

Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter - January 2025

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful new year. Have a terrific 2025! Go Coyotes Go!

QC ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

We want to thank all students, staff, and our learning community for all your support during our annual food drive. It was another very successful year, as we collected well over 2000 food items which were donated to our local food bank before the holiday break. Way to Go!

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

In December, Queen Charlotte Intermediate staff, students, and families worked together to help raise money for Christmas families. Our fund-raising initiatives included casual December, candy grams and community donations, which raised over \$2,000. We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping our QC families.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 – 8:35am. The program resumes for 2025 on January 6th. Breakfast is free and everyone is welcome. Breakfast items include bagels, granola bars, fruit, and juices. If any parents, students or teachers are interested in volunteering at our Breakfast Program, please contact Kim Muise at kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca

YEARBOOK

Final call for Yearbook orders! Online ordering for yearbooks will end on January 10th, 2025. After that time, no additional yearbook orders will be taken as we have to confirm our numbers with the publisher. The only way to guarantee receiving a yearbook is to pre-order it. Cost is \$36.00

Orders can be placed at the following website: <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/326675>. We can accept e-transfers at queencharlotte1954@gmail.com. Please be sure to indicate student name, class, and that you are ordering a yearbook. Or, for that 'old school feel' – you can send in cash or cheque and see Mr. Taggart in person.

ART CLUB

Art Club for students takes place in the cafeteria on Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Students from Colonel Gray come to support our students during Art Club. Everyone is welcome!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Students are invited to our Homework Club every Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:00pm in the cafeteria.

ATHLETICS

Wellness Club: Sign up sheets are posted on the PE Bulletin board for all those students interested in working on their individual wellness in the fitness room at 12:25-12:50pm two days per cycle. A new group will begin in January.

Intramurals and JUST DANCE: Intramurals continue every day at 12:25-12:50pm in the gym.

Grade 7: Days 2 and 5

Grade 8: Days 1 and 4

Grade 9: 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 or gum in the gym.

Basketball: Our QC Coyotes Basketball teams had a successful start before Christmas Break! Best of luck to all teams with the remainder of their season! There will be no games during the week of Jan 13th-17th due to the Grade 9 trip. Any Tournament dates in the New Year will be announced.

Wrestling: For any students interested in joining the Queen Charlotte Wrestling team, training is on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at 6-8pm in the Colonel Gray Cafeteria. For more information:

Email: mcquaidrtcwrestling@gmail.com

Phone Number: (519) 536-1146

Facebook Group: Island(RTC) Wrestling Academy

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, and 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. When you enter the parking lot, we appreciate your assistance in using the entrance and exit closest to the Simmons arena. 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.

LIBRARY

The library is always looking for additional copies of the Guinness Book of World Records (hardcover, any year). If you have copies at home that are no longer being read, feel free to donate them to our library.

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

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

Please ensure the following information is included in the notes of the e-transfer:

- Student's full name – i.e. Jane Doe
- Student's homeroom class and grade – i.e. Mrs. Mutch grade 7 or 7B
- What the payment is for – i.e. \$25 student fee

If you have any questions, please email Trevor MacNeill at tdmacneill@cloud.edu.pe.ca

HOME AND SCHOOL

The first meeting of 2025 will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd in our school cafeteria at 6:00pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Questions about Home and School can be directed to our chairperson Heather Mullen at mullenpei@gmail.com

COSPEI GOLD RUSH FUNDRAISER

We wanted to share information once again about our QC Gold Ruch fundraiser that is being used by many schools all across PEI. Sign up and start supporting today (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) for your chance to win half the pot while helping our Home & School association raise funds to enhance and create opportunities for our students. The pot is currently \$100,170.00 and the next draw date is January 7th, 2025 at 1:00pm.

Another great way to support the fundraiser is by clicking on this link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067977702130> and Liking/Sharing the weekly Facebook posts. Thanks for your support! We hope you have a happy and healthy 2025!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 1 New Years Day (no classes)
- 2,3 Professional Learning Days (Joint Staff, School Goals - no classes)
- 6 First instructional day for students, 2025 (Day 4)
- 6 Breakfast Program resumes
- 13-17 Grade 9 trip to Ottawa/Quebec
- 22 Grad Photo re-takes
- 22 Home & School meeting 6:00pm

February

- 3 Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- 17 Islander Day (no classes)