

# QUEEN MARY SCHOOL



## Home of the **ROYALS** FALL 2011 Newsletter



Principal: R. Lockyer · · Trustee: S. Mark

Another exciting school year has begun at Queen Mary. This is our third year at the new facility, which we share with St. Catharines Collegiate. We are so lucky to be able to share a cafeteria, gymnasiums, outside football, soccer and track facilities and other spaces with the high school!

This year we welcome to the Queen Mary family our new staff members: Mrs. Rose, our grade seven Regular Ed. teacher and Mr. Lewandowski, our French teacher. We welcome back all our returning staff who together with our new staff are looking forward to another rewarding year at Queen Mary.

Our academic focus is, once again, Literacy and Numeracy. We will be planning, assessing and reporting on student success formally and informally throughout the year. One of the strategies for success is daily use of the organizer. Students can purchase the Organizer/Agenda from the office at any time. Your child should have their organizer with them for all classes and you can use it for your communication with the homeroom teacher, if necessary. In addition to this, our class room teachers have each developed a class web page to keep you abreast of upcoming assignments, tests and activities.

Some exciting extra-curricular activities planned for the upcoming weeks include the Running Club/Cross-country teams, volleyball teams in action as well as the Rankin Run, French Immersion Toronto Zoo trip and much more. If you have questions about or require more information about our programs at Queen Mary, please contact the school. We are committed to working together for your child's success

## QUEEN MARY NEWSLETTER

We will keep you up-to-date with regular newsletters which you should look for on our web page at <http://www.dsbn.org/Schools/QueenMary/>. In an effort to promote "Green" Initiatives, Queen Mary posts all monthly newsletters on the Queen Mary website during the first week of the month. If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter sent home with your child, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to the school with your student. Thank you!

Please send a copy of the monthly newsletter home with \_\_\_\_\_  
In class \_\_\_\_\_.



You Are Invited

# QUEEN MARY SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHER

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

4pm - 6pm

## LUNCH PROCEDURES

Students will not be permitted to leave the premises at lunch unless they are signed out at the office by a parent/guardian. A 'School Lunch' letter was sent home with the lunch expectations. If you have not done so, please return this to the office as soon as possible. The St. Catharines Collegiate cafeteria is available for students to purchase lunch items if they want.





Once again Queen Mary School is pleased to be hosting its annual Rankin Cancer Run/Walk on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from 9:30 am until 2:30pm.

This year's walk is being held on the Niagara River Parkway. Our students will walk from Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake to Queenston Park at the top of the Escarpment (at Brock's Monument) approximately 10 kms. Our X-Country Team members may choose to run the last few kilometres. We will be serving bottled water and a light snack at the half way point. Lunch, consisting of 2 hamburgers and a drink will be served at Queenston Park.

Students will leave Queen Mary School after morning attendance. They will be bussed to Fort George and begin their walk around 9:30 am. The buses will pick the students up at Queenston Park at approximately 2:00 pm. This allows them to be back at Queen Mary for dismissal at 2:45pm.

All students (and parents) are encouraged to take part. Our event is in support of The Rankin Cancer Run (which supports Niagara's Cancer patients). We are proud of our past fundraising efforts. Over the last 12 years we have raised over \$35,000 dollars for The Terry Fox Run and The Rankin Cancer Run. Our goal this year is to match or better last year's efforts by raising over \$1,100.00. This money will be pledged to the Niagara Region and it is tax deductible. To do this we need to ask each student taking part to obtain a minimum of \$15.00 in pledges. Prizes are awarded to the students with the most pledges.

We appreciate your involvement in this voluntary activity.



# WELCOME TO THE ROYAL FAMILY



Queen Mary School would like to welcome our new teachers, A. Rose (grade 7) from Alexandra School and our Core French Teacher, J. Lewandowski from Valley Way School.

<b>Grade 7 homeroom</b>	<b>A. Rose</b>
<b>Grade 7 homeroom</b>	<b>J. Groat</b>
<b>Grade 8 homeroom</b>	<b>M. Tennier</b>
<b>Grade 8 homeroom</b>	<b>W. Crichton</b>
<b>Grade 8 homeroom</b>	<b>L. Broczkowski</b>
<b>Grade 7 French Immersion</b>	<b>R. Valcourt</b>
<b>Grade 7 French Immersion</b>	<b>S. Lagrotteria</b>
<b>Grade 8 French Immersion</b>	<b>L. Bonisteel</b>
<b>Grade 8 French Immersion</b>	<b>M. Willis</b>
<b>FSL</b>	<b>J. Lewandowski</b>
<b>Phys. Ed</b>	<b>M. Tompsett</b>
<b>ESL</b>	<b>S. Zaporzan</b>
<b>LRT</b>	<b>K. Trus</b>
<b>D &amp; T</b>	<b>T. Thorne</b>
<b>Youth Counsellor</b>	<b>J. Miller</b>
<b>Part-time Gifted</b>	<b>D. Robillard</b>
	<b>A. Steele</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>D. Theriault</b>
<b>Principal</b>	<b>R. Lockyer</b>
<b>Caretakers</b>	<b>P. Legault</b>
	<b>N. Paterson</b>



## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please remember to call the school office to report any student absence or lateness at **(905) 682-6637**. If we don't hear from you our secretary will attempt to contact you to confirm your child's absence. The school does have an answering machine that takes messages 24 hours a day. Please feel free to call and leave a message stating your child's first and last name, the grade or teacher, and the reason for the absence. After 8:55 a.m. or 1:05 p.m. students will be marked late if they are not in their homeroom class at that time. Your help is greatly appreciated

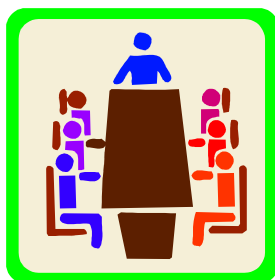
## STUDENT COUNCIL

Queen Mary students should start thinking about running for Student Council. If you are an energetic, dynamic student who wants to help plan some fun activities for the Queen Mary student body, then you should check out Student Council opportunities. Two students represent each homeroom class on the Council and they are supervised by Ms. Tenner. This great team of students collects non-perishable food items for charity and plans some fun events for Halloween and Valentine's Day. As well, Student Council runs the weekly Pizza Day every Thursday during lunch break.

## DESIGN & TECH

Again this year, all students in grades 7 and 8 will attend Design and Tech (D&T) classes, with Mr. Thorne, for one half day per cycle in either the first or second semester. Classes take place right here at Queen Mary in room 126.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL



The School Council is a group of parents, staff, and community members who act in an advisory capacity to the Principal and help effect possible change in the school. All meetings are open to parents and guardians of Queen Mary students. The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour depending on the discussion items. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 6pm-7pm in the main office.

Subsequent meetings will take place every 4th Tuesday of the month at the same time. If you are interested in joining us, just show up. If you are interested in being involved but cannot attend the first meeting, please contact the school and we will

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the girls who made the Queen Mary Volleyball Team. Thanks to all those girls that tried out. It was very difficult for Mr. Thorne and Mr. Tompsett to make the last few cuts. It's a shame that we can't keep everyone. Make sure to try out again next year, continue to work on your skills in Phys. Ed. class and, if possible, consider getting involved in the Rapids Volleyball Program. QM has talent!!!! Mr. Tompsett

Team members are: Larissa R., Enya M., Morgan S., Hanna L., Nada O., Erica B., Emilie D., Tati L., Kylie R., Emily V., and Makayla L.





**Important Dates  
2011/12**

**September 6:** 1st Day of School  
**September 23:** Early Release Day  
**October 5:** World Teachers' Day  
**October 7:** PA Day  
**October 10:** Thanksgiving Day  
**November 11:** Remembrance Day  
**December 26 - January 6:**  
 Winter Holiday Break  
**January 20:** PA Day  
**February 2:** Kindergarten Open House 4-6  
**February 20:** Family Day  
**March 9-16:** March Break  
**April 6:** Good Friday  
**April 9:** Easter Monday  
**May 18:** PA Day  
**May 21:** Victoria Day  
**June 8:** PA Day  
**June 28:** Last Day of School

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## BELL TIMES FOR 2011-2012

8:35 am	Supervision Begins
8:50 am	Entry Bell
8:55 am	Period One
9:45 am	Period Two
10:35 am	BREAK
10:45 am	Period Three
11:35 am	Period Four
12:25 pm	LUNCH
1:05 pm	Period 5
1:55 pm	Period 6
2:45 pm	Dismissal

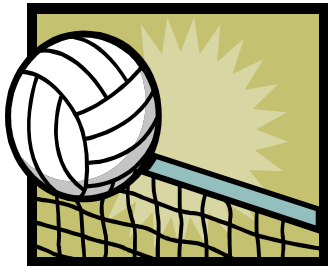
## QUEBEC CITY 2012

The Queen Mary French Immersion department will have the opportunity to visit Quebec City in spring 2012. This trip will be a valuable experience for all our students and will provide an avenue for them to practice and further develop their French skills. An information night for the trip is being planned and will take place soon. Further information will be sent home after this meeting. The trip will be open to anyone in the French Immersion Program both grade seven and eight and we will require parent chaperones. "La Belle Province" is waiting! Hope to see you there!

## PEGASUS SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Our school photographers, Pegasus School Images, will be at the school on Tuesday, September 27th to photograph our students and staff for individual and class pictures. Proofs and Order forms will come home soon after that with a 'return date' stamped on each order form. All proofs MUST be returned by that date. Orders returned after that date will be subject to a \$10 late fee. All students will receive a free class picture. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Pegasus at 1-800-461-6575.

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Congratulations to the boys who made the volleyball team this year. We have had a great start to the season...practicing and working hard!

Elliot C.  
Juan G.  
Kyle S.  
Iain M.  
Abu K.  
Ross H.

Subs  
Joseph O.

Michael W.  
Gavin J.  
Oti F.  
Tyson P.  
Jason P.  
Blair R.

Spencer G.

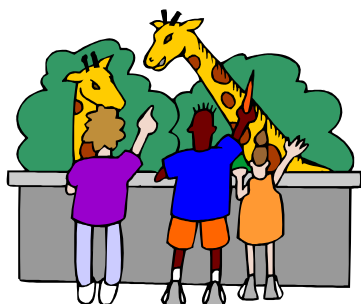
## BREAKFAST CAFE



Every year, the Queen Mary breakfast program, 'Queen's Café' offers a healthy, nutritious breakfast to our students. This year, the breakfast program began on Monday, September 26th and runs every morning between 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. On average there are 30 students in the Queen's Café daily. The breakfast program is overseen by our dedicated staff members. Mme. Willis and Mlle. Bonisteel, with the help of our wonderful parent volunteers and committed student volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out. If you are available even 1 morning per week for about 1 hour in the morning, Queen Mary would love to add you to our team! Please contact the office for more information. A huge thanks goes out to Niagara Nutrition Partners, who provide generous assistance to the Breakfast Program.



## TORONTO ZOO TRIP



On Thursday, September 29th, the French Immersion classes will travel to the Toronto Zoo. The students will be photographing and/or filming selected animals for their projects in French. The coach bus leaves the school at 8:15 a.m. and should be back at the school by 5:00 p.m. depending on traffic. Have fun!

## NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINATIONS

Public Health nurses will be in on October 13 to administer the first round of Hep. B/Menactra immunizations to Grade 7 students and the first round of Gardasil to Grade 8 female students. Consent packages were sent home with students and must be returned to the school before that date for your child to receive the immunizations. They will return in November and April for follow up immunizations. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Public Health department by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7304.



## NOVEMBER MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

# SOS

*“Save Our Subscriptions”*



We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again in November and would appreciate your continued support. Although you may receive notices from publishers for your new and/or renewal magazine orders, it would be very much appreciated if you didn't renew your subscriptions through them, but waited for our campaign to start so the students can take your orders. However, hold onto your renewal notices – if that price is lower than offered through the school program, you will pay the lower price by attaching the coupon to your order. A large portion of the funds stays here in our school community. Thank you in advance for “saving” your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great success!

# Opportunity for DSBN Families to Provide a short 1-mo. Homestay

January 11 to Feb 7, 2011

Grades 7, 8 & 9 South Korean students are being placed in Grade 7 and 8 classes in your school for a Canadian Cultural and English Language Experience

**RSVP asap or by October 30, 2011**



## Looking for:

DSBN Host Families with  
Gr 7 or Gr 8 children  
(preferred) or other ages  
(acceptable) in a St.  
Catharines' school  
A preference for hosting two  
visiting international stu-  
dents (hosting one is also  
acceptable).

## Compensation:

Host families will be compen-  
sated for food, lodging, and  
transportation to school in  
the morning as well as from  
after-school activities (after-  
school activities run Mon-  
Thu and finish at  
5:00 or 6:00 p.m.)

**For more information or to indicate your interest,  
please contact [ligia\\_tobon@hotmail.com](mailto:ligia_tobon@hotmail.com) or call 905-354-6915  
asap or by Oct. 30, 2011**



Experience the joy and excitement of hosting an international student  
and assist your child to develop a greater sense of global citizenship

# Breakfast Program Donation

I would like to support Queen Mary School

Breakfast Club

Please find my enclosed contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  cheque (preferred)  cash

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 or more are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes.  
CHEQUES MUST BE MADE TO NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS IN ORDER TO  
RECEIVE AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT.**

Would you like a receipt for your donation?  yes  no

Would you like to be contacted about volunteering with the Breakfast Club?  yes  no

*Thank you!*

