



Dec 9, 2022

Dear QM Families:

It is hard to believe we are entering into the last week of school for 2022! Where did the time go?? Queen Mary is buzzing with excitement and energy as we look ahead to this fun final week for the term.

Parents/Guardians were treated to an evening of music last night, performed by our Beginning and Continuing Bands, led by Mr. Patrick Metzger, and the Queen Mary Choir, led by Mr. Hopkins. Thank you to all who performed, and to all who attended in support of these young musicians!

Giving and Gratitude:

THANK YOU to our QM PAC and parent volunteers for the seasonal treat of hot chocolate and cookies, served to all students yesterday afternoon! A “sweet” way to celebrate the season!!

THANK YOU to all families who donated to the Giving Tree project, Food Drive and the Holiday Market!! Your donations will have a positive effect on members of our community throughout this holiday season. Our “elves” will be busy next week putting together the Holiday Hampers to deliver to families.

We will continue to accept donations for the Holiday Market until the end of the day on Tuesday. Please place donated items into the boxes in front of the main office. **THANK YOU** to those who have already donated, and to the parents who have volunteered to join us to help with gift-wrapping next Wednesday!

Student-Teacher-Family Learning Conferences

Conference forms, summarizing student learning goals and action items, will be available for parents/guardians to access by the end of the day today on *Managebac*, our IB online communications tool. Here is the link to the login page. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any difficulties accessing.

<https://queenmary.managebac.com/login>

Next week's events:

Tuesday, December 13th

Immunization Clinic at QM for Grade 6 students (and some Grade 7s)

Wednesday, December 14th

Annual Holiday Market: All day gift "shopping" (from a "store" of donated items) for QM Primary students.

QM Festive Family Movie Night! Come in your jammies, bring your stuffies and blankets or sleeping bags, and cozy up for a festive big screen movie experience in the QM gym! Sponsored by the QM PAC. All families welcomed! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Food for your family can be pre-ordered on Munch-a-Lunch.

"Shop" at QM for your family during the Movie Night!

Any items left over from the Holiday Market will be set out on tables in the art room for parents/guardians to take. Food items and some clothing will also be available! Bring a reusable shopping bag to fill! 😊

Student LOST and FOUND items will be on display in the hallway outside the gym doors – Please look for items that might belong to your family and take the items home!

Friday, December 16th is the last day of school for this term.

QM Exciting Learning Opportunities:

From Mr. Sorba

Last week, Division 4 students earned a "Yes Day" after filling their class gem jar. For part of the fun, students were encouraged to bring their daily supplies in anything but a backpack.



From Mr. Fong

Volleyball is in the air! Coaches and students have already begun practices for their upcoming season. Way to be risk-takers on the court!



QM PAC invites you to the return of
Festive
MOVIE NIGHT
Featuring the fun family movie "Elf"

**Wednesday
Dec. 14**

Doors Open at 5:00PM, Movie at 5:30

Entry is Free. Concession snacks available.
Grade 7s are selling \$2 Cupcakes for Grad.
Family Pizza Meals available **PRE-ORDER ONLY** on Munch:
munchalunch.com/schools/queenmary

All students must be accompanied by an adult -
this is not a drop off event.

Morning announcements are back! At the start of each day, a group of leaders from Division 3 have been highlighting the daily events of Queen Mary! Thanks for listening!

Grade 6 students prepare for their science fair next week as they try their hand at making bath bombs!



QM PAC NEWS:

PAC Meetings: The next PAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25th on ZOOM. All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. If planning to attend, email queenmarypac@gmail.com on the days just prior to each PAC meeting to get the ZOOM link information.

PAC calling Volunteers! Help make QM the amazing place that it is while working alongside and getting to know other fantastic families! To sign-up as a volunteer, email queenmarypac@gmail.com or write your name on any list on the rolling board located in the school atrium (1st floor).

Fun Lunch: Orders must be placed by Thursday (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/>

To sign up to volunteer to help with fun lunch, please go to: <https://signup.com/go/pcBHMwG>

PAC Contact, and Social Media

Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com Facebook Link: www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPA

There is also now a WhatsApp group! Please regularly check the PAC Facebook page for school and community information!

PAC Sports Swap: The PAC has a group to share sports equipment in our community. For more information, check out the Facebook page and join the WhatsApp group.

International Teacher ... STILL Looking for Host Family

Mr. Yuki Inui, a talented elementary school teacher in Japan, is coming to Canada to join us at Queen Mary. He will be sharing the culture, customs, and language of Japan with our students.

As mentioned in last week's message, we are thrilled to have an opportunity to welcome back another volunteer Japanese teacher, or "cultural ambassador in-residence".

Host Family Request

We are still looking for one or more families who might be interested in hosting (i.e., housing) Mr. Yuki Inui during all or part of his time with us (January – June 2023). Hosting creates a rich, memorable opportunity to experience cultural exchange within your home, learn about Japanese traditions, and make a lifelong friend in Japan. Mr. Inui will contribute \$400/month to the host family.

Please email or call Mr. Stokes (astokes@sd44.ca) at your earliest convenience if you are interested in bringing this unique cultural experience to your home and family, hosting Yuki for all or part of his stay with us.

This will be our last message for 2022! We wish you a **Merry Christmas** (*Ho Ho Ho!*), a **Happy Chanukah** (*Chag urim sameach!*), a **Joyous Kwanza** (*Habari Gani!*), an exciting **Los Posadas** (*Feliz Navidad!*), and a **Spectacular Solstice** (*Have a cool Yule!*).

We hope you all have a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We will see you all in 2023, when school re-open on TUESDAY, January 3rd.

Enjoy a FABULOUS winter break!

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