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## Queensbury News

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### IMPORTANT NEWS

At Queensbury Elementary, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential to our students' success. When families and educators work together, children feel more supported, engaged, and motivated to learn. Your involvement, whether through attending school events, supporting learning at home, or simply communicating with teachers, sends a powerful message to your child: education matters.

Research shows that students whose families are involved in their education tend to achieve higher grades, have better social skills, and demonstrate improved behaviour. Even small actions, like reviewing homework together, reading before bedtime, or discussing what your child learned at school, can have a big impact. By creating a consistent and positive learning environment at home, you help reinforce the skills and concepts your child is developing in the classroom.

As parents and caregivers, you are your child's first and most important role models. Children observe and learn from the adults in their lives, so modeling positive behaviors like curiosity, resilience, and kindness helps them develop these values. When they see us working together as a community, respecting each other, and celebrating learning, they are more likely to mirror these attitudes in their own actions. Demonstrating good habits, such as reading regularly or approaching challenges with a positive mindset, also teaches them the importance of lifelong learning.

When families and schools collaborate, we create a strong, supportive community for our children. We encourage you to get involved by attending school conferences, volunteering for school activities, or simply checking in with your child's teacher to stay informed about their progress. Your engagement helps build a bridge of trust and communication that benefits everyone involved, especially our students.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our school family and for showing your child every day the importance of learning, teamwork, and respect. Together, we can make a lasting impact on their growth, development, and future success!

We are in this together.

With care and respect,

Mr. Johal, Principal

Ms. Chambers, Vice Principal



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### GUIDING BELIEFS

Education at Queensbury provides all children an equal opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to maximize their potential in intellectual, social, and physical development.

### MISSION

We believe:

- in fostering an environment so that everyone feels welcome and included;
- everyone matters;
- every child should have the opportunity to succeed;
- teaching self-awareness and self-management is important for students, staff, and parents; and
- in collaborating with parents and community partners for the success of all learners.

### SCHOOL PLAN

**Goal #1** – Enhance a sense of belonging.

**Goal #2** – Increase student engagement.

Please review for the complete [School Plan](#).

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Please be mindful that all members of the Queensbury School Community are expected to be *Respectful, Responsible, and Resourceful*.

Click [here](#) for the full Code of Conduct.

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## SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We are incredibly proud of our student-athletes for their dedication and sportsmanship during Term 1 Cross Country and Basketball. Nearly 50 students from grades 4 to 7 represented our school, showcasing teamwork, perseverance, and a positive attitude throughout the season. A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteer coaches: James Nicholas, Gabby LeFroy, Laurie Kennedy, Sam Walters, Rachelle Breg, and Angela Sutton. Your time, effort, and encouragement were invaluable, and we deeply appreciate your commitment. Looking ahead, we're excited to kick off the volleyball season for grades 6 and 7 after the Winter Break. We can't wait to see our students grow, have fun, and compete. Stay tuned for more details, and get ready to serve, set, and spike!



Our Grade 7s showing off their swag!

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! This popular event is a great fundraiser for our school and students. It will take place from December 2 to 5 at the times below. Your child can shop during their library time, as well as before and after school. A flyer will be sent home soon, or you can visit [here](#) for a sneak peek at what's available.

### Shopping Times:

- Monday: 2:50 - 3:30 PM
- Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:20 - 8:40 AM and 2:50 - 3:30 PM
- Thursday: 8:20 - 8:40 AM

This is a great opportunity to pick up extra gifts for family and friends! Please contact our librarian Ms. Sutton at [asutton@sd44.ca](mailto:asutton@sd44.ca) if you have any questions.

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER UPDATE: POPPIES

For the past seven years, Ms. Grantham has crocheted over 100 poppies annually, with all proceeds supporting veterans through the poppy fundraising campaign. Thanks to her dedication and the generosity of our Queensbury families, more than \$4,000 has been raised to date. This year alone, \$500 was raised from poppy sales and will be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion #118 to support essential services for veterans and their families. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Grantham for her time, skill, and materials, and to our families for their continued support of this meaningful initiative.

## BC TRAINING AND EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAM GRANT

Education Savings Week runs from November 18-22. In support of this initiative, we are sharing [this letter](#) with the families/guardians of students in kindergarten through Grade 3 to inform them that their child may be eligible for a one-time \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant to help with future post-secondary education or training.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 28

PAC – Hot Lunch Sushi

DECEMBER 6

NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day  
No School

DECEMBER 7

PAC Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM online

DECEMBER 10

PAC – TCBY Smoothies  
Concert Band Evening – 6:00-8:00 PM

DECEMBER 12

PAC – Hot Lunch - Subway

DECEMBER 13

Learning Updates Published (Term 1)

DECEMBER 18

Winter Concert Division 4-14 @ 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 19

PAC – Hot Lunch – A Moveable Feast

DECEMBER 20

Last Day Before Winter Vacation (Until Jan 3)

Please click [here](#) for the full calendar.

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