Trustee Kulvir Mann, NVSD Superintendent Pius Ryan and former MLA and current candidate for North Vancouver City, Bowinn Ma. More guests will visit as the unit continues. Bringing in guest speakers allows students to make relevant, meaningful connections between what they are learning and their community.

Tennis Lessons Conclude

This was the last week for tennis lessons for our students. Thank you for helping us provide this opportunity for children through the school fees. Programs like this would not be possible without your contributions. Marcus very kindly donated 6 NEW tennis racquets from us to give away to students. Names of students interested in winning a racquet were put into a draw and names were drawn today...so if your child arrives home with a new tennis racquet today, you can thank Marcus!





QM Athletics

Cross-Country: Friday mornings at Mahon park (8:00am)

Gr. 6/7 boys basketball: Thursday in the gym (12:25)

Gr. 6/7 girls basketball: Friday in the gym (12:25)

QM Choir for Grades 3-7

Queen Mary Choir rehearsals will begin next week, taking place at recess on Wednesdays and Fridays in the atrium. If you child likes to sing, encourage them to join!

Last reminder: PLEASE complete school forms (paper and online) and pay school fees!!

Please return the paper forms to the classroom teacher or school office.

LINK HERE for the online forms.

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

LINK HERE to pay school fees (CashOnline)

<https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com/>

NEXT WEEK at Queen Mary

MONDAY Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday- all schools closed)

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Canada.ca](#)

TUESDAY, Oct 1

FSA's (Gr 4 & 7) begins

Cross Country Team - Meet at Mahon Park - 3:30 p.m. start

THURSDAY, Oct 3: Red Fox (after school program) begins – for registered students

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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

Communicating Student Learning 2024-25

Students receive a Written Learning Update (formally called a “report card”) in December and March, and a Summary of Learning in June. In October families are invited to attend a learning conference with teachers as an “informal” learning update. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on October Oct 7, 10, 15, and 17 to allow time for parents/guardians to come to the school with their children and meet with teachers.

Next week all parents/guardians will be sent a link to a sign-up form to book an appointment/meeting time. We encourage all families to sign up for these important learning conferences as they are a time for students to set learning goals for the year, in collaboration with their parents/guardians and their teacher.

More information about these conferences will be shared next week, including how to sign up for conferences with the teachers, and what to expect in the meetings.

For further information about the Provincial Reporting Policy, click on the link below. Communication about the changes have been generated in several different languages on the linked webpage.

[K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

QM After School Programs are beginning!

These are fee-based programs run by outside organizations who rent space at Queen Mary to run their programs. We provide registration information to families on behalf of the organizations, however, these are not programs run by or supervised by QM staff members.

WEDNESDAYS, starting October 9th: Hoops After School Program 4Kids!

This program , run by Gabe Gibbs and his G2 Athletics coaches, provides a fun and engaging basketball program for young athletes! Gabe dropped by to talk about the program with students today.

Held every Wednesday, the program features two sessions:

- Grades 1-4: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

- Grades 5-7: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Here's a breakdown of the seasons and pricing:

- Fall Season (October 9th - December 18th): \$350

- Winter Season (January 8th - April 9th): \$375

- Spring Season (April 16th - June 18th): \$315

Parents/guardians can sign children up for each season individually or choose a year-round option for significant savings!

Alternatively, join with the **H4K Membership** and pay \$119.99 per month for added flexibility.

The sign-up for this program is done online. Interested students were given a flyer today with a QR code that can be used to link to register. Link is also provided below. If you can't sign up online or something prevents you from online registration, or if you have any questions about the program, please email GABE GIBBS (gabe@g2athletics.com). Paper copies of the registration form are also available at the school office.

[Register Here](#)

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QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The next QM PAC meeting is on **Monday, October 21st 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

Facebook Link: 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

REMINDER: NVSD Kindergarten Information Session – MONDAY OCT 7th!

**Children entering Kindergarten in September 2025*

- Doors open: 6:30 p.m. Presentation: 7:00 p.m.
- Location: Carson Graham Secondary, 2145 Jones Avenue.

Kindergarten Registration opens 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 News

Reminder: Museum and Archives of North Vancouver - Commemorating Truth and Reconciliation Day - EVENTS
[Commemorating Truth and Reconciliation Day at MONOVA - MONOVA](#)

Enjoy a sunny long weekend!

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