



Queen Mary Elementary School

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We are honoured to be working and learning together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh | Squamish & səlilwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Queen Mary acknowledges the history of our community and neighbourhood.

Planning for the 2022-2023 School Year

In the coming weeks, QM staff will be considering school organization, staff assignments and student placements for the upcoming school year. The way in which the divisions and grade levels are determined is directly dependent upon the number of students registered at the school and the contractual rules for class configuration. Student enrollment also determines the allocation of Teaching Staff, Support Staff (such as Speech and Language Pathologists, Counsellors, Psychologists, Indigenous Education Workers, Teacher Librarians etc.) and Student Support Workers. All planning, organization, assignments, and placements are tentative until we receive our final and confirmed numbers in September.

QM staff carefully collaborates and works very hard to make the best possible placement for every child. There are many factors considered when generating class composition including academic progress, teaching and learning styles, social and emotional needs, peer dynamics, placement and classroom history, learning support and more! Discussions and decisions around class placement take significant time, consideration and professional understanding. Our staff respectfully and professionally considers the individual needs and nature of every single child.

If you would like to provide the school with new and/or pertinent information regarding your child's academic, social and/or emotional vulnerabilities, please email our principal, Megan Davies (mdavies@vsb.bc.ca) no later than Tuesday May 31st. Ensure that your request includes an educational rationale and please avoid making requests pertaining to specific staff.

Although we will consider and appreciate your input, writing an email does not guarantee a child's placement or support. Thank you for your understanding and support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for all students at Queen Mary.

Important Upcoming Dates

May 18 PAC Meeting (7:00pm Zoom)
May 23 Victoria Day – School not in session
May 30 Bike/Roll or Walk to School Week begins
May 31 Welcome to Kindergarten (for our incoming Ks)
June 17 Grade 7 Recognition Assembly (time TBD)
June 22 Last day of Hot Lunch from Calhoun's
June 28 Sports Day
June 29 Last day of school for students

Wednesday Hot Lunch with Calhoun's Catering

Queen Mary is offering Hot Lunch on Wednesdays in May and June. Parents/Guardians can place their hot lunch orders online using an online system called Munch a Lunch. To register/order, go to:

1. <https://munchalunch.com/schools/queenmaryvan>
2. Click the "Register Here" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
3. After adding your child, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
4. The next time you place an order, click the "Login Here" button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering ongoing – choose as many or as few days as you like!
- If you need assistance with ordering, or do not have access to the internet, please contact mdavies@vsb.bc.ca
- Send cutlery to school with your child.
- If your child is absent on a hot lunch date, you are welcome to pick up their lunch at 1:10pm. Refunds are not available.
- We appreciate your support! Hot Lunch is a QM Fundraiser!

Here are some key dates for the upcoming school year!

CALENDAR 2022 - 2023
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School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	185
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 19, 2022-Monday January 2, 2023
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24, 2023
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 30, 2023

Professional Development and Non Instructional Days
 (school not in session)

Wednesday, September 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 25, 2022	Non-Instructional Indigenous Focus Day (District wide)
Monday, January 16, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 17, 2023	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 19, 2022	2:00pm
Thursday, November 23, 2022	2:00pm
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	2:00pm
Thursday, March 2, 2023	2:00pm

Tennis Lessons with Nash Vuletic and Tennis XL Return to QM

We are excited to have Coach Nash and Tennis XL return to QM offering 6 tennis lessons in class to all QM students. This year, the cost of our in-class tennis program is being paid through QM's Activity Fee (collected earlier in the school year). Consequently, there is no additional cost to families. Nash Vuletic, the founder of the program, started Tennis XL in 2002 with goals to offer tennis lessons and a learning environment that provide respectful play, lifelong lessons, and build up the confidence of children.

These days, Tennis XL teaches over 30,000 students per year in both elementary and secondary schools all over BC's lower mainland. Programs are tailor-made for students of all ages and always instill messages of respect and positivity. Tennis XL seeks to promote the belief that if we can weave social responsibility, respect for others, and healthy lifestyle choices into the fabric of our community (at a student level), we will see an increase in responsible leadership, a decline in health issues, and an uptick in community engagement. Families wishing to learn more about Tennis XL can do so here: <https://www.tennisl.ca>

At the outset, Tennis XL was simply a single school program, where Coach Nash led the tennis component of the P.E. curriculum. With students enjoying lessons and wanting more instruction, an after-school program was formed to build on the in-school lessons.

The following link is available to families who wish to enroll their child in Tennis XL's After School Program at QM (being offered on May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 & 27):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetxFQV6Xjift5nurQ4ydp-0wDcljiV6UdEK_DjBYoSv-Kg/viewform



Summer Learning with the VSB

Online registration opened for all VSB students on May 9th.

To register, visit: summerreg.vsb.bc.ca.

A Message from QM's Teacher Librarian, Ms. Lam

This has been a great year for students to enjoy the library space and to read many amazing books. However, it is soon time for all the books to be returned to the library for year-end inventory and to prepare for summer holidays. Friday, June 10, 2022, is the date that all books must be returned to the library. If you have any questions about overdue books, please feel free to email me at kklam@vsb.bc.ca. Also, please check out the [VPL Summer Reading Program](#) with your child/children to continue to foster the love of reading through the summer. Visit <https://www.vpl.ca/kids> for more information! Thank you very much for your cooperation!



Queen Mary's Code of Conduct

We respect everyone's learning by respecting ourselves, others and our surroundings.



Queen Mary's Mission Statement is to build a respectful community of lifelong learners. We work towards becoming caring, accomplished & cooperative citizens. We aim to provide an enriched environment in which children are encouraged to think, question, create & wonder.