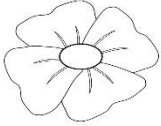


# The Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter – November 2024

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE



Our Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a presentation from our guest speaker as well as observing a minute of silence, playing of the Last Post and completing Remembrance Day activities.

## 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.

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

We are using our website as a means of communicating with students, parents and the school community at large. Links include electronic copy of our student handbook, daily announcements, weekly athletic schedule, access to the newsletter, an up-to-date school calendar, contact information, staff email addresses, as well as other important school information. Please keep this in mind when looking for information about our school.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our interviews will take place on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00- 8:30pm and Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am - 12:00pm. Information will be sent out to all parents/families explaining how to sign up for an interview appointment. We are asking each parent/guardian to select two (2) appointments per student for core subjects. Other subject teachers will be available for an appointment on a first come, first served basis.

If you prefer a phone call, in lieu of signing up for an in-person interview, please send an email to the teacher you would like to speak to and include the phone number you can be reached at in the email. Each teacher will call you back to offer an update on your child's progress. Staff e-mail addresses can be found on our website.

If you require an interpreter for your child's Parent Teacher interview, please reach out to IRSA (Immigrant and Refugee Services Association PEI) at (902) 628-6009.

## Queen Charlotte Intermediate School On-line Parent/Teacher Interview Booking System

The booking system for appointment scheduling for parents will open on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and remain open until Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. You will be able to view the teacher's calendars and schedule appointments once you have "registered" and entered your student into the system.

<https://qc.parentteacherconferences.net/>

## CELEBRATING 70 YEARS AT QC - 1954-2024

Our 70th school year has started, and this important milestone offers us a tremendous opportunity to celebrate our founding, reflect on our success, revel in the sense of community we've built over seven decades, and imagine our next 70 years. We hope that you will join us at Queen Charlotte Intermediate this year to honor the past, celebrate the present, and envision the future.

We are looking for support from our fabulous QC community to help in loaning or donating photos, memorabilia, yearbooks, clothing, sports/teams/clubs' items, band programs, and other school items from the past 70 years at QC. We will be hosting a "70 years at QC" celebration event during the year which will include, a "70 years - decades walk" as we collect, put together, and showcase 70 years at QC. If you have any items to share, loan, or donate, please drop them off at our main office or email to [70yearsatqc@gmail.com](mailto:70yearsatqc@gmail.com) or call the school office at 902-368-6970 and we can make arrangements to collect them from you.

## QC COMPASS Student Health Survey

COMPASS is being completed again this year in schools across Canada, including PEI! COMPASS will collect data on youth risk factors and health behaviours (i.e., tobacco and e-cigarette use, obesity, healthy diet, physical activity, screen time, alcohol use, marijuana use, bullying, and mental health) and on programs, policies, and resources at the school level. COMPASS has received approval from the External Research Review Committee (DEEY/PSB/CSLF) and plans to collect data from grade 7-12 students from November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our Queen Charlotte Intermediate School COMPASS Student Survey will take place at QC in HR classrooms on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> for each grade level. More details will be sent out in a mass e-mail.

## **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!

## **REPORT CARDS**

All grade 7, 8 & 9 student report cards will go home with students at the end of the day on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **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. Parents who are interested in volunteering at the Breakfast Program can contact Kim Muise at [kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca).

## **MATH CONTEST**

Thank you to all students who have signed up to participate in the Caribou math contest! The next contest will be held November 20<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>. Those who have signed up should listen to announcements for further information as the contest date gets closer.

## **BAND**

Grade 9 band students will be selling Poinsettias as a fundraiser for the upcoming band trip. The next QC band concert will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Gym for Grade 7, 8 & 9 band students.

## **COYOTE CLOTHING**

Our online Coyote Clothing Webstore is open now until November 17<sup>th</sup> for all students, parents, and families to purchase our QC Coyotes Gear. The link can be found here <https://queencharlotte.itemorder.com/shop/home/> and on our website.

## **GRAD PHOTOS**

Grad Photos will take place on November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for our Grade 9 students. Gowns and sashes will be provided for students to use. We recommend students bring their own shirt and tie to ensure a proper fit, as Lifetouch will only have a couple of those items for students to use.

## **LIBRARY**

The QC library will be hosting a Scholastic book fair from November 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the main fundraiser for our library! Students can come with their teachers or during breaks to shop, and parents are encouraged to visit the fair during parent-teacher interviews. The fair is located in the foyer outside the library.

We are looking for volunteers to help out from 6:00 - 8:30pm on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and 8:30-noon on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. These volunteers can be students or parents! Please contact Mrs. Giggey at [asgiggey@edu.pe.ca](mailto:asgiggey@edu.pe.ca) if you would like to help.

## **STUDENT FEES**

If your child has not paid their student fee, you are asked to please make payment as soon as possible. Fees are \$25 per student. Payments can be made at: queencharlotte1954@gmail.com or by cash or a cheque made out to the school.

## **PARKING LOT – STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP**

Our parking lot is very busy in the morning and afternoon. Please use the entrance and exit closest to Simmons Rink when dropping off and picking up students. Please do not use the bus entrance which is the entrance closest to the school. Another option is to drop students off on North River Road where students can use the cross walk. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring all our students are safe. Parents can review the drop off and pick up information on our website.

## **YEARBOOK**

### **Yearbooks are now available for online ordering!**

Yearbooks can now be ordered! Orders will be taken until the January 15<sup>th</sup> and the book is delivered in June. We only order the quantity of books which have been pre-ordered. Additional books are not brought in. Over the past few years, students who have not preordered their book have been disappointed when there were no extras available. Once our order is placed with the company, we cannot change our order.

Cost for yearbooks is \$36. And this year's book is bigger than before with 4 additional pages!

Orders can be placed at the following website: <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/326675>. While we prefer that the online platform be used, we can accept e-transfers at queencharlotte1954@gmail.com. Please be sure to indicate student name, class, and that you are ordering a yearbook. We will be taking in-person orders during parent teacher interviews for those who prefer that method. We are looking for page sponsors. Sponsorships appear at the bottom of each page ensuring a wide viewing audience. If you, or your business would like to sponsor a page, the cost is \$50. Please contact Treena Hann at [tahann@edu.pe.ca](mailto:tahann@edu.pe.ca), or by phone at 902-368-6970.

Hey Parents – did you go to Queen Charlotte Intermediate? As part of our 70th Anniversary celebrations, the yearbook is looking for pictures of students with their parents who went to QC! Take a picture and email it to us at 70yearsatqc@gmail.com. Please be sure to tell us your name, your child's name, and what year you were here. We are devoting several pages in the yearbook to the 70th Anniversary, so we need your photos! We look forward to seeing you again!

### **HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club runs every Wednesday in the Cafeteria from 3:15 - 4:00pm. This club is an excellent opportunity to get extra support with homework, assignments or prepare for upcoming tests and assessments in any subject.

### **QC ART CLUB**

Our Art Club takes place for students every Wednesday from 3:15 - 4:00pm in our Cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

### **ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to all our fall sports team on a successful season!

QC "AA" Girls Soccer team won Gold at the PEISAA Provincial Championships. Elin Reardon was MVP and Eva Barenthein was Player of the Game. The "AA" Boys Soccer team also won Gold, Jermaine Gonzales was MVP and Quincy MacLennan was Player of the Game. Our "A" Boys Soccer team finished with a Bronze Medal, Player of the Game was Mohommed Khatib.

The "AA" Boys Volleyball team fights for Bronze at the PEISAA Volleyball Provincials this coming weekend. Best of luck Coyotes!

### **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 will be made early November and a schedule will be 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 or gum in the gym please.

School Basketball team tryouts: After school on Nov 4th, 5th, and 6th. Girls 3:00 – 4:30pm, Boys 4:45 - 6:15pm. Tryouts may continue the following week. Students are reminded to return their signed release form before tryouts.

### **Active Leaders Day:**

QC is excited to host this Physical and Health Education event taking place in the QC Gym/Cafeteria on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> Hosting 10 schools: EWS, Stonepark, Birchwood, Morell, Montague, Belfast, Vernon River, Gulf Shore, and Souris. Looking forward to presenters from UPEI Nursing, CPHO, Recreation PEI, and LungsNSPEI. Thanks to all Leadership students for helping out with this event.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **November**

- 1 Professional Learning day (no classes)
- 6 "Take Our Kids to Work Day" for Grade 9 students only
- 7/8 PEITF Convention (no classes)
- 11 Remembrance Day (no classes)
- 14 School Dance in Cafeteria 7:00 – 9:15pm
- 19 School photo re-takes
- 21 Parent Teacher Interviews 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- 22 Parent Teacher Interviews 8:30am – 12:00pm (no classes)
- 28/29 Grade 9 Grad Photos

#### **December**

- 6 Report Cards sent home
- 9 Team Canada Para Cup Game 11:00am
- 11 Band Concert in the Gym 6:30pm
- 20 Last school day of 2024 for students

#### **January**

- 6 First instructional day for 2025