

Queen Charlotte Intermediate School Newsletter - December 2022

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QC COYOTES ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Beginning November 28 and until December 19, our students and staff will begin to collect non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Our annual QC food drive continues our "Pack Got Your Back" school theme with all students, staff, and school community supporting the needs of all Islanders. Food items can be brought into HR classes in the morning or afternoon each day from November 28 until December 19. Our Student Council Executive and student council HR class reps will organize, box up, and deliver our food items to the food bank on Monday, December 19. If a parent/guardian would like to drop off any canned goods or food items to support our annual food drive, please drop the items off at the main office. Thanks for your continued support!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all of our QC parents/guardians/families who participated in our parent/teacher interviews in person or by phone on November 24 and 25. It was a terrific turnout for our first set of interviews and we want to thank our entire QC learning community for your positive feedback and ongoing support.

REPORT CARDS

Grade seven, eight and nine report cards will go home with students on Friday, December 9.

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS WEEK

Queen Charlotte Intermediate will be recognizing Social Media Awareness Week from December 5 to 9. Students will start the week with a viewing of the documentary *SCREENAGERS: Growing up in the Digital Age*. This documentary examines family struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. *SCREENAGERS* reveal how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how to navigate the digital world and find balance. Students will also participate in class discussions around social media usage, and an "Away for the Day" activity with their devices. We hope this week will start the discussions around positive usage of social media, both in school and at home.

As in previous years, parents and guardians will be invited to view the *SCREENAGERS* documentary along with their students. An email will be sent out offering more detail and information about how our QC parents/families can view *SCREENAGERS: Growing up in the Digital Age*. Later, we will also be sharing the second movie, *SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience*. Stay tuned for more information!

ATHLETICS

That's a wrap on Fall sports. Congratulations to all teams on a great season!

The QC "AA" girls soccer team had a very successful season this year. The team finished the season with a record of 1-0-4 in the regular season with seven points, garnering second place overall. It was a total team effort in the semi-final game against SIS with a 1-0 victory. Emma Bryne scored a very nice goal from a kick from 25-30 feet from the net. That victory sent the team to the gold medal game. In the gold medal game, our team played well defensively during the match, against a strong Birchwood opponent as we lost 3-0 in the final to win the silver. We want to thank the entire team on a great season - Eve Morris, Hailey Feehan, Jordyn Josey, Emma Brine, Nora Cuniffe, Elin Reardon, Eva Barenthein, Maeve Dickie, Julia MacAleer, Lauren Graham, Ally Feehan, Brianna Holden, Ruby Dorsey, Emma MacDonald, Alyson Scott. And a big thanks to our coaches Ms. Arseneault, Ms. Reardon, and manager Mr. Duguay.

Another successful season on the books for the QC "AA" boys soccer team as they secured the provincial banner back to back. A huge credit goes out to the graduating players, their leadership was the backbone to the success. The gold medal game was a chance for the players to fully showcase how they had progressed throughout regular season as individuals and as a team, and they displayed just that, winning 5-0 over Birchwood. Goal scorers were Abdel Alobaid with three and Henry Nguyen and Seth Lawless with one each and a shutout in net from Ethan Goeseels. Player of the game effort by Abdel Alobaid. We want to thank the entire team on an outstanding soccer season - Ethan Goeseels, Phoenix Li, Mason McMurrer, Layne Cudmore, Fadi Mayaleh, Henry Nguyen, Quinn MacDonald, Frankie MacNutt, Kaiden Blackman, Noah Wyand, Nate Silvaggio, Christian Cardona, Abdel Alobaid, Seth Lawless, Megan Mossey, Ashton Bradley, Harry Nguyen, York Bystryk. Congratulations and best of luck to our graduating players moving onto Colonel Gray: Seth Lawless, Ethan Goeseels, Henry Nguyen, Fadi Mayaleh, Frankie MacNutt, Abdel Alobaid, York Bystryk.

The Queen Charlotte "AA" boys volleyball team won a marathon match in the "AA" bronze medal game at Stonepark. QC started off the match with a strong 25-16 set win. SIS stormed back by winning the second and third sets to which QC showed resilience and bounced back to win the fourth and fifth set which secured them the bronze. They were fueled by a "Player of the Game" performance by Ben Conway and the rest of the graduating players, with great setting by Theo Plourde, blocks by Rio Bevan, and serving by Thomas Clark. We want to thank all QC AA Boys volleyball team members for an exciting season - Lachlan Hillier, Ben Conway, Rio Bevan, Jackson Saunders, Theo Plourde, Thomas Clark, Tim Fergusson, Max Silver, William Potter, Jonah Nicholson, Josh Lawlor, Isaac Spears, Moses Collins, Lamech Nduwimana.

Our QC “A” boys volleyball team had an exciting and resilient season this year. The “A” boys captured the Kevin Campbell Memorial Tournament title at Stonepark and played an entertaining style of volleyball in all matches with great teamwork, excellent skill progression, and a determined effort every game. Congratulations to all players on an awesome season - Ben Doyle, Sebastian Connor, Matt Singleton, MacKenzie Singleton, Jason Shi, Lenny Russell, Quincy MacLennan, Adam Barker, Aidan Smith, Beckham Harper, Ben Howatt, Xavier MacGillivray, Mazen Mohamed, James Hashimoto. Thanks to all our coaches who volunteered their time to help our student-athletes learn, play, and have fun together.

The QC field hockey team had a fabulous season finishing first in the regular season with 9 wins and 1 loss. The team played hard against East Wiltshire winning the semi-final game 2-0. After a hard-fought close championship game against Birchwood, Queen Charlotte brought home the silver medal. Congratulations to all players on an excellent season - Jessie MacDonald, Tessa Levy, Addison Cusack, Olivia Rowell, Molly Casford, Ava Bradley, Nicole Harrison, Georgie Wotherspoon, Lexie Singleton, Anaclara Leyenaar, Abby MacDonald, Faith Turner, Ellie Mullins, Alexa Doyle, Ava Dow, Joelle Bader. Thank you to our senior players Joelle Bader, Ava Dow, Alexa Doyle and Ellie Mullins on their contributions and leadership. A very special thank you to our coaches Sheila Bell and Dr. Heather Morrison and staff coaches Buffy MacDougall-Hambly and Mary Jo Stolk.

We want to thank our QC “AA” & “A” girls volleyball teams and our QC boys baseball team for their hard work, commitment, and overall terrific teamwork throughout their seasons. It is excellent to see the overall player and team development taking place from the start of the season right until the last game. Go Coyotes Go!

Girls “AA” Volleyball Team - Natalya Haddad, Clara Dorsey, Danya King, Carolyn Barker, Kerry Zhao, Julia Ghiz, Tori Whitnell, Lirika Curri, Sophie Affleck, Maddie Casford, Frances Manning, Ayslin Cameron, Jaidyn MacKinnon.

Girls “A” Volleyball Team - Alexandra Wolfe, Tori MacFadyen, Izzy Lepre, Maryum Arif, Isabella Ortega, Kota Lundy, Amanda Budu-Amoako, Mihika Verma, Elliot Overy, Gwen Mason, Jada Wokabi, Phoebe LeClair, Zoe Hamilton.

QC Boys Baseball Team - Lachlin Hillier, Gabe Waugh, Lucas Hood, Josh Lawlor, Alex Condon, Aiden Smith, Jacob Griffin, Lucas Matheson, Carson McBride, Cole Peters, Cody Picard, Jude Tran.

We want to thank all our Grade 9 student/athletes for their commitment and overall leadership that was displayed during their time playing for our QC teams. We wish you the very best at high school next year. Go Coyotes Go!

Basketball season is now underway. All four teams kicked off the season on Tuesday, November 29 with “A” teams at Birchwood and “AA” at Stonepark.

CAKE AUCTION

Leadership students at Queen Charlotte will be hosting a Quirky Cake auction to help raise funds for our Festive Families this year. The auction is on Tuesday, December 6 at lunch time. Students and staff can bid on a cake of their choosing and can even join their monies with others to have the highest bid on a delicious Quirky Cake. We would like to thank our Queen Charlotte Families for all your support with our endeavors this holiday season.

BAND CONCERTS (at Colonel Gray High School)

Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. - Family of schools concert featuring all QC and CG concert bands.

BAND REHEARSALS

The schedule for the band rehearsals is on the main page of our school website. The link is: <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/queencharlotteband/home>

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Grade nine graduation photos will take place on January 25 and 26, 2023.

QC DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

Our QC students, staff, and learning community are excited to continue our partnership with PSB Diversity, Equality & Inclusion consultant Evelyn Bradley. Evelyn will be visiting and connecting with QC students and staff during the school year. We are working with Vanessa Bradley, Community Education and Engagement Manager from Peers Alliance on presentations to support all students and staff. “We Are All Coyotes” and we want to ensure all student and staff voices are heard and listened to within a caring and safe learning environment here at Queen Charlotte Intermediate. Along with Evelyn and Vanessa, we look forward to partnering with a newly hired Youth Program Coordinator from the PEI Black Cultural Society. If you have any questions, please contact our school principal, Mr. K.J. White, at 902-368-6970.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

The cafeteria will be open to students up to and including Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

ART CLUB

Art Club takes place every Wednesday in the cafeteria from 3:00 to 4:00. Materials are supplied and everyone is welcome.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will take place every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00. The club is an excellent opportunity to get extra support from Colonel Gray students. You can work on finishing homework, assignments or prepare for upcoming assessments in any subject.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are now available for online ordering! Yearbooks are a great way to remember the year that was, and this year is one to remember! The price is unchanged from the last several years and is still \$30 per book. Orders are taken now, and the book is delivered in June. Over the past few years, students who have not preordered their book have been disappointed when there were no extras available, as we only bring in the number ordered. Be sure to get your orders in right away at the following website: <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/326675>. We ask that you use this website, rather than e-transfer as orders are then placed directly with the publisher. The Queen Charlotte Yearbook is an award-winning yearbook and is one of the top Intermediate books in Atlantic Canada.

As well, we are looking for page sponsors. Sponsorships appear at the bottom of each page ensuring a wide viewing audience.

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BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 - 8:40 A.M. Breakfast is free and everyone is welcome. Breakfast usually consists of bagels, fruit and juices. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer. Parents who are interested in volunteering in the new year for the Breakfast Program can contact Kim Muise at kimmcdonald@edu.pe.ca. Our Breakfast Program will be open until Tuesday, December 20. The program will resume on January 3.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH – SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All PSB school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "classes in all Public Schools Branch schools are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. Please note that Queen Charlotte is part of the Colonel Gray Family of Schools.

ONE-HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #97 is running 30 minutes late).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day for weather related concerns. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our school board website.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH – SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY (continued)

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. Please ensure your child is aware of mid-day closure arrangements.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should Transportation Infrastructure Renewal and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our school board website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

- **The final decision** to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
- **Please do not drop children off at school** unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
- **Please listen** to the radio and check the school board website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
- **Please do not** call the school, school board office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 08 Band concert
- 09 Report cards issued (day end)
- 20 Last day for Breakfast Program 2022
- 20 Last day of classes for 2022

JANUARY

- 3 First day of classes for 2023
- 3 Breakfast program resumes
- 25/26 Grade nine grad photos

*Season's Greetings!
We wish everyone a safe
and happy holiday.*

