Queenston School

Weekly Reminder

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IMPORTANT LINKS

- Queenston School
- SAFE ARRIVAL or 1-855-278-4513 to report student absences, late arrivals and early departures
- Winnipeg School Division

June 9 - 13, 2025 <u>WEEK AT A GLANCE</u>



REGULAR PATROL DUTY:

8:40 am – 8:55 am

*Crew 4 at Brock

3:30 pm - 3:40 pm

*Crew 3 at Queenston

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MONDAY, June 9 Day 5

TUESDAY, June 10 Day 6

- Volunteer Appreciation Celebration 1:30 pm. All families welcome
 - o Dance in the Playground
 - Choir Performance
 - o Refreshments in the gym

WEDNESDAY, June 11 Day 1

- Gr 3 & 4 Field Trip Stonewall Rock Quarry
- WSD STEAM Fair (10 grade 5/6 students to attend)

THURSDAY, June 12 Day 2

FRIDAY, June 13 Day 3

Thank You to QSAC for organizing an Amazing Queenston Carnival Night with an extra shut out to Stefanie Davis! It was so great to see so many families and all the smiling faces. Although the air quality index did not cooperate, everyone's flexibility and positive outlook, helped make the event a huge success!

Looking Ahead...

- June 18 Whole School Assembly hosted by room N/K @ 3:00 pm
- June 19 Fun Lunch Subway
- June 24 Grade 6 Farewell @ 1:15 pm
- June 26 Bump Up Day (am)/Virtual Talent Show (pm)
- June 27 Last Day of School

Classroom Compositions and Student Placements

In the coming weeks, we will be making decisions about student placements for the 2025-2026 school year. There are many factors that go into these decisions including student numbers, diversity of academics and social-emotional needs, student friendships, as well as the number of years a student has been with the same teacher.

The classroom compositions for the 2025 -26 school year will be as follows:

Nursery/Kindgergarten (am) - Ms. Dumond

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Grade 1/2 - Ms. VanWynsberghe

Grade 1/2 - Ms. Rankin-Banks

Grade 3/4 - Ms. DeRose

Grade 3/4 – Ms. Vieira

Grade 5/6 – Mr. Kirkup

Grade 5/6 – Ms. Dubois

Music (50%) - Ms. Riel

Physical Education/Innovation – Ms. Gruhn

Learning Support Teacher - Ms. Sweatman

Learning Support Teacher (50%) - Mr. Kumka

*Please note that these are staffing assignments as of May 16, 2025

At this time, I would like to thank Ms. Klassen and Ms. Harriott for all their amazing contributions to the Queenston School Community and wish them all the best in their new positions for the 2025/26 school year!

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Queenston Chorale Song Revue and Chamber Choir

Congratulations to our Queenston Chorale Song Revue Choir and Grades 5&6 Chamber Choir on their performances at our annual song revue concert held on May 28th. Forty-one of our grades 3-6 students teamed up with students from École Riverview School to present a choreographed choral concert for appreciative students and families at both schools. It was awesome to hear them sing together and see the joy on the faces of our students as they performed. We are most proud of the commitment and effort they put into preparing such a spectacular performance. Bravo!

The 78 voice Queenston Grades 3-6 Choir was the recipient of the **Annie Pullar Trophy** for their performance at the Winnipeg Music Festival this past March. This trophy is awarded for the most outstanding performance by a School Choir, Kindergarten to Grade 6 of a Canadian Composer. The trophy was presented by Dawn Bruch-Wiens, Executive Director of the Winnipeg Music Festival and Festival administrative assistant Ainslie Milley at the annual choral assembly on May 28, 2025.

The trophy is named in honour of Annie Pullar who was the supervisor of music for the Winnipeg School Board until her retirement in 1937. She played a key role in the organization of the Winnipeg Music Festival.

Music Spotify List

Our grades 1-6 students have enjoyed working on our annual Song Tournament the past few weeks. This year the theme is "music styles." Students learn about the genre, the historical context, as well as learning about the artist. Children discuss the things they love about the song and performance. They learn to use standard music terminology and how to distinguish and categorize the instruments into family groups. They think about how the music makes them feel and rate the selection up to 5 stars. Each child votes for their favourite song of the two and their vote is tallied together with all the student votes from grades 1-6. A song is selected to move on to round two which begins next week. It is always exciting to hear the insightful comments from the students and hear about the connections they make between the songs and their own lives.

Please see the link for a spotify playlist for all twenty selections from round 1:

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5tVEDcxjHshkbqUlHN39tq?si=Lq_SDaMLSS2rwamGT6bcbw&pi=xviSQNnuTcSBc

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QSAC – Queenston School Family Directory

Please see link below for a simple Google Sheets we are calling the *Queenston School Family Directory*. If you would like to add your information to the directory, please fill out the necessary information - using the tabs at the bottom of the sheet - the tabs are separated by the teachers/classes. **This directory is being built using voluntary submissions and is by no means mandatory.** The purpose of the directory is to build community between classmates and families and will help with planning extra-curricular activities and such.

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QSAC - Fun Lunch

Fun Lunch is an opportunity for all students to enjoy a catered lunch, while supporting the creative drama programming at Queenston School. To order, create an account @ Healthy Hunger . Please remember that orders must be placed a week in advance. QSAC believes that it is important for all students to feel included, so if you require technical or financial support, please contact sarahducharme@gmail.com or Michelle Namaka at mnamaka@wsd1.org. June 19 - Subway

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QSAC has an **Instagram** Account **@queenstonschooladvisorycouncil**. If you would like to contact QSAC members, please see the email addresses below:

<u>qsaccochair@gmail.com</u> Dana Tessler <u>qsacvicechair@gmail.com</u> Jeff Lomas

<u>qsaclunchprogram@gmail.com</u> Lindsay Torres <u>qsacsecretary@gmail.com</u> Ian Anderson

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Air Quality and You

Poor air quality, caused by pollution or wildfire smoke, can significantly affect your health. The Government of Canada monitors the impact of air quality on people's health using an Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). When the index is high or very high, an air quality statement or advisory will be issued.

This includes health messaging for general and at-risk populations.

outdoor activities unless you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.

HIGH

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Quality Health Index Metro

GENERAL

AT-RISK POPULATION

- · People exercising strengously outdoors People with an existing illness or chronic health conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, mental illness, and lung or heart conditions
 - Infants and young children
 - · People who work outdoors
 - Pregnant people



During the wildfire season, you can reduce the impacts of poor air quality by doing the following:



Drinking plenty of water to remain



Setting air conditioning units to recirculate to avoid drawing smoke indoors, including in cars.



Turning on room air cleaners with HEPA filters, if available.



Staying indoors with windows and doors closed, using fans to circulate the air and keep the room cool



smoking or burning other materials.

