



Mary Queen of Peace School

Empowering Students to Become Lifelong Learners

Important Dates

- **Thurs. Oct. 5th**
Thanksgiving Day
Assembly
- **Fri. Oct. 6th**
Data Analysis Day
- **Mon. Oct. 9th**
Thanksgiving Day
Holiday
- **Wed. Oct. 18th**
Close Out Day for
MQP Family of
Schools
- **Fri. Oct 27th**
School Photos for K
-3
- **Mon. Oct 30th**
School Photos for
4-6
- **Tues. Oct 31st**
MQP Celebrates
Halloween
- **Nov. 10th-13th**
Mid Fall Break
- **Tues. Nov. 14th**
Chapters Night
@6:30pm



Parent Volunteers

Thank you to a number of our parents who have decided to take it upon themselves to come to our school on Saturday, September 9th to clean up our flower beds and playground area. They did an outstanding job! Thank you for your hard work and interest. It is greatly appreciated!



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Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is off to a great start! It will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. We rely on our volunteers for the success of this program. If you have some time to spare and would like to assist us with serving breakfast on any of those days please email: doreenmartell@nlesd.ca. We appreciate your interest!



Professional Learning

Again this year there will be 5 days for Staff Professional Learning. The dates for Term 1 are as follows:

Friday, October 6th (Data Analysis Day); **Wednesday, October 18th** (Family of Schools Close Out Day); and **Friday, December 1st** (School Development).

There will be no school for students in K-6 on these days. Should there be any change to the dates above you will be notified.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled to take place on **Fri. October 27th** for K-3 and **Monday, Oct. 30th** for Grades 4-6.

Jamarama Day

We will be supporting the Janeway by participating in Jamarama Day on **Friday, October 20th** here at MQP! Students and staff will be **invited** to wear their PJs to school and donate a toonie. All donations will be forwarded to the Janeway. We look forward to an awesome day!

Allergy Alert

We have a number of students and staff at MQP with severe life threatening allergies to: **all fish products, all nut products, peanuts including peanut butter and all peanut butter products, kiwi, and eggs. Nutella products will not be permitted.** Also, since it is very difficult to distinguish between **peanut butter and Wow /Soy butter, the NL English School District does not permit any food items containing these ingredients in schools.** Please exercise extreme caution when providing snacks/lunches for your children when coming to school. It will be very important for us to work together to continue to create a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

Upcoming Holidays

There will be no school on **Monday, October 9th** due to Thanksgiving Day. Tuesday, October 10th will be **Day 3** on our schedule. This year there will be a Mid Fall Break on **Friday, November 10th and Monday, November 13th.** Tuesday, November 14th will be **Day 5** on our schedule.

Thanksgiving Day Assembly

Our Thanksgiving Day Assembly will take place on **Thursday, October 5th at 10:15am.** Thank you to Ms. Marshall, our grade four students and their teachers for taking on this initiative. Since space will be limited in our gym, **only the parents/caregivers of the grade 4 students will be invited to attend.** We are delighted to be participating in the **Annual Metro Bus/VOCM Cares Food Drive.** Therefore, we are inviting students from K-6 to donate a non perishable food item. All donations will be accepted at the classroom level until **Wednesday, October 4th.** Thank you for your support!

Cross Country

Thank you to our students who have represented our school at the first Cross Country Race of the season on **Saturday, September 23rd.** Results are as follows:

Gr. 4 Girls Team : 1st overall with Isabella Emberley placing 6th; **Gr. 4 Boys Team:** 4th Place overall; **Gr. 5 Girls Team:**

1st Place overall with Julia Pace placing 1st, Lucy Evans 9th, and Emma Yabsley 11th; **Gr. 5 Boys Team:** 4th overall with Sawyer LeBlanc placing 1st and Myles Bourne 12th; **Gr. 6 Girls:** Heather Smart placing 8th; **Gr. 6 Boys:** Sean Brown placing 3rd and Scott Kirby 5th! **Way to go students, we are so proud of you!** Results for the 2nd and 3rd Races will be announced in our November newsletter.

A special thank you to **Mr. Fewer and Ms. Walsh** for making this a reality for our students.

MQP Chess Club

Thank you to **Ms. Christina Kennedy** who has come forward to volunteer her time to take over the Chess Club at MQP this year! Registration forms have been distributed to students who have expressed an interest in joining the club. Registration forms are to be returned by **Thursday, October 5th.** Chess will begin on **Tuesday, October 17th.** This club takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11:35am-12:20pm. We rely on our parent volunteers to run this club, if you have time to spare and would like to help out please indicate on your child's registration form for let us know at the office. We look forward to another successful year for our Chess Club!





Congratulations Students

Congratulations to our students on their recent accomplishments: Norah Cook, Amelie Caines, Anna Connolly, Ava King, Rachael Arnold and Margaret Peters who have joined the Learn to Row Program and have entered their team the "MQP Rowing Pig Fish" in the Fall Fun Regatta at Quidi Vidi! **Great job girls, we are very proud of your accomplishment!**

Chapters Night

MQP invites parents/caregivers to our evening at Chapters on **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm. We are delighted to announce that our grade one students will be performing under the direction of Ms. Cumbie!** This will be a great time to do your Christmas shopping as 20% of all book sales, magazines, toys and games will go to our school to purchase additional books for our library. **Vouchers will be available at the door.** This is a great way for our school community to come together to get in the spirit of Christmas. Hope to see you there.

Birthday Invitations/Class Lists

Each year we are inundated with classroom teacher requests to pass out birthday invitations. While this is not the role of our teachers, they have agreed to pass out invitations **as long as these guidelines are adhered to:** no names are to be attached to the invitations for confidentiality reasons; and they must be for the entire class, or all girls/all boys. Also, teachers will not be going to other classes to pass out invitations to individual students.

Also, due to student confidentiality and the **Protection Privacy Act, we are no longer able to provide class lists for any special occasion.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Unscheduled School Closures

Unscheduled school closures are beyond our control and unfortunately may occur at any time. Therefore, please ensure that your child's teacher is aware of the arrangements for your child during these times. It will be important to have contact numbers clearly stated so that you may be easily contacted. A reminder that **it is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to ensure that alternate arrangements are made for your children in the event of an unscheduled school closure.** Let's work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Fall Dress

We are approaching the time of the year when we can expect a drop in temperatures and a change in weather conditions. We will continue to go outside on a daily basis during lunch time **when the weather and conditions permit us to do so.** It will be important for our children to dress appropriately with warm jackets, hats and mittens when coming to school.

Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be part of the MQP Student Leadership Team for this school year: Maggie Murphy, Faiqa Omer, Jack Ringer, Rachel Anstey, Julia Dwyer, Timothy Bruneau, Margaret Peters, Lauren Moores, Ian Keats and Areeb Zahir. We look forward to working with these students in this capacity.

MQP APP

Thank you to all who have downloaded our MQP School App. This app allows you to easily access information about our school. It enables us to send important updates directly to your phone in the event of unscheduled closures or emergencies.

Donna & Andy Show

We are delighted to announce that Donna & Andy Show will be returning to MQP again this year. The show will take place on **Thursday, November 2nd** for students in K-6. The cost is \$2 per student. A detailed memo will follow at a later date. Thank you to Ms. Marshall for organizing this event.

MQP Catchment Review

As a follow up to the ongoing Catchment Review Process for Mary Queen of Peace and East Point Elementary, NLESD has updated the website pertaining to this review. Information has been distributed through synvoice and is posted on our school website. Public Meetings are scheduled for: **Monday, October 2nd at 6:30pm (MQP School Gym)** and **Thursday, October 5th at 6:00pm (East Point Elementary School Gym).** All are welcome to attend.



Halloween Activities

We will celebrate Halloween on **Tuesday, October 31st.** Classroom activities will take place in the afternoon session at which time costumes may be worn. **Students will not be permitted to bring along accessories that consist of sharp or pointed objects.** Please be mindful of our students with allergies when sending in treats/snacks!

Happy Halloween

Halloween is on **Monday, October 31st.** Students will be busy going door to door trick or treating and we encourage them to be very careful of all traffic, be sure to look both ways before crossing any street, and to please check their treats when they get home to ensure that they are safe to eat! It will be important for all students to be accompanied by an adult when going out for Halloween. While this is an exciting time for kids, it will be necessary to exercise extreme caution. We wish everyone a very **Safe and Happy Halloween!**



October Happenings

