

# Queen Charlotte Intermediate School Newsletter - December 2024

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## QC COYOTES ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Beginning November 25<sup>th</sup> our students and staff began 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 until December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents/families who would like to drop off food items to support our food drive, please drop the items off at the main office. Thanks for your continued support!

## DONATIONS TO SUPPORT OUR QC FAMILIES

We want to thank all students, staff, parents and families for the many donations that have been sent in to the school or fundraised during the last few months to support our QC families in need. At this time of year, it is especially tough to make all ends meet to support the needs of a family. If you would like to donate to support our QC families, please call our main office at 902-368-6970 for more details. A big thanks to our QC staff for their \$10/per person dress down donation that will go directly to support QC families. We would like to thank our community members which includes businesses, restaurants, and local grocery stores for their donations. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our former QC employee, Bobby Hill, who has donated \$1200 to support our QC families in need. A heartfelt thanks from all of us at QC to all who have helped out with a donation. Wishing everyone a holiday season full of kindness, caring, and sharing for all to enjoy together.

## ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE PSB

As we mentioned in our first newsletter of the year, schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. In September, more than 80% of students missed fewer than 10% of school days. This is an optimistic start to our school year that we can build on! Let's continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic year. We now have an email option for parents and guardians to use when reporting their child's absences. [qcattendance@edu.pe.ca](mailto:qcattendance@edu.pe.ca) We hope you will find this a convenient way to report an absence.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all our QC parents and families who participated in our Parent Teacher interviews in person or by phone on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

## GRADE 9 TRIP - OTTAWA/QUEBEC PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

We will have our next Ottawa/Quebec Grade 9 Trip Meeting for all parents and students who have signed up for our grade 9 trip on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria. The trip will take place from Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. John Dunphy and staff from Target Tours will be at QC to talk about final details for packing, overview of the itinerary, final pricing, and will take time to answer any questions pertaining to the trip. We hope everyone has signed up with Target Tours to ensure all information and registration is in place for the trip. All information and details about the trip are available on our QC website.

## 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](mailto:queencharlotte1954@gmail.com)

## REPORT CARDS

Grade seven, eight and nine report cards will go home with students on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

## LIBRARY

We would like to extend a big "Thank you" to students and their families for supporting the book fair that recently took place during Parent Teacher interviews. We successfully raised money to purchase new books for the library.

## BAND CONCERT

Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in our school Gymnasium.

## CAFETERIA SERVICES

The cafeteria will be open to students up to and including Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## 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**

Yearbook orders were taken during parent teacher interviews and are still available online and through e-transfer. If a student wants to place an in-person order, they can see Mr. Taggart in Tech Ed. Ordering will close as of January 10<sup>th</sup>. Extra books are not ordered, and in the past, we have had students disappointed when they have not received them. We encourage all students who might be interested in a yearbook to place their order right away. Cost is \$36. Online orders can be made at <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/326675>, or by e-transfer to [queencharlotte1954@gmail.com](mailto:queencharlotte1954@gmail.com). Please include in the notes that the e-transfer is for a Yearbook, as well as student name and Homeroom.

We are also looking for photos of students and parents who have all gone to QC – a ‘then and now’ type of photo. Please send photos to [70yearsataqc@gmail.com](mailto:70yearsataqc@gmail.com)

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast Program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 - 8:40am. 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](mailto:kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca). Our Breakfast Program will be open until Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The program will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **ATHLETICS**

Active Leaders Day was a huge success at QC on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. Ten schools from across the island sent 12 Students who have shown leadership qualities in the fields of Physical Education and Health. A big thank you goes out to all presenters and QC Leadership students for making the day happen!

## **Wellness Club**

Sign-Ups are posted on the PE Bulletin board for all those students interested in working on their individual wellness in the fitness room at 12:25-12:50 two days per cycle. Groups were created in November and a schedule is posted.

## **Intramurals and JUST DANCE:**

Intramurals continue every day at 12:25-12:50pm in the gym. Gr 7's on Days 2 and 5, Gr 8's on Days 1 and 4, and Gr 9's on Days 3 and 6. Students are reminded to please wait until 12:25pm to enter the gym. The last day of the school week is always JUST DANCE! Clean and dry footwear only, no food, gum or drinks in the gym please.

“AA” Boys Volleyball ended their season by defeating MEC in the Bronze Medal game on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>! It was an exciting match led by team captain Moses Collins and game MVP David Knickle.

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

The “AA” Teams will be participating in 2 tournaments before Christmas. The Glen Edison Memorial Tip Off on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, and the Paul Nogler Memorial Tournament at Stonepark on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>.

“A” Girls Basketball Molly Casford, Maeve Dickie, Olivia Rowell, Jesse MacDonald, Isla Richardson, Callie Robinson, Hailey Rayner, Maxinne Bareng, Maize Wakelin, Sophia Bourque, Madi Waite, Laila Middleton Hicks, and Mya Kells. Coaches are Ellen Arsenault and Jenna Montgomery.

“A” Boys Basketball QC 2 Jonah Mayme, Hayden Curri, Adam Barker, Felix Hatton, Noah Furness, Dave Surio, Chris Velero, Camden MacKinnon, Malcolm Cong, Ethan Lo, Maxx Daley. Coaches Craig Knickle and Sebastian Clarke.

“A” Boys Basketball QC 3 Gabe Conroy, Aidan Smith, Nate Bambrick, Ezra MacLeod, Tyson MacKinnon, Marcus Aja-Onu, Cedric Superales, Carlyle Superales, Garret Scales, Marcus Conroy, Nate Dow, Emmet Doucet. Coaches are Dale Conroy and Geoff Scales.

“AA” Girls Basketball Alexandra Wolfe, Chloe Livingstone, Hadley MacLean, Phoebe LeCoure, Emma Ghiz, Nadia Lannigan, Adele Saunders, Ally Feehan, Gabriella Cormier, Norah Cameron, Eva Barenthein. Coaches are Carly Siopis and Max Maund.

“AA” Boys Basketball Jonah Lawlor, Cruz Bevan, Moses Collins, Levi Hickey, David Knickle, Arthur Knickle, Jason Shi, Jace Bevan, Gabriel Arellano, Easton Chen, Zach Nordoff, Max Jreije. Coach is Steve Lawlor.

## **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 7:00am. 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 7:00am, 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 8:00am. 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 8:00am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00am.
- **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

- 3 Grade 9 trip parent information meeting in the Cafeteria 6:00pm
- 6 Report Cards issued
- 9 Team Canada Para Cup Game at UPEI 11:00am
- 11 Band Concert in the Gym 6:30pm
- 17 Last day of the Food Drive
- 20 Last day for Breakfast Program 2024
- 20 Last day of classes for 2024

#### JANUARY

- 6 First day of classes for 2025

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

