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# Queensbury News

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#### IMPORTANT NEWS

Dear Queensbury Families,

As October draws to a close, our school is buzzing with excitement —especially with Halloween just around the corner! Be sure to check page 2 of this newsletter for our parade details.

As rainy weather settles in, we'd like to remind everyone to dress for wet conditions. Students will still go outside for morning recess and lunch breaks, so please ensure they are outfitted for the rain. Waterproof jackets, boots, and layered clothing help keep them dry and comfortable.

Also, please have students bring a change of indoor shoes to keep our hallways and classrooms dry and safe.

**Lost and Found:** Our Lost and Found collection has grown, and many items are waiting to be reclaimed! We invite students and families to visit the front lobby and see whether any belongings may be theirs.

**PAC Meeting:** On Tuesday, October 21st, the Queensbury PAC met in our library. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, and to the PAC for their ongoing support of our school community. We look forward to continuing to work together to make our school a place where everyone belongs.

**School Planning:** On Tuesday, October 28th, the Queensbury School Planning Team will join colleagues from the Sutherland and Argyle Families of Schools to review our School Plan and share fresh ideas. We are excited that several student volunteers are included on our Planning Team—they bring valuable perspectives and energy to our work.

Yours truly,

Mr. Beveridge, Principal Mr. Wong, Vice Principal

# GUIDING BELIEFS

Education at Queensbury provides all children an equal opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to maximize their potential in intellectual, social, and physical development.

## MISSION

We believe:

in fostering an environment so that everyone feels welcome and included;

everyone matters;

every child should have the opportunity to succeed;

teaching self-awareness and selfmanagement is important for students, staff, and parents; and

in collaborating with parents and community partners for the success of all learners.

# SCHOOL PLAN

**Goal #1** – Enhance a sense of belonging.

**Goal #2** – Increase student engagement.

Please review for the complete <u>School</u> Plan.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

Please be mindful that all members of the Queensbury School Community are expected to be *Respectful, Responsible,* and *Resourceful.* 

Click <u>here</u> for the full Code of Conduct.

#### HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND PARADE

We're excited to celebrate Halloween with our annual **Costume Parade** on **Friday, October 31 at 9:15 a.m.**! Students are invited to come to school dressed in their costumes, ready to take part in this fun school tradition.

If the **weather cooperates**, we'll hold our **outdoor parade around the school field**. Families are warmly invited to come and watch from the **outside of the field fencing**. Please help us keep students and staff safe by remaining outside the fence and keeping pathways clear for classes.

If the **weather is not suitable**, the parade will move **indoors to the gym** for a modified version of the event. **Limited seating in the gym will be reserved for parents** due to space constraints.

A few friendly reminders:

- Costumes should be safe, inclusive, and respectful (no weapons, gore, or culturally insensitive costumes).
- No full-face cover masks are permitted. Masks may be worn outdoors during the parade only, as long as faces remain visible and unobstructed.
- Please ensure costumes allow for easy movement and visibility.
- If your child prefers not to participate, an alternate activity will be available.
- Students should arrive in costume, as there will be no time to change at school.

We look forward to a fun and festive morning celebrating together — rain or shine!

#### SCHOOL ATHLETICS: BASKETBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY

Our basketball teams have had a fantastic season filled with skill-building, teamwork, and school spirit! The **Boys' Team**, coached by **Mr. Justin Wong**, and the **Girls' Team**, coached by **Ms. Maggie Owen**, have both shown tremendous growth and sportsmanship throughout the year.

We're excited to announce that both teams will be competing in the **Sutherland** Family of Schools Championship this week — Monday for the boys and Tuesday for the girls. Families are encouraged to come out and cheer on our teams as they represent our school with pride and energy!

A huge thank-you to our players, coaches, and supporters for making this a memorable season. Go Wolves!  $\bigcirc$ 

Congratulations to the cross-country running team. We had approximately 30 students show up rain or shine for the morning practices that extended into Greenwood Park. Competitions were held at Loutet Park complete with high attendance numbers and good vibes. Kudos to all the runners, many of whom have articulated excitement for the track season in the spring. A very special thank you to Martin Corbett, Sam Walters, Laurie Kennedy, and Ana Villareal for coaching our Cross Country Team this fall.

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the S<u>k</u>wxwi07mesh Nation and Səlilwətat Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory North Vancouver School District and Queensbury Elementary reside. We value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.



Lost and Found

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Please click <u>here</u> for the full calendar.

Beginning Band early start 8:00am Fridays

Crochet Club Tues - Intermediates

Wed - Primaries

PAC - Hot Lunch - Thursdays

Chess Club Fridays @ Lunch - Gym

Click Here for the PAC Website & hot lunch

#### OCT 27

3:30 Boys Basketball Tournament location TBA

#### **OCT 29**

 $9{:}15$  VCH Vaping Presentation Div 1 &~2

1:50 Early Dismissal-Staff Collaboration

#### OCT 31

9:15 Halloween Parade

#### NOV 4

VCH Vaping Presentation Div 3

# NOV 5

Girls Basketball Zone Tournament Location TBA

#### NOV 7

9:00 Photo Retakes

11:00 Remembrance Day Assembly

#### NOV 10

Pro-D Day - Students do not attend

#### **NOV 11**

Remembrance Day - No school

#### NOV 17, 18,19

1: 50 Dismissal - Family Conferences

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### SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: TERRY FOX RUN - GOAL ACHIEVED!

A huge thank you to our Queensbury community for your incredible support of this year's Terry Fox Run! Together, we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$650 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Your generosity helps continue Terry's legacy and supports cancer research across Canada. As a reward for reaching our goal, **students will enjoy an extra 20 minutes of recess!** Thank you again to everyone who donated, participated, and helped make this event such a success.

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY

# Road Safety Blitz at Queensbury

On **Thursday, October 23**, Queensbury was pleased to welcome representatives from **ICBC**, the **RCMP**, the **City of North Vancouver's Road Safety Team**, the **Fire Department**, and the **Board of Education** for a **Road Safety Blitz**. Together, they handed out reflector keychains to students and helped raise awareness about the importance of staying visible and safe on our roads — especially now that it's darker in the mornings and after school.

We ask all families to please drive **slowly** and remain alert for students walking, cycling, or crossing the street near the school. Refrain from making **three-point turns** close to the school and avoid parking in the **designated drop-off only zone** or in the **middle of the street**.

Thank you to our families for helping keep our **students**, **community**, **and roads safe** — your care and attention make a real difference!

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