

Feb. 9, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*Note: A PDF copy of this message, which includes PHOTOS, 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#/=>

Crossing Guard Update:

There has been a little bit of a delayed start for crossing guard Christian. We will welcome him soon! For now, it is Joanna and David filling the role in Gail's absence. We are continuing to interview applicants!

Lunar New Year



Thanks to the Grade 1s for displaying their Lunar New Year art for the school community to enjoy! In addition, thanks to the Leadership Club for ending the morning announcements this week with information surrounding the Year of the Dragon and the numerous ways this event is celebrated around the world.

Black History Month



Black History Matters. Division 3 and 4 welcomed back Giselle from Presentation House Theatre as she highlighted the integral pieces of Black Canadian History while encouraging students to engage in deep and meaningful discussions.

Random Acts of Kindness



Division 1 leads by example and kicks off our Random Acts of Kindness month with their kindness art.

NEXT WEEK at QUEEN MARY

Wednesday, February 14th: **Valentine's Day and Jump Rope for Heart Event Day**

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT:

On Wednesday all students will be taking part in circuit training in the gym (15 minutes of continuous exercise) as a way to bring about awareness of the importance of daily physical activity as one of the ways to stay healthy. Please send your child to school with running shoes and wearing clothes appropriate for exercise.

Fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation

Help us reach our \$1000 fundraising goal, helping fellow Canadians! Donate online throughout the month of February – see attached instructions and/or [LINK HERE](#)

jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43430

[Families' Corner | Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada \(jumpropeforheart.ca\)](#)

Talk to your children about the EASY health habits (www.jumpropeforheart.ca/kids-corner) and play the EASY online challenge – to help your children learn about healthy heart habits!

[EASY Healthy Habits | Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada \(jumpropeforheart.ca\)](#)

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Thursday, February 15th : **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

Friday, February 16th : **District-wide non-instructional day (students do not attend on this day)**

Monday, February 19th : **Family Day (Schools are closed – Provincial holiday)**

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

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

JOIN the QM Sun Run Team!

See attached poster with details! We still need a few more kids to join to be considered a TEAM!

- Tim Peterson, a parent who has children at QM, is working with Jen Aragon to organize a Sun Run Team (children and their families), to participate in the **April 21st 2024 Vancouver Sun Run** as a Queen Mary Team.
- [Home - Vancouver Sun Run](#)

OASIS YOUTH TEAM CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

- **LINK HERE:** Details are here: <https://www.vancouver.sunrun.com/oasis-youth-team-challenge/>
- Link to team registration: [team member registration](#)
 - After selecting the race type, in the "Team Selection" dropdown, select **Team Name: Queen Mary Community Elementary**
 - **Use team Access Code: GDZVPF**

Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7



Come to watch the games and support our Triple Ball teams! All three teams found great success during their first games of the season — way to go Eagles! During our home games, snacks will be sold as part of the Grade 7 Farewell Fundraising initiative. See the home game schedule below (game location and times set by the NVEAA committee).

Home Game Schedule – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Grade 7 Boys - Monday February 12th

Grade 7 Girls – Friday February 9th, Tuesday February 13th, and Friday February 23rd

Grade 6 Girls – Tuesday February 20th, Tuesday February 27th

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Visit the Queen Mary PAC Facebook Page 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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

NVSD Invites Your Feedback!

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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

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.

Ways for you to share your feedback from February 1 to 29, 2024 include:

- [Online survey.](#)
- Email to budgetcomments@sd44.ca.
- Traditional mail addressed to: Secretary Treasurer, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 2K6.
- Call 604.998.5100 and leave a voice message.

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

Applications to the program will be accepted between January 9 and March 8. For more information, visit the [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

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

Submit requests between January 9th to March 8th 2024

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 further information,

Elementary Band and Strings – Registration deadline reminders!

Elementary Band and Strings is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for the Band Program, and Grades 4 – 7 for the Strings Program.

Let's work toward keeping the Band Program at Queen Mary! Register by February 29th to ensure we reach the required number of registrations to sustain the program!!

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!**

If your child is interested, please register by February 29th! While there is a late registration period, this is subject to program availability (based on sufficient registrations received by February 29th).

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

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