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# SEPTEMBER 2024

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## Queensbury News

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### IMPORTANT NEWS

We welcome all returning students, staff, and families to another great year! At Queensbury Elementary, we believe that a strong partnership between the school and the home is key to ensuring student success and overall well-being. We are committed to working together with you to provide the best possible education and support for your child.

Our vision is to create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We know that your involvement in your child's education plays a significant role in achieving this vision. Together, we can make a positive impact on their journey. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead as we embark on this journey together.

We believe in *Parents as Partners* when it comes to a child's education, and this occurs through consistent and continuous communication between school and home. Our staff will follow up with parents/guardians when necessary, and we urge parents/guardians to ask questions and get involved as much as they are able.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher(s) to discuss how things are going with your child both academically and socially-emotionally. Send your child's teacher an email, call the main office, or set up a meeting. Working together with school and home will provide the best educational experience for children.

Your input is highly valued, and we are here to support your child every step of the way.

We are happy to welcome new staff members who have brought great energy, experience, and new ideas to our school.

- Angela Sutton, teacher-librarian
- Jennifer Alexander, Learning Support Teacher
- Rachel Japiassu, Grade 5/6
- Karen McCready, Gr 3/4
- Meagan Labee, Grade 2/3

For all updated staff information and contacts, please click [here](#).

We wish you and your child a great 2024-2025 school year!

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Please meet Mr. Johal and Ms. Chambers, our Principal and 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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## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

During the week of September 23, our school will be recognizing the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, including [Orange Shirt Day](#), as a step in our journey towards reconciliation. *"Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013."* We encourage all staff, students, and parents/guardians to wear orange shirts and learn about Canada's shared history.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS: BASKETBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY

We are excited to share that it is sports season at school! Currently, we will offer basketball to grade seven students and cross country running for grades four to seven students. This is one way for students to stay healthy, have fun in a semi-competitive environment, and represent their school. More information will be shared with students from the respective coaches in the coming weeks.

## ERASE REFRESH: LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE AND RESOURCES

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has refreshed the [Expect Respect and a Safe Education \(erase website\)](#). Launched on Friday, September 6, the new website features a streamlined design with improved access to information and resources for students, adults, and school staff.

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: TERRY FOX RUN

As mentioned in an email sent on Monday, September 16, staff and students will participate in the Terry Fox Run tomorrow (Friday). We have been collecting "Toonies for Terry" this week, including online [here](#), and will continue to collect next week to help support the Terry Fox Foundation. Our goal is to fundraise \$650, and if we reach our goal, both Mr. Johal and Ms. Chambers will wear funny costumes for a day! We are looking forward to another exciting and successful Terry Fox Run!

## FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADE 4 AND GRADE 7

This year our School District will be administering the [Foundational Skills Assessments](#) (FSAs) over a four-week period in October. The FSAs are an annual province-wide assessment of all BC students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and students in Grades 4 and 7 will be writing the assessments during this time. If you have any questions about your child's schedule for writing of the FSAs, please speak to the classroom teacher directly.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

While our four-legged friends are usually just that – friends – some staff and children at school are allergic to dogs while others can often be frightened of them. Even when leashed or tethered to a fence, dogs can be unpredictable especially when the owner is not present. In other cases, and despite many owners' best efforts, they can and do leave 'calling cards' on the playgrounds – not pleasant for anyone who may step or slide into them unintentionally. A reminder that we have a no dog or pet policy in all NVSD schools. Please click [here](#) for more information. Please click [here](#) for more information from NVSD Facilities outlining no dogs or pets on school grounds.

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Students reviewed the Code of Conduct last week – the 3 Rs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 20

Terry Fox Run

### SEPTEMBER 25

Staff Collab Day – 1:50 pm dismissal

PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm

### SEPTEMBER 27

Orange Shirt Day

### SEPTEMBER 30

Truth & Reconciliation Day – no school

### OCTOBER 1

Grade 6 Immunizations

### OCTOBER 14

Thanksgiving Day – no school

### OCTOBER 17

Cross Country West Schools Gr 4-7 3:30 Loutet

### OCTOBER 24

Cross Country gr. 4/5 @ Loutet 3:30

### OCTOBER 25

Pro-D Day District wide – No School

### OCTOBER 30

Staff Collab Day – 1:50 pm dismissal  
Cross Country Gr 6/7 @ Loutet 3:30

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