

Queen Charlotte Intermediate School Newsletter - December 2023

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QC COYOTES ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Beginning November 27 and until December 19, our students and staff will begin to collect non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Our annual QC food drive involves all QC students, staff and families in support of our community, and for all Islanders. Food items can be brought into HR classes in the morning or afternoon each day from November 27 until December 19. Our Student Council Executive and student council HR class reps will organize, box up, and deliver our food items to the food bank on Tuesday, December 19. Parents/families who would like to drop off canned goods or food items to support our annual food drive, please drop the items off at the main office. Thanks for your continued support!

GRADE NINE TRIP DONATIONS

Queen Charlotte Intermediate is looking for donations to support our students taking part in our annual grade 9 trip to Ottawa and Quebec. This is an enriching, educational experience for our students and we are reaching out to our community to see if anyone would consider donating to support students in need. All monetary donations will go directly to the families who require support for the trip. Donations can be dropped off at the school or e-transferred to queencharlotte1954@gmail.com or call the school at 902-368-6970. Thank you!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all of our QC parents/families who participated in our parent/teacher interviews in person or by phone on November 23 and 24. It was a terrific turnout for our first set of interviews and we want to thank our entire QC learning community for your positive feedback and tremendous ongoing support.

REPORT CARDS

Grade seven, eight and nine report cards will go home with students on Friday, December 8.

SOCIAL MEDIA & SCREEN TIME AWARENESS WEEK

Queen Charlotte Intermediate will be recognizing Social Media & Screen Time Awareness week from December 11 - 15. The amount of time people spend on screens has been correlated with a number of negative effects including social/emotional issues, mental and physical health issues, and even academic issues. During the week, QC students will participate in class discussions around social media usage, examine their screen time, and take part in an "Away for the Day" activity with their devices. We hope this week will initiate discussions around positive social media usage and screen time balance, both in school and at home.

ATHLETICS

Special Olympics Fun Day at QC was a highlight this past month! We would like to thank Special Olympics PEI and one of their organizers Sara Profitt-Wagner for facilitating. Thank you to all students who attended and helped out!

Our "A" Boys, "AA" Girls, and "AA" Boys Volleyball teams all finished their regular seasons with an undefeated record! "A" Boys fell short in the PEISAA Championship final against a strong François Buote, finishing with the silver medal. Congratulations to all players and coaches on an awesome season!

Both AA Volleyball teams took home the PEISAA Provincial Championship Banner for QC. The "AA" Boys won in a 3-0 sweep against Montague, while the "AA" girls wowed the crowd taking the game to extra points in multiple sets, coming back from a 2 set deficit to win 3 straight and finish with the gold medal. The final set was taken to extra points with a 17-15 win. Congratulations to all teams on a very successful season!

Basketball is underway at QC! Best of luck to all teams this season.

The "AA" Teams will be participating in 2 tournaments in December. The Glen Edison Memorial Tip Off on Dec 1-2nd, and the Paul Nogler Memorial Tournament at Stonepark on Dec 8-9th.

"A" Girls Basketball team roster: Maddie Casford, Molly Casford, Marley Coady, Jerzee Gallant, Ashleigh Dunn, Jordyn Josey, Maeve Dickie, Nancy Khanal, Hannah Stewart, Olivia Rowell, Ally Feehan, Eva Barenthein, Jesse MacDonald, Isla Richardson, Leah Campbell. Coaches are Ellen Arsenault and Carly Siopis.

"A" Boys Basketball team roster: Hayden Curry, TJ Ferguson, Easton Chen, Miguel Cuma, Campbell Smith, Zach Nordoff, Maximus Jreije, Jonah Nicholson, Justin Mai, Lamech Nduwimana, Sebastian Connor, Isaac Spears, Felix Hatton. Coaches are Matt Merrett, Tanner Mendoza, and Jacob Majcan.

"AA" Girls Basketball team roster: Tori Whitnell, Lexie Singleton, Julia Ghiz, Clara Jreije, Ava Bradley, Ayslin Cameron, Alexandra Wolfe, Chloe Livingstone, Maddie Waite, Hadley MacLean, Phoebe LeCoure, Emma Ghiz. Coaches are Kara Whitnell, Max Maund, Katie Moore, and Sara Hanlon.

"AA" Boys Basketball team roster: Jonah Lawlor, Mackenzie Singleton, Cruz Bevan, Moses Collins, Tim Ferguson, Levi Hickey, Lachlan Hillier, Josh Lawlor, David Knickle, Arthur Knickle, Jackson Saunders, Matt Singleton, Gordon Tan, Jason Shi. Coaches are Steve Lawlor and Ian Hillier.

LIBRARY

Students can borrow library books and keep them over the December break; however, if you are finished with a book please return it for the next person to borrow! Students are also encouraged to sign up for public library cards, and to take advantage of some of the great FREE programs offered at the Charlottetown Library Learning Commons and other public libraries. See Mrs. Giggey if you need some help with this!

BAND CONCERT

Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in the Gym at 7:00 P.M, with an inclement weather date of Wednesday, December 6th

GRADUATION PHOTOS - RETAKES

Grade nine graduation photo re-takes will happen on Friday, December 8th

CAFETERIA SERVICES

The cafeteria will be open to students up to and including Friday, December 22, 2023.

ART CLUB

Art Club takes place every Wednesday in the cafeteria from 3:00 to 4:00. Materials are supplied and everyone is welcome.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will take place every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00. The club is an excellent opportunity to get extra support from Colonel Gray students. You can work on finishing homework, assignments or prepare for upcoming assessments in any subject.

YEARBOOK

Orders are currently being taken for the 2023-24 Yearbook. Cost is \$35.00.

The only way to guarantee that a student will get a yearbook is to pre-order one. It is important to order before the deadline as the online store will close on January 15. **No orders will be taken after that date.**

You can order your book at: <https://ybstore.friesens.com/326675> Alternatively, you can send an e-transfer to queencharlotte1954@gmail.com – be sure to include student name, homeroom, and the words yearbook.

Students who wish to place their order in person with cash or cheque can see Mr. Taggart.

We only bring in the number of books which have been pre-ordered. Extras are not available so be sure to reserve a copy right away by pre-ordering

We continue to collect pictures from students this year of them doing things in their own environments – at home, at their outside of school sports, their jobs, etc. And we are looking for selfies too. Students (and parents too) are encouraged to get the free app 'UPLOADIT' from Friesens. Once installed, use the school code 300972 which allows you to then upload pictures. Students are reminded that photos should be not be taken of others without their permission and should not be taken during class time. Any questions, please contact Mr. Taggart, Mrs. Hann or Mr. Hill.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 - 8:40 A.M. Breakfast is free and everyone is welcome. Breakfast usually consists of bagels, fruit and juices. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer. Parents who are interested in volunteering in the new year for the Breakfast Program can contact Kim Muise at kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca. Our Breakfast Program will be open until Friday, December 22. The program will resume on January 8.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH – SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All PSB school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "classes in all Public Schools Branch schools are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. Please note that Queen Charlotte is part of the Colonel Gray Family of Schools.

ONE-HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M. Please note that if school operates on a one-hour delay, band practice and breakfast program are cancelled.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #94 is running 30 minutes late).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day for weather related concerns. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our school board website.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH – SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY (continued)

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. Please ensure your child is aware of mid-day closure arrangements.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should Transportation Infrastructure Renewal and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our school board website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

- **The final decision** to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
- **Please do not drop children off at school** unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
- **Please listen** to the radio and check the school board website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
- **Please do not** call the school, school board office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 5 Band concert 7:00pm in the Gymnasium
- 6 Inclement weather date for Band Concert
- 8 Grade 9 Grad Photo Retakes
- 8 Report cards issued (day end)
- 22 Last day for Breakfast Program 2023
- 22 Last day of classes for 2023

JANUARY

- 8 First day of classes for 2024
- 8 Breakfast program resumes

*Season’s Greetings!
We wish everyone a safe
and happy holiday.*

