

January 13, 2023

Dear QM Families:

**Note: 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#/=>*

Week two and it feels like we've been back in session for months, with everyone easily settling back into routines! We have a very busy and event-filled two months ahead and are looking forward to the weeks to come.

Black Excellence Day

Today all students at Queen Mary took part in acknowledging Black Excellence Day in various ways within their classes. Grade 7 students took part virtually in the Ninandotoo Society's Black Excellence Day Event, learning from a broad panel of speakers. School-wide, we will continue this learning as we move into February's Black History Month. We are fortunate to have a wealth of excellent books in our school library for students to sign out.



<https://blackexcellenceday.ca/>

The Salmon Have Arrived!

Each year we "raise" salmon, from eggs to fry, and release them into our local salmon stream. On Tuesday we received 50 Chum Salmon eggs and they are nestled soundly amongst the stones in our aquarium, located next to the office.

Story Workshop in Kindergarten!

The kindergarteners are busy exploring the Central Idea that stories help individuals understand the world!



Next Week at Queen Mary:

Field Hockey Sessions in PE Classes

Coaches from the West Vancouver Field Hockey Club will be teaching students about the game of Field Hockey during the PE classes. Every class will receive one coaching session. To learn more about the West Vancouver Field Hockey Club and their spring sessions for children see the attached flyer. Registration for their spring programs is now open.

<https://www.wvfhc.com/page/show/3855203-juniors>

FLYER

Carson Graham Band Performance

On Friday afternoon all students will be treated to a performance by the Carson Band.

Looking Ahead:

Saleema Noon Body Science Sessions: Taking place in all classes January 25th and 26th 2023.

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. As in previous years, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students in **Kindergarten to Grade 7**.

PRIOR to the student sessions, a Parent/Guardian session is being offered on ZOOM. This session will provide an overview of student presentations, and give helpful tips and advice on how to navigate conversations with children and how to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up.

This **PARENT/GUARDIAN PRE-WORKSHOP SESSION** will take place on **ZOOM**

Join in on this Zoom Meeting on MONDAY, January 23rd 6:30-8:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89453699285?pwd=VUwrdElhODB5MkhMd0lzVlFtUHBDdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 5369 9285. Passcode: 032636

<https://www.saleemanoon.com/workshops/body-science-at-school/>

PLEASE take time to read through the attached information letter (this is also being sent home in paper copy with every child)

LETTER

QM Professional Day: Friday, January 27th - Students do not attend school on this day.

NVSD Information :

2023/24 NVSD Elementary Band and Strings: Registration Opens January 16, 2023

<https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

The Band Program is open to Grades 5 – 7 students.

The Strings Program is open to Grades 4 - 7 students.

Registration for the NVSD 2023/24 Elementary Band and Strings program opens on Monday, January 16, 2023. The NVSD public webpage for the [Band and Strings](#) has the information for the 2023/24 school year programs.

The Band and Strings program is a NVSD user-pay program, not a school-based program. All registrations must be done through the Band and String NVSD website page.

Earlybird Registration ends FEB 28th 2023. Register before this date for reduced fee.

Bursaries are also available (Contact School Principal).

****MORE information specific to the QM BAND PROGRAM has been emailed to Grade 4-6 families.**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS available to QM STUDENTS:

Zen Maker Lab STEAM Programs

*These programs are held at the Zen Maker Lab Shipyards, specifically for students of Queen Mary and Ridgeway Schools

Program for Grade 2 and 3 students on Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.: **What on Earth is Geology?** Program starts on January 17th.

Program for Grade 4 to 7 students on Fridays, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.: **Arcade Game Development: Playful Platformers.** Program starts on January 20th

SEE FLYER for further details and REGISTRATION INFORMATION or [LINK HERE](#)

After School Art Program - For Grade 3 to 5 students

WHEN? Tuesdays 3:00-5:00 p.m. January 17-May 16 (excluding March Break)

WHERE? Queen Mary's Art Room (on the 1st floor)

SEE FLYER for further details and REGISTRATION INFORMATION

QM PAC NEWS:

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

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>

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 our last 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 Ms. O'Brien (bobrienkopacek@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.

NVSD Events and Information

AFK After School Art – Registration open. Visit [the Artists for Kids website](#) for more information and to register.

AFK Spring Break Camps – Registration open

Visit the [AFK Day Camps web page](#) for more information and to register.

New registration and transfer requests begins January 23

Priority placement for new registrations and transfers for Grades 1-12 begins on Monday, January 23 and ends on Friday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Visit the [2023/2024 Registrations and Transfer Requests](#) web page for detailed information.

Late French Immersion Information Session & application period – January 23

An information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) will be held at École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School on Monday, January 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Sign up for the session here.](#)

Applications to the program will be accepted beginning Monday, January 23 through to Friday, March 3. For more information about the program, including how to apply, visit our [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

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