

Dear Queen Mary Families;

Jan. 16, 2026

IMPORTANT QM INFORMATION

Saleema Noon Body Science Sessions: Taking place in all classes January 27th - 29th

Elementary students throughout BC receive instruction in body science and sexual health education as part of the Physical and Health Education curriculum. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address these topics with the school community. As in previous years, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school on **January 27th, 28th, and 29th** to provide "Body Science" workshops for students in Kindergarten to Grade 7. PLEASE take time to read through the information letter being sent home with children today (also posted to website in Principal's Messages section). Please contact your child's classroom teacher with any questions.

[Saleema Noon - Sexual Health Educators](#)

[Bring Body Science™ to Your School | Modern Sex Ed for K-7](#)

NEW Extra-Curricular Programs Now Open for Registration!

Noon-Hour Lego Program for Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students

Dates: Fridays, Jan 30 - Mar 13

Time: Lunch recess (12:20-12:55)

Location: Art Room

Student projects will be displayed on the window sill in the library and at the end of the program students get to take home whatever is made.

[REGISTRATION FORM LINK](#)

TWO NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

In addition to the programs already running this term we have two more opportunities to offer:

Queen Mary Coding Club Returns!

Welcome Future Computer Coders!

This after-school program is designed to get kids coding and having fun. Using Blockly computer code and our ever-engaging Dash robots, we'll learn fundamental coding concepts, logic, computational thinking, and throw in a bunch of imagination for good measure.

Hands-on learning, teamwork, design thinking, and lots of activity. Join us!

Tuesdays Jan. 27 to Mar. 3 (6 weeks), 3:05 - 4:15

QM Library

Grade 4-5, Limited to 10 students. Cost: \$90

Taught by Carol Viau.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/pgsdNXwQWGsNFU3w5>

Queen Mary After School Skating Club

A longtime favourite club is back this Winter. All levels are welcome - new skaters to Olympic hopefuls.

Thursdays Jan. 22 - February. 12 (4 weeks), 3:00 - 4:30

Grades 5-7. Cost: \$25 if you have skates, \$45 if you need rentals.

We meet out front at QM, walk down to The Shipyards together for snacks, skating, and social time.

Pick up is at The Shipyards.

Registration Form: [Skating Club Registration Form](#)

QM PAC Contact Information: [QM PAC Facebook Page](#) Connect to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year!

Next Week's School Events

Monday, January 19

- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) booklets will be sent home with Grade 4 & 7 students. These assessments were completed in October. Contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.
- Volleyball club after school for registered students

Tuesday, January 20 (no events)

Wednesday, January 21

- Carson Graham Band Performance for all classes in the gym at 1:00 – parents/guardians welcome to join us!
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. Registration is still open (see below for details).
- **Lights Up Theatre** after school program. Registration is still open (see below for details).

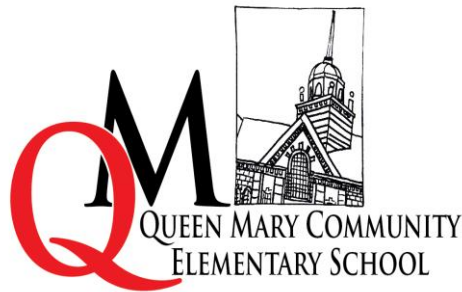
Thursday, January 22

- **Darryl Fox (Terry Fox's brother)** – Presentation for QM Students 1:00 p.m. in the gym Parents also welcome to attend.
- FUN LUNCH Day!
 - Use [Munchalunch \(online\)](#) to place orders. Order by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.) for the following week. Questions? Contact: queemnarypac@gmail.com
 - *Fun Lunch donations welcomed* - select the option to donate at the bottom of the order form.
 - Interested in volunteering to help distribute these lunches? Sign up using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LdqeYMJ>
- Drop-in open gym basketball for Grade 5 and 6 students 8:00 a.m. for interested students.
- **Red Fox** after-school program for registered students.

Friday, January 23

- QM Professional Day!! No school for students and no after school programs today!

All upcoming school events can be found on our LIVE CALENDAR on the main page of our website.



After-School Programs at QM for Term 2 –Kindergarten to Grade 7!

(Note: Programs are user-pay and run by organizations not affiliated with Queen Mary; Registration required.)

NEW OFFERINGS: see beginning of the email

Programs already running but registration still available:

HOOPS 4KIDS JUST PASS Programs

JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS) is an after-school sports program by [G2 Athletics](#)

Grades K-2: Wednesdays 2:30 PM - 3:45PM

Grades 3-5: Fridays 3:15PM - 4:30PM

[Link HERE](#) to register, or complete the posted [PDF form](#) and email it to info@g2athletics.com or hand it in at the school office.

Lights Up Theatre: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON!

- Wednesdays 2:22 – 4:30 p.m. in the QM Library starting January 14th, 2026
- LINK TO REGISTER: <https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/queen-mary-northvan/>

Farsi Program for Kids

Give your child the opportunity to learn Farsi in a fun and engaging way! For more information call 778-929-7014, or email info@farsidarbc.ca

- [LINK HERE to REGISTER](#)

<https://www.farsidarbc.ca/service-page/farsi-afterschool-queen-mary-winter-2026>

NVSD Information for Families:

NVSD Band and Strings Program - Registration now open for the 2026-27 school year!

If you have a child currently in Grade 3,4,5,or 6 and are interested in the NVSD Band or Strings Programs [LINK HERE](#) for more info (scroll down to the weekly messages section). The [NVSD Band and Strings Website](#) provides further details.

NVSD Student Transfers and Registrations for 2026-27 - Now Being Accepted

The NVSD Student Transfer and Registration (STAR) [online registration portal](#) is now live for new enrolments or transfers for the 2026-27 school year, for students in Grades 1-12. Register children online and upload all relevant documents.

NVSD Request: Homestay families needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. NVSD has Secondary School international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning February and September 2026, and February 2027. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to the International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

Public Comment Period for the 2026-27 School Calendar

The public comment period for the proposed 2026/27 School Calendar opened Tuesday, January 13, 2026. Students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members are invited to share feedback on the proposed calendar via an MS Forms survey, accessible from the school district's [public District Calendar web page](#). The public comment period will close at midnight, February 11, 2026. The Board of Education will review the public comments received and will finalize the school calendar for the 2026/27 school year at its February 24, 2026, Public Board Meeting.

Community Event: Impact Northshore

Supporting Immigrants to Thrive in Canada | Impact North Shore

Upcoming workshop, “**Raising Safe & Responsible Kids in the Digital World**,” presented in **English with Farsi**. This session is designed to help parents and caregivers guide their children in navigating the digital world safely, setting healthy boundaries, and developing responsible online habits.

[LINK HERE](#) for more information or to register.

Finally, a sunny weekend ahead!! Enjoy!!

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