

Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter - January 2026

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful new year. Have a terrific 2026! Go Coyotes Go!

QC ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

We want to thank all students, staff, families and our entire learning community for your support during our annual food drive. It was another very successful year, as we collected well over 2500 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 \$3,000. We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping our QC families.

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE PSB

QC and all schools across PEI continue to focus on the importance of regular attendance and being in school every day. 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. Let's continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance. If your child is going to be absent due to illness or medical appointment etc. please call the school at (902) 368-6970 or you can send an email to: qcattendance@edu.pe.ca

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 – 8:35am. Breakfast is free and everyone is welcome. Breakfast items include milk, waffles, bagels, granola bars, fruit, yogurt tubes, and cheese and crackers. If you have any questions about the breakfast program, please contact our Youth Service Worker, Kim Muise at kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca

ART CLUB

Art Club for students takes place in the art room (206) 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 also in the art room (206).

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 12th -16th due to the Grade 9 trip. There will be a A/AA Boys Tournament January 30th – 31st at Queen Charlotte.

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 will 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.

YEARBOOK

It is the final call for Yearbook orders! Ordering for yearbooks will end on January 31, 2026. After that time, no additional yearbook orders will be taken as we must confirm our numbers with the publisher.

The only way to guarantee receiving a yearbook is to pre-order it. Currently, we have approximately 225 books pre-ordered. We do need to have more orders to make the venture viable. Cost is \$38.00. Any questions, please contact our yearbook advisors – Mr. Hill, Mrs. Vaive, Mr. Trainor, Ms. Hann, or Mr. Taggart.

If you want to check to see if you have ordered a book, our listing of orders placed can be found at this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BbcZluAlpJ4H5_zFi3Ie3_VVYMoSsIkY/view?usp=sharing

Orders can be placed in the following ways:

Credit card/paypal: <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/326675>.

School Cash Online: (see below for instructions)

In person: by cash or cheque, see Mr. Taggart in person.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please note, under the direction of the PSB, we will no longer be accepting e-transfers for payments of fees at the school. Beginning in January of 2026, Queen Charlotte Intermediate is pleased to announce that we will be implementing SchoolCash Online, an online payment platform for all school fees, including student fees, athletic fees, band fees, field trips, yearbooks, etc. Cash payments are not encouraged but can still be accepted. Thank you for your support!

How to register

Go to: <https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashonline.com> and click Register. Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password Select a security question Select Yes to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails) You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it. Use your email address and password to log in to your account. Once you are logged in to your account, navigate to "My Account" from the dropdown menu, select "My Students" and click to add a child. Type your school board name, then choose your school from the list. Enter your child's details and click confirm.

Benefits to parents and schools

SchoolCash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. In addition to convenience for yourself, you will help increase efficiency and security at your school by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This allows teachers and secretaries to focus on helping students and not counting cash. In addition, you are immediately informed about school activities!

How it works

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the safe and secure management of school fees. This system puts all the school-related fees for your student online for purchase. Schools post their items and activities and assign the relevant fees to your student, so you can then make purchases online using your credit card. This allows you to stay informed about upcoming school activities while keeping track of the school fees that require your attention.

QC HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Our first meeting of 2026 will be held on January 21st in our school cafeteria at 6:00pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Questions about Home and School can be directed to school office at (902) 368-6970.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 5 First instructional day for students, 2026 (Day 2)
- 5 Breakfast Program resumes
- 12-16 Grade 9 trip to Ottawa/Quebec
- 21 Grade 9 Grad Photo re-takes
- 21 QC Home & School meeting 6:00pm

February

- 13 Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- 16 Islander Day (no classes)