

# The Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter – September 2025

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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 2025-2026 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.

## 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. This is an excellent way to keep up-to-date on what is happening at Queen Charlotte. Links include: daily announcements, athletic schedule, monthly newsletters, an up-to-date school calendar, contact information, along with other important school information. Check it out!

## ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE PSB

All schools across PEI are emphasizing 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. Let's work 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. We hope you will find this a convenient way to report an absence. [qcattendance@edu.pe.ca](mailto:qcattendance@edu.pe.ca)

## QC 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. You can find the Homeroom classes listed on our school website. <https://queencharlotte.edu.pe.ca/>

## GRADE 9 TRIP (OTTAWA/QUEBEC) PARENT INFO SESSION

Our information session for all grade 9 parents about the upcoming Grade 9 school trip to Ottawa/Quebec will take place on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

## STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

You should have received 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. If during the school year you have a change of address, phone number, etc. it is important to let the school know.

## 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://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca/Default>

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM AND OPEN GYM

The Breakfast program resumed on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tdmacneill@cloud.edu.pe.ca)

Student fee: \$30 or \$50 per family

Athletic fee: \$35

Band fee: \$25

Lock replacement fee: \$10

### **FIRE DRILL**

Our first fire drill will take place the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Tryouts for soccer, volleyball, field hockey, baseball, cross country and golf have begun at QC! Students must bring the release form home to get signed before tryouts. Students do not need to pay the fee until they successfully make the school team.

Lots of other options to be active...

Morning Gym: Open for all students to join and takes place every day at 8:15am-8:35am 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 need clean indoor sneakers and a change of clothes.

Intramurals are open for all students to join and take place 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. JUST DANCE every Friday! Students need clean indoor sneakers and a change of clothes.

Wellness Club: Sign Ups will be posted in the PE hallway soon!

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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 call or come into the office.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Students will have their photos taken by Lifetouch on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an alternate date in November for photo retakes for students who were absent etc.

## **TERRY FOX WALK/RUN**

We will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We will start collecting donations in class until our Terry Fox event. Please note that September 19<sup>th</sup> is a regular school day and students are expected to participate.

## **LIBRARY**

The QC library is up and running! Grade 7 classes will all come for an intro visit in the first few weeks. The library is open at lunch time (12:25-12:50) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 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**

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

### **October**

1 & 2	School Photos
10	Professional Learning Day (no classes)
13	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)