



Jan. 26, 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#/=>

Back to the regular Vancouver winter.... rain!

It has been fun to see students seeking out the last remaining wet piles of snow to continue to play with the rare white stuff! As the forecast indicates significant rainfall until at least Wednesday next week, please send you child well dressed for the wet weather for outdoor play time – and a change of socks and pants if necessary! THANKS!

Special Request of Parents/Guardians:

Queen Mary is building a “human library,” or a collection of people in our community willing to share their knowledge and/or skills to foster student development. If you have a particular area of expertise that might support a unit of inquiry or be of interest to our students, please consider “loaning” a bit of your time to enhance student learning (in person or online). Time commitments are flexible and can be suited to meet your availability. If this is of interest to you, please complete the following form and a staff member will be in contact soon: <https://forms.gle/i6PokFFjhbHipMtV7>

Crossing Guard Update:

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the process of trying to hire replacement Crossing Guards. I interviewed three potential candidates last week and am waiting to hear back from HR at NVSD as to the successful hiring of these candidates and their possible start dates. We thank Joanna and David for continuing to cover during Gail’s absence, as often as they are able. We hope to have consistent replacements in place by the beginning of February.

Next Week at Queen Mary:

Karate

Karate classes will be taking place in our gym for all classes on February 1st and February 2nd

February is Black History Month! We will be sharing highlights of how this is being honoured and recognized at Queen Mary in our weekly messages throughout the month of February.

Spirit Day – Sports Theme! - Feb 1st

The Grade 6 & 7 leadership team has planned a school wide spirit day for each of the remaining months! Our first spirit day will be of the theme... SPORTS! Staff and students will be asked to wear the colors or accesories (knee pads, soccer knee high socks, etc) of their favorite sport or sports team.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART: QM Fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation

Every year for the month of February, students and staff members at Queen Mary take part in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. This event funds the important work of the foundation in providing education to Canadians with respect to healthy habits for wellness and disease prevention, as well as research and support for Canadians suffering from heart disease and stroke. This is a valuable means of generating awareness of the importance of making healthy life choices that benefit our physical and mental wellness.

FURTHER INFO in the attached flyer.

We will be promoting and encouraging fundraising throughout the month of February and hosing out "JUMP ROPE for HEART" event on Wednesday February 14th. Your fundraising efforts make a difference for all Canadians. Each year Queen Mary contributes to this worthy cause.

Students/families can earn rewards in the form of gift cards for their fundraising efforts and our school receives a percentage of the funds raised back in \$ to spend on sports equipment – benefiting the health and well-being of the children in our community.

To donate to this fundraiser, click on the following link (you can also send the link to friends and family around the globe and earn your child fundraising points!).

Link to our personalized Fundraising Page HERE!

[Queen Mary Elementary - North Vancouver | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart \(crowdchange.ca\)](https://www.crowdchange.ca/Queen-Mary-Elementary-North-Vancouver/Heart-Stroke-Jump-Rope-for-Heart)

How to Register your Child for Jump Rope for Heart Online fundraising

1. Go to www.jumpropeforheart.ca and click "Register".
2. When prompted, click the "Join Your School" button.
3. 3. Search for your school. Once found, click "Register"
4. Select the large, grey rectangular button that says "+ Register"
5. Complete the "Registrant Details" and click the red "Next" button.
6. If you would like to register a second child, select the large, grey rectangular button that says, "+ Add registrant" and complete the registration details for your second child. If not, select the red "Next" button to proceed to the next step.

These instructions with accompanying screen shots included HERE:

Thank you in advance for participating!!

Looking Ahead:

For UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES of NOTE, please check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website.

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

Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7

Open to Grades 6 & 7

Triple Ball season is underway! Coaches are looking for parent volunteers to drive students to upcoming away games. Volunteer drivers must have an approved Criminal Record Check on file at the Educational Services Centre and have completed a Volunteer Driver Application Form for the current school year. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Practice schedule is as follows:

- Grade 7 Girls: Monday 3:00-4:30pm, Tuesday 12:25-12:58pm, Thursday 7:40-8:45am
- Grade 7 Boys: Tuesday 8:00-8:40am, Thursday 12:25-12:58pm
- Grade 6 Girls: Tuesday 8:00-8:40am, Tuesday 12:25-12:58pm

Game schedule is as follow:

Grade 7 Boys – Monday games after school

Grade 6 & 7 Girls – Tuesday games after school

Extracurricular Programs for QM Students – Winter Term

The following programs are provided by external organizations and require registration and have fees attached. Contact me (Jen Wilson) for requests for financial support to help with registration costs.

Little Jammerz Glee Club has been postponed for now – we will include again once we hear back about new dates for this program

Queen Mary After School Skating Club is full!

A reminder to registered students to meet the program leaders at the front of Queen Mary on Tuesdays right after school and walk down to the skating rink at The Shipyards. Last skating date is Feb 6th.

After School Art with North Van Arts will not continue due to low registration

RED FOX continues on Thursdays after school for those already registered.

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Please bookmark the Queen Mary PAC Facebook Page and visit it frequently to stay informed, and to learn about ways to connect with and get involved in the school community. You can contact members of the PAC Executive members through Facebook or Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com

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

PAC Meetings: Our next PAC meeting for this year will take place on **Monday, February 26th on ZOOM @ 7:00 p.m.** All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. If planning to attend, email queenmarypac@gmail.com prior to each PAC meeting to get the ZOOM link information.

Fun Lunch:

Our PAC executive and parent volunteers organize lunches for students weekly, delivered by various vendors, for a minimal fee. 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/>

THANK YOU to all who have volunteered this fall to organize the lunch orders and get them into classrooms! To sign up to help with Fun Lunch, please go to: <https://signup.com/go/UuBuXCD>

NVSD Events and Information

Upcoming NVSD events, registration information and public input opportunities (2024-25 school calendar and budget): [LINK HERE](#)

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

RESCHEDULED:**New elementary school public information meeting — January 31**

The school district will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, January 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave). This will be an opportunity for community members to learn about the project, and for school district staff and consultants engaged in the project to address questions, including those related to site location, traffic, trees, and green space. Project updates are available on the [Capital Plan & Projects](#) section of our website.

www.sd44.ca/Board/CapitalPlanProjects/CapitalProjectsUpdates/Cloverley/Pages/default.aspx#/=

Enhanced Programs and Academies Night — January 31

Students in Grades 7 to 11 and their families (from across the North Shore) are invited to learn about the various enhanced programs and academies offered at our secondary schools. Taking place on Wednesday, January 31, 6 to 8 p.m. on the 5th Floor, Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver), the event will include short presentations and booths hosted by NVSD staff, academy providers, program facilitators and coaches. While optional, we would appreciate your [RSVP to this event](#).

NVSD Band & Strings Festival

QM Continuing Band will be performing! (For ticket information, parents of band members please refer to information sent by the band teacher, Joshua Capri: jcapri@sd44.ca)

Date: Thursday Feb 15, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Centennial Theatre

NVSD - Public Input Opportunities

Members of the community are invited to share feedback on the following:

230 Keith Road West, North Vancouver, BC V7M 1L8 · Ph. 604.903.3720 · Fax 604.903.3721
queenmarycommunityelementary.ca

2024/25 School Calendar (proposed) - Comments will be accepted between January 16 and February 13 –
LINK HERE for further information and to submit comments
[School Calendar - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](https://sd44.ca)

Budget Priorities for 2024/25 - There will be a survey issued to all NVSD community members seeking input and feedback on Budget Priorities to help inform the 2024/25 Preliminary Budget. The survey is available online or by traditional mail. Comments will be accepted between February 1 and 29, 2024

Late French Immersion information Session – Reminder for Parents of Grade 5 Students

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at École Argyle Secondary School.

Grade 5 students and families interested in learning more about the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) are invited to attend this information session. While optional, you are encouraged to [RSVP using this link](#). Applications to the program will be accepted between January 9 and March 8. For more information, visit the [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

2024/25 Kindergarten Registration

Registration opened October 12th – IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Due to the volume of registration requests, **NVSD has extended the deadline** for the initial round of school placements to Wednesday, January 31st.

LINK below for all registration information

[2024/2025 Kindergarten Registration - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](https://sd44.ca)

New Student Registration and School Transfer Requests for the 2024-25 school year

Initial registration for students new to the school district, and initial transfer requests for existing NVSD students in Grades 1-12 began on Tuesday, January 9 and ends on Friday, March 8. Registrations and transfer requests received after March 8 will be placed in schools based on catchments where space is available. Visit the [Student Registration](#) web page for detailed information.

Elementary Band and Strings – Reminder to register by Feb 29th!!

Elementary Band and Strings is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for the Band Program, and Grades 4 – 7 for the Strings Program. Although these programs are housed in various schools across the school district, the programs are organized and staffed by NVSD (not individual schools). As a result registration is done via the NVSD website. For the 2024/25 school year, registration began on Monday, January 15 and continues until Thursday, February 29.

If you are requesting a bursary to assist with fees, please contact Jen Wilson for the bursary form. These forms must be received by **NVSD by Feb 15th!**

Visit the [Elementary Band and Strings](#) web page for information and registration details, including program fees.

Have a great weekend!

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