



Mary Queen of Peace School

Empowering Students to Become Lifelong Learners

Important Dates

- **Tues. Jan. 16th**
School Council meeting @ 6:00pm
- **Fri. Jan. 19th**
Kinderstart Session
- **Wed. Jan. 31st and Thurs. Feb. 1st**
Grade 4 Immunization
- **Fri. Feb. 2nd**
Professional Learning Day for Staff
- **Fri. Feb. 9th**
Kinderstart Session
- **Fri. Feb. 16th and Mon. Feb. 19th**
Mid Winter Break

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Winter Dress

The winter season is now upon us and we remind all parents/caregivers to please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the varying weather conditions. It has been really cold since January and therefore, it is extremely important for all students to be dressed with warm hats, mittens, coats and boots. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Kinderstart Program

Welcome to our kinderstart students for 2018! Our next session is scheduled for **Friday, January 19th from 9am-11am and 12pm-2pm**. Your child must attend the session he/she is registered for. This information was provided to parents/caregivers during our information session in December. For the **January session only, parents/caregivers will be permitted to attend the first hour of the session with your child**. Following this there will be an information session for parents/caregivers in our LRC on tips for preparing your child for Kindergarten. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you on January 19th.

Professional Learning

Our final two professional learning days for this school year are tentatively scheduled for **Friday, February 2nd and Friday, March 23rd**. There will be no school for students in K-6 on these days. Should there be any changes to these dates you will be notified.

Grade 4 Immunization

Immunization for our grade 4 students is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 31st and Thursday, Feb. 1st**. Consent forms will be distributed by our School Public Health Nurse Ms. Miranda Joyce.

Allergies

A reminder that 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 help create a safe learning environment for all. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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Late French Immersion Program/ICF Program

Registration will soon be upon us for our grade 6 students who wish to enroll in the **Late French Immersion Program for September 2018**. Application packages will be distributed to grade 6 English students in the near future as well as dates for parent sessions. This also applies to the registration process for our grade 5 English students wishing to participate in the **ICF Program** for September 2018. Once information is available you will be notified.

Christmas Sharing Program

Thank you to all who supported our 5th Annual Christmas Sharing Program at MQP! It was a huge success! The donations made it possible for us to support **10 families** in our school community! A special thank you to a family and various Corporate Organizations for independently sponsoring families. Your thoughtfulness and generosity went a long way! Thank you for helping make this holiday so special! Thank you also to our Guidance Counselor Ms. Clowe for taking the lead with this program. Fantastic job everyone!

Indoor Soccer Program

Our indoor soccer program will begin on **Friday, January 12th and will run until Saturday, March 24th**. Thank you to **Gabriela Kenny** for her interest in taking over the program for us this year. **Without her commitment this would not be possible**. All information concerning the soccer teams and schedules will be posted on the soccer website at: www.mqpsoccer.webstarts.com. If you would like to volunteer your time to help out with the soccer program, please email Ms. Kenny at: gabrielamk@nf.sympatico.ca. A reminder that this program is now full, thus we are unable to accept any new registrations at this time. We look forward to a great program!

Mid Winter Break

A Mid Winter Break is scheduled for **Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th**. There will be no school for students on these days. **Tuesday, February 20th will be Day 7** on our schedule.

Easter Break

Students will be dismissed on **Thursday, March 29th at 2:25pm for Easter Break**. School will reopen on **Monday, April 9th** and it will be **Day 7** on our schedule.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students on their recent accomplishments: Anna Colbourne in Ms. White's Grade 4 Class for winning the annual MHA Christmas Card Contest; **Logan Andrews, Owen Barrington, Dominic Barron, Ryan Dawe, Liam Dillon, Sam Fisher, Daniel Kearley, Jacob Russell and Liam Ryan** with the St. John's Atom A Team for winning the Gold Medal at the 25th Annual Cec Stoyles Mt. Pearl Christmas Tournament. **Way to go boys, we are very proud of you!**

Christmas Bake Sale/ Christmas Wreaths

Thank you to all who donated items for our annual Christmas Bake Sale! Thank you also to **Pop A Pretty** for donating 3 beautifully decorated Christmas Wreaths. They went over extremely well! We raised a total of **\$2 953.00**. Thank you to Mme Byrne and the members of our PTA for their hard work in the planning and organizing of this successful event! Great teamwork everyone!

Fish Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Fish Fundraiser with New Lantic. We raised a total of **\$1 856.00**. These funds will be used for our breakfast program.

Perogi Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our Perogi Fundraiser. We made a total of **\$816.40** which will also go towards our breakfast program. Thank you to New Found Perogi for their interest in partnering with our school.

Math Family Night

Our Math Committee are continuing to do great work. They will be hosting a Family Math Night for our students and parents in **grades 3 and 4** on **Thursday, February 8th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** here at our school. Details will follow, we hope to see you there! Also, **Math League** for interested students in **grade 6** will be starting next week. A meeting for students will be held on **Wednesday, January 10th**.

School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00pm** in our LRC. Thank you to our members for their time and continued interest.

Kindergarten Bus Students

It is District policy that parents/caregivers must be at the bus stop to pick up kindergarten students every day. **If an adult is not at the bus stop when it arrives in the evening**, the kindergarten children will be returned to the school. Please help us keep our children safe. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Unscheduled School Closures

This is the time of the year when we can expect **unscheduled school closures which may occur at anytime**. A reminder to please ensure that all contact information is updated on your **child's student data form** so that the homeroom teacher is aware. **Unscheduled school closures will be determined by the NL English School District** and announcements will be made on local radio stations where possible. **In the event we are at school and an unscheduled school closure takes place**, we will try our best to notify you through our Synvoice Messaging System, School Website, MQP App, Twitter, and local radio stations. **Once an unscheduled school closure is announced, it will be important to have children picked up in a timely manner. Also, it is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to ensure that alternate arrangements are made for your child and that he/she is familiar with the plan you have in place.**

MQP APP

Thank you to all who have already downloaded our MQP App. This App is a great way for us to get information out to our school community in a quick and timely manner, especially in the event of **Unscheduled School Closures or Emergencies**. If you have not already downloaded this App, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. This App is a wonderful asset. To get the Mary Queen of Peace Mobile App you can visit either the Google Play Store, the Apple App Store, or the Amazon Fire Store and search for "**MQP Mary Queen of Peace**". The developer is listed under the title of the app which is Pull Apps Inc and the icon should be the MQP Crest. You may also access the link on our school website. During the app install process please ensure that you enable notifications. If you do not enable notifications the app will not be able to send any messages to your phone.

Dismissal Time/Student Pick Up

A reminder that all students are dismissed at **2:25pm daily**. If your child is not travelling on the bus or going to an afterschool program, **it is imperative that your child be picked up promptly at 2:25pm**. We have a number of children who are waiting around after dismissal time and there is no supervision available. **It is the responsibility of all parents/caregivers to ensure that arrangements are made to have your child picked up on time. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Happy New Year!

A new year has begun! On behalf of the students and staff of Mary Queen of Peace we wish you a very bright and prosperous 2018! Happy New Year to all!

