

Queen Charlotte Intermediate Newsletter – September 2026

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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 2026-2027 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 another awesome school year at QC. Go, Coyotes, Go!

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

We are using our website as a means of communicating with students, parents and our entire school community. 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 all 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

QC MEET-THE-STAFF

We are very pleased to welcome all parent(s)/guardian(s) to our school for "Meet the Staff" night on Thursday, September 17th at 6:00 pm. Upon arrival, please go to your child's homeroom class for the first session from 6:00pm - 6:20pm. Should you wish to visit another Homeroom teacher, a second session will be available for this purpose at 6:30pm – 6:50pm. 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 17th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Under the direction of the PSB, Queen Charlotte Intermediate has moved the student forms online through the PowerSchool parent portal. The student information form, low risk form, media release form, and responsible use agreement are now available online through the PowerSchool parent portal. Please login and update these forms as soon as possible. There is pertinent demographic and contact information found on these forms, and it is important that parents ensure all information is current and accurate. If during the school year you have a change of address, phone number, etc. it is important to let the school know.

POWERSCHOOL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/FAMILIES

PowerSchool provides a public portal for parents, guardians, and students to view student data regarding attendance and grades as well as to complete the online student forms. We invite you to complete the setup of your account. If you have previously completed this step after being invited from another school, you should now have access to your grade 7 – 9 students at our school.

Visit <https://pei.powerschool.com/public> Resetting of passwords works best when using a PC rather than the PowerSchool app. Click the Forgot Username or Password link. Please enter your email address for BOTH the parent username and the parent email address spots. This must be the same email address you provided to the school.

Login to your email and use the link provided by the sender PEI PowerSchool (powerschool@edu.pe.ca). If you do not see the email, please check your spam or junk folder. You may also wish to add powerschool@edu.pe.ca as safe sender.

In addition to accessing the portal, parents can use the PowerSchool app available for iOS and Android. These links and the District Code are also available on the left once you login to the portal. Notifications can also be enabled so that you are alerted when new information such as an absence is entered by the school. Once logged into the app, select More > Account > Notifications.

When you first use the PowerSchool app, you will need to enter the district code: CTZP

Your login username is your email address and the password you set. Instructions can be found by clicking this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lb0SPqb3aSyW-gQoEHhZmhk_-2evTx0jRfblrN_OrLQ/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.atixg5b68mbz

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 will resume on Wednesday, September 9th. Intramurals will start the second week of school. We recommend that parents/families do not drop off any students until 8:05-8:10am 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 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. 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 lunchtime 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)

Queen Charlotte Intermediate school has implemented SchoolCash Online, which is 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!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE - 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.

Student fee: \$40 or \$50 per family

Athletic fee: Depending on the sport (different prices for major and minor sports)

Band fee: \$30

Lock replacement fee: \$10

FIRE DRILL

Our first fire drill will take place the week of September 8th. 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 will need to find a parking spot to wait for your student. Please watch for buses entering, turning, and exiting into 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.

Girls Volleyball – Wednesday, September 9th 3:30 – 5:00 pm QC Gym
Thursday, September 10th 3:30 – 5:00 pm QC Gym

Boys Volleyball – Wednesday, September 9th 5:00 – 6:30 pm QC Gym
Thursday, September 10th 5:00 – 6:30 pm QC Gym

Boys Baseball – Thursday, September 10th 4:00 – 5:30 pm City Diamond Field
Monday, September 14th 4:00 – 5:30 pm City Diamond Field

Cross Country – Tuesday, September 15th Practice 3:15 – 3:45 pm Meet at Grade 7 Entrance/Triple Doors
Thursday, September 17th Practice 3:15 – 3:45 Meet at Grade 7 Entrance/Triple Doors

Field Hockey – Thursday, September 9th 3:15 – 4:30 QC Ball Field

Boys Soccer – Wednesday, September 9th 5:00 – 6:30 Winslow Soccer Fields
Thursday, September 10th 5:00 – 6:30 Winslow Soccer Fields

Girls Soccer – Wednesday, September 9th 6:00 – 7:30 Winslow Soccer Fields
Thursday, September 10th 4:30 – 6:00 Winslow Soccer Fields

(Locations and Times are subject to change due to field conditions and availability)

Golf – Thursday, September 10th from 3:30-4:30pm at Belvedere. All players must have their own golf clubs and a drive to and from Belvedere.

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 or call the school office at (902) 368-6970. 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 8th. Retakes will happen on November 10th for students who were absent etc.

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

We will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Friday, September 18th in the afternoon. We will start collecting donations in class until our Terry Fox event. Please note that September 18th is a regular school day, and students are expected to participate.

LIBRARY

The Queen Charlotte library is now up and running! Students are able to borrow up to four items at a time and have those items for three weeks (with the option to renew). The library is open from 12:25 - 12:50pm every day for students to come read or do homework.

The library operates both a creative writing club and a book club. Creative Writing is a drop-in group (no sign up necessary) that meets every Friday at 12:25 unless it's book club week. Book club requires advance sign up and meets every 4-6 weeks (depending on the length of the book). See Mrs. Giggey in the library for more information!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 8 First Day of Classes
- 9 Breakfast Program begins
- 17 Meet the Staff 6:00pm
- 17 Parent Information session Gr. 9 Trip to Ottawa/Quebec 7:00pm in the cafeteria
- 18 QC Terry Fox Run
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)

October

- 8 Photo Day
- 12 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)