



Dec 8, 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#/=>

It was wonderful to see such a great turn-out for the annual festive movie night! Thank you to our incredibly dedicated PAC parents and volunteers for organizing this event! We apologize for the technical glitches as we tried to figure out how to make old technology work with new technology – thank you to the parents who shared helpful suggestions!!

Play-First Lunch – Trial Week Feedback and Decision

The results of the student, staff and parent surveys on the play-first lunch trial have been collated and the preference of most is to stay with the “eat first, then play” lunch schedule, which is our normal routine. Thank you to those who responded to the survey!

Next Week at Queen Mary:

LAST WEEK for DONATIONS!

Queen Mary Food Drive

Our annual Queen Mary Food Drive has begun and runs until December 15! Please support families in your community this Christmas Season and send your child with an item to contribute. Each class has chosen a specific grocery item to focus on. Teachers will notify their students as to which kinds of food they have been assigned to collect.

Thank you for your support and contributions, Happy Holidays!

QM Holiday Market:

We will continue to accept gently used or new items that are “donated” for the holiday market by our community members and families. 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 students 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

Term 1 Written Learning Updates

Term 1 Written Learning Updates (new term for Report Cards) will be ready for parents/guardians to view by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14th on MyEducationBC.

<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca>

If you require additional assistance accessing these online reports, links to instructional documents can be found on the NVSD Website:

<https://www.sd44.ca/parents/techservicesandresources/myedparenttipsandresources/Pages/default.aspx>

Please contact your child's teacher with any questions you may have about the communication on the learning update.

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)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Last day of school for this term is Dec 22nd!

QUEEN MARY NIGHT at the NORTH VAN WOLF PACK HOCKEY GAME
JANUARY 20TH, 2024 – Get your tickets now!!

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

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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

NVSD Arts: Family events, Spring Break Art Camps for Students, etc...

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

Have an enjoyable weekend!

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