

The Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter – September 2024

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WELCOME TO QC!

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 2024-2025 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.

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 sharing, 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 later in October, here at QC, 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 call 902-368-6970 and we can make arrangements to collect them from you by e-mail or another option. We will send more details out about our 70 years at QC celebration later in September. Thank you for your continued support.

PSB ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

During the 2024/2025 school year, Public Schools Branch, along with all PEI schools has a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Queen Charlotte Intermediate continues to focus on accurately tracking attendance data and engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. One of the keys to academic success and achievement at school, is consistent and regular attendance, which starts as early as kindergarten. At Queen Charlotte Intermediate, we will continue to provide a safe, engaging, positive, and welcoming space for students to learn each day and reinforce the value of being present at school, engaged in learning, and on time each day. Please note - During the 2023-2024 school year, 5,980 of 20,747 students in Public Schools Branch Schools, all across PEI, have missed 10% or more of total school days, which is equal to missing 18 full school days. Missing this many days of school can lead to a major decline and impact a student's academic success. We will send out PSB attendance data in our monthly newsletters throughout this school year.

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 to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. 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 12th 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 12th at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

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://psbusing.princeedwardisland.ca/Default>

BREAKFAST PROGRAM AND OPEN GYM

The Breakfast will resume on Monday, September 9th. 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.

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.

PAYMENT OPTIONS (for students/parents/families)

Parents can e-transfer any 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

FIRE DRILL

Our first fire drill will take place the week of September 9th. 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 2024-2025 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. 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 10th 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.

YEARBOOK

The QC Yearbook will be looking for committee members in the coming weeks. The editorial team will be around visiting classes to explain what a yearbook is and what is expected from committee members. An information meeting will be held shortly after that for any interested student. This committee is for any student regardless of experience. We encourage all students to see what is involved in producing one of the best Intermediate School yearbooks in Atlantic Canada.

Orders for yearbook will open online in October and in person during parent-teacher interviews. A reminder that only people who pre-order a yearbook will be guaranteed to get one. Stay tuned to October newsletter for more details!

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 October 3rd and 4th. 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 school at qcattendance@edu.pe.ca 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 school at qcattendance@edu.pe.ca 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, athletic schedule, 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 27th in the afternoon. We will start collecting donations in class until our Terry Fox event. Please note that September 27th 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>

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 3 Teacher Orientation Day
- 4 Professional Development Day
- 5 First Day of Classes
- 9 Breakfast Program begins
- 12 Meet the Staff 6:00pm
- 12 Parent Information session Gr. 9 Trip to Ottawa/Quebec 7:00pm in the Cafeteria
- 23 Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- 27 QC Terry Fox Run
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)

October

- 3 & 4 School Photos
- 14 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)