



Dec 1, 2023

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#/=>

Happy Friday everyone! Sorry this is a bit of a longer message – December is here and it is a fun, busy month at Queen Mary with seasonal celebrations and fieldtrips! With these cold mornings, we would again like to remind you to please watch your step on the paved areas and sidewalks as they can be very slippery!

We have placed all lost and found on tables set up in the hallway by the gym entrance and will leave all items on display until the end of next week. Please come into the school to look for your child's lost belongings! Students will be needing their warm jackets in the weeks ahead!

Temporary Crossing Guard Change

Please join us in welcoming Joanna Chiesa as our temporary crossing guard, filling in during Gail Munro's absence. Crossing guards for NVSD school travel routes must be employees of the NVSD. It has been a challenge getting "on-call" crossing guards to fill the position, so we are extremely grateful to Joanna for taking an interest in this role and applying to the school district. We apologize for the inconsistency in service over the past several weeks, but we can now reassure you that children will be well cared for by Joanna as they cross the busy road.

Play-First Lunch – Trial Week Feedback

We have concluded this week's trial of "play first lunch", where we flipped the eating and outside play time having students go outside to play at 12:10 and return to class at 12:45 to eat lunch. Staff and students will be surveyed as to their preferred schedule (eat first or play first). We also invite your thoughts/feedback to be shared via email. Please share your opinion using our one question survey by December 5th:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nPiWrAgjFG>

Staff will consider the results of the surveys and parent feedback collected in their decision as to whether or not we will implement the play-first schedule for a longer period of time in Term 2.

Next Week at Queen Mary:

Monday, Dec 4th is a District-wide Professional Day. Students do not attend school on this day.

Gym Sense Gymnastics Program continues (Nov 27 – Dec 18)

[School Programs | Gym Sense Gymnastics](#)

Please make sure your children dress in clothing that they can easily and comfortably move in on the days that they have Physical Education classes. Thanks!

Wednesday, December 6th

PJ Day at QM – all students invited to wear pajamas to school for the day

FESTIVE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Queen Mary 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the gym All families invited!!

Our PAC has organized this fun family event as a celebration of the festive season! (See attached FLYER)

Please join us in your PJs (pajamas) from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the gym for a big-screen showing of the cartoon version of *The Grinch*.

Concessions set up in the gym for purchase of foods and snacks. Parents/guardians can also pre-order pizzas on **Munchalunch**.

The art room will be open for colouring and a classroom will be set up for just dance. FUN for all!!

Thank you to our PAC parents for organizing this event!

FLYER

Thursday, December 7th Band Concert – QM and Westview beginning and continuing bands

Where: At Westview Elementary School – in the gym

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

QM Families are invited to attend and enjoy performances by both schools, led by Band teacher Mr. Capri.

Seasonal Events: Calls for donations!!

QM Holiday Market: (SEE attached PDF for further information – copy also sent home with students)

We will be holding our annual “Holiday Market” again this year! This is set up for our primary students (Grades K-3) to “shop” at school for gifts to give to their family members.

When: Students (Kindergarten to Gr 3) Shopping: Monday, December 18th and Tuesday December 19th (throughout the day, classes will be scheduled for a “shopping” time)

Where: Queen Mary’s Art Room

Purpose: To allow the primary students the opportunity to “shop” (using \$1, \$2, and other small change, as described above) for gifts for family - to experience the pleasure and joy of giving!

How this works:

- Gently used or new items are “donated” for the holiday market by our community members and families – anyone can donate so spread the word! *A wonderful way to clean out closets and “re-gift”!!... **Wrapping paper is needed too!***
- Donated items can be dropped off in front of the main office by parents or sent with students to be handed in at the school office up until Dec 15th.

***We are looking for **Parent Volunteers** to help with the Holiday Market for set-up, supervision of “shopping” (re-stocking tables with items), and gift wrapping. If available and interested in helping for short periods of time on either day, please click on the following LINK to book yourself in for a time and a job. THANKS!!*

[Queen Mary Holiday Market — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

The QM Giving Tree

We will continue to accept donations (cash or gift cards) to put toward items for the holiday hampers that the “QM ELVES” are putting together for families in the Lonsdale and Queen Mary Community. THANK YOU to all who have contributed so far - the tree posted outside the office is filling quickly with colourful ornaments representing the families who have donated and student are eyeing the gift basket prizes with great hope and excitement!

We will be accepting donations up to and including Friday, December 15th and will draw for the gift basket winners during the last week of school.

THANK YOU for your support!!

The QM ELVES

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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Introducing, QUEEN MARY NIGHT at the NORTH VAN WOLF PACK HOCKEY GAME ON JANUARY 20TH, 2024!!

The North Vancouver Wolf Pack is our local Junior A hockey team that plays out of Harry Jerome Arena in Upper Lonsdale, and their games are super fun to watch, and affordable! It's a great night out for families, and just up the road from our school which is quite a bonus .

The team has made January 20th, 2024 Queen Mary Night, and we invite Queen Mary families to purchase tickets for that game using the **promo code QUEEN MARY** at checkout to ensure that 50% of your ticket price goes back to the QM PAC to support our school!

Purchase tickets here! (be sure to select the January 20 game, and don't forget the promo code, **QUEEN MARY**): <https://www.showpass.com/wolf-pack-regular-season/>

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

Field Trip Additional Insurance

When considering any school field trips, please note that the school district's insurance with the School Protection Program (SPP), does not cover students for accident or injury. It is recommended that parents obtain additional insurance through their own carriers or through other optional plans to ensure coverage.

2024/25 Kindergarten Registration

Registration opened October 12th – IMPORTANT UPDATE:

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

LINK HERE for all registration information

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

Visit this LINK for NVSD events and information for parents/guardians and extra-curricular programs for students:

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

NVSD Arts Education Information for Families

[ARTs Education Update For Families \(office.com\)](#)

ERASE (expect respect & a safe education) AND "Get Help" Link

This information can be accessed from our website under the STUDENTS tab (see link on left sidebar) to our School Website as well as under the PARENTS tab.

Have a pleasant weekend!

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