

The Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter – September 2023

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QC WELCOME

On behalf of our entire Queen Charlotte Intermediate School staff, we would like to welcome all new and returning students, all parents, guardians, families and our QC learning community to a new and exciting school year. Our 2023-2024 school theme is "Once a Coyote, Always a Coyote". We will continue to be caring, collaborative, creative and connected Coyotes, as we know the success and resilience for all students and staff is the key to ensure the strength of our QC Coyotes "Pack". Please continue to check for updates on our school website and look for e-mails that will be sent out. We are excited for an awesome school year at QC.

BUSSING INFORMATION & WEBSITE LINK

If you are looking for bussing pick-up and drop off times, bus numbers, and street addresses, please click on the following link for the bus planner website: <https://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca/Default>

BREAKFAST PROGRAM AND OPEN GYM

The Breakfast will resume on Monday, September 11. Intramurals will start the second week of school. We recommend that parents/families do not drop off any students until 8:05-8:10 AM or later in our school parking lot for the breakfast program and open gym. Thank you for your support as we start back to another terrific school year.

LUNCH BREAK

Our grade 7 students remain at school during lunch time. Our grade 8 and 9 students are permitted to leave school grounds. Students may choose to take a lunch from home or purchase from our cafeteria.

GENERATION FRESH

"Generation Fresh" will continue to be part of our QC Coyotes Team as our in-house food vendor. Each school day, we will have fresh, locally grown, and nourishing food choices in our school cafeteria for our lunch menu and snack options. Nut free, gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options will be available. "Generation Fresh" will be ready to welcome and serve some fantastic food choices to all students and staff on the very first day of school. "Generation Fresh" will be offering reloadable lunch cards to purchase school lunches and can offer a choice to pre-load the card with spending money remotely from home, if you did not want your student to carry cash. "Generation Fresh" is also connected to the PEI School Food Program as a lunch provider for many feeder schools and a local high school. Please click the link below to start eating "fresh"

www.generationfresh.ca

PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM INC.

PEI School Food Program Inc. will be rolling out again this fall. Healthy, nutritious food is important for student achievement. Working with the Government of Prince Edward Island, we want to ensure that nutritious lunches are available to as many students as possible. PEI School Food Program Inc. will provide an opportunity for families to order healthy lunches five days a week. Meals will be prepared and delivered directly to schools at lunch time by local food service providers. Nut free, gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options will be available. The School Food Program Inc. will be Pay What You Can. Families can now prepare for the upcoming school year by registering for the program here: <https://www.peischoolfood.ca/>

Once you've registered, you will receive your login and password via email, along with a welcome information package as you sign up. This username and password will allow you to login into the ordering platform once it is active. Therefore, registration is required to participate.

PAYMENT OPTIONS (for students/parents/families)

Parents can e-transfer the payments to the following email address: queencharlotte1954@gmail.com

This account is set up for automatic deposit and no password is required.

****Please make sure the following information is included in the notes of the e-transfer****

Student's full name - example - John Doe

Student's homeroom class and grade - example: Mme. Cooper - grade 7 or 7C

What the payment is for - example - \$25 student fee

We hope that you find this option more convenient. If you have any questions, please email Trevor MacNeill at tdmacneill@cloud.edu.pe.ca

SCENT-FREE POLICY

At Queen Charlotte Intermediate we have a significant number of students and staff that are very sensitive to fragrance and other scented products. Students and visitors to our school are reminded of the Public Schools Branch Scent-Free Policy which prohibits scented products from being used at school. Thank you for respecting this policy by not wearing any scented products while at Queen Charlotte Intermediate

PEANUT-FREE ZONE

Please be aware that we have students at Queen Charlotte Intermediate that have severe life-threatening allergies to peanut products. We would appreciate your support in eliminating their use in prepared lunches.

FIRE DRILL

Our first fire drill will take place the week of September 11. We will have several more drills during the month of September.

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES

If you are dropping your child off in the Simmons parking lot, please use the entrance closest to the Simmons Arena, we will have pylons and staff to help guide all drivers. Remember to turn right only as you leave the parking lot.

The other drop off location is on the right-hand side of North River Road - across from the front entrance of our school. As you drive down North River Road, as you pass the front part of our school, veer slightly to your right as you begin to stop. Put your blinker on, stop to let your student out, and then as you drive away, proceed back into the traffic flow down North River Road in the right-hand lane. When the student exits the vehicle - try to use the right-hand side doors only as you leave the vehicle. Each student will need to walk back to the crossing guard location and remember, do not cross the road unless you are at the crossing guard safety zone.

At the end of the school day please be mindful that you would need to find a parking spot to wait for your student. Please watch for buses entering, turning, and exiting in the parking lot and drive slowly to ensure everyone is safe.

We thank all parents/families in supporting a safe and efficient drop off/pick up for all students each and every day.

BUS PASSES

At the present time, students are only permitted to travel on their assigned buses. Bus passes are not available.

ATHLETICS

Thank you to all students for your participation and coaches for your dedication as we get the 2023-2024 school year of athletics here at QC. Intramurals will begin mid September for all students during lunch at 12:25-12:50. Indoor footwear is required in the gym.

Wellness Club will also begin mid September for all students who are interested in working on their individual fitness and overall wellness, the sign-up sheet will be posted on the Wellness Room door.

School sports this fall at QC include Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey (major sports), Cross Country, Baseball, and Golf (Minor Sports) as well as Hockey Skills Academy. Students may only play one major sport at a time. If students are looking to try out for any of these sports, all information can be found on the bulletin board in the Phys Ed hallway, including the sign-ups, release forms, and schedule.

The schedule will also be added to morning announcements and the school website. Most tryouts will begin Tuesday Sept 12th after school. Reminder to all students looking to tryout, they must take home a release form and have it signed and returned before their first tryout. Athletic fees (\$30) are only due once a student successfully makes a team. Fees can be paid by cash to the Phys Ed office, or by E-transfer to queencharlotte1954@gmail.com. Please include student's full name, homeroom, and sport in the notes of the transfer.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH ATTENDANCE POLICY

Queen Charlotte Intermediate along with the Public Schools Branch will be following the Attendance and Engagement Procedure and is seeking the full cooperation from parents/guardians in promoting regular school attendance and punctuality for students. Student achievement is impacted whenever a student misses school. The policy outlines procedures and responsibilities for students, parents and staff to ensure students are successful in their learning. More information is available on the Public Schools Branch website (www.gov.pe.ca/edu.psb), go to ABOUT THE PSB and click on POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

TWITTER

QC has a Twitter account for parents and students. We will be posting school events and activities on this account. If you are a twitter user, we hope you will follow us. @qccoyotes

DROPPING OF ITEMS FOR STUDENTS

When dropping off an item for your child, please have the item clearly marked with the child's name and homeroom and bring it into the main office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Students will have their photos taken by Lifetouch on September 14 and 15. There will be an alternate date for photo retakes for students who were absent etc.

STUDENT ARRIVAL/PICK UP/APPOINTMENTS

If you know your child is going to be late or absent for the day, please email the homeroom teacher or call the school. If you are unable to email or call, please send a written note when your child returns to school.

If your child is aware they are leaving during class time for an appointment, etc. please email or send a written note with your child to give to their teacher.

If you need to pick your child up during class time and your child is unaware that they are leaving and do not have a note, please come into the office. Please email the homeroom teacher or send a note with your child when they return to school.

OUR WEBSITE (<https://queencharlotte.edu.pe.ca/>)

We use our website as a means of communicating with students, parents and the school community at large. Links include daily announcements, access to the newsletter, an up-to-date school calendar, contact information, as well as other important school information.

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

We will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Friday, September 22 in the afternoon. We will start collecting donations in class until our Terry Fox event. Please note that September 22 is a regular school day and students are expected to participate.

LIBRARY

The Queen Charlotte Intermediate library is up and running. It is open at lunch Tuesday to Thursday at 12:25. Students can borrow books, work on projects, print schoolwork, join our book club or creative writing group, and even volunteer to help.

The library has a website that can be found through the QC homepage, or by visiting <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/qclibrary/home>

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

You will receive a student information sheet with pertinent demographic and contact information. It is imperative that parents ensure all information is current and accurate. Please make note of any changes directly on the form and return it by Friday, September 15 to your child’s homeroom teacher. Also, if through the school year you have a change of address, phone number, etc. it is important to let the school know.

MEET-THE-STAFF

We are very pleased to be able to welcome parent(s)/guardian(s) into the school for “Meet the Staff” on Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 pm. Upon arrival, please go to your child’s homeroom class for the first session from 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm. Should you wish to visit another Homeroom teacher, a second session will be available for this purpose at 6:30 pm.

GRADE 9 TRIP (OTTAWA/QUEBEC) PARENT INFO SESSION

We will have an information session for all grade 9 parents about the upcoming Grade 9 school trip to Ottawa/Quebec. This meeting will take place Sept 14 at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

4-H PEI and the Dunstaffnage-Marshfield 4-H Club will be accepting registration for the 2023/24 4-H year. 4-H provides opportunities for young Islanders ages 8- 21 to pursue skill-based projects of their own choosing, participate in travel, win scholarships and Learn to Do by Doing!
To register, go to <https://www.pei4h.ca/member-registration> or email questions to dm4hclub@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 1 Teacher Orientation Day
- 5 Professional Development Day
- 6 Joint Staff Day
- 7 First Day of Classes
- 11 Breakfast Program begins
- 14 Meet the Teacher 6:00pm
- 14 Parent Information session Gr. 9 Trip to Ottawa/Quebec 7:00pm in the Cafeteria
- 14/15 Student Photos
- 22 QC Terry Fox Run

October

- 2 Truth & Reconciliation Day (no classes)
- 9 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- 27 Professional Development Day (no classes)