

QJS News

LOCATED ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE LHTAKO DENE, WHERE WE LIVE, LAUGH AND LEARN THE WAY OF OUR NATIONS WITH RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATION, AND KINDNESS.

QJS Student Art Project Very talented students at QJS



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO 2026! WE STARTED OUR YEAR REMINDING STUDENTS ABOUT EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS, WITH OUR LARGEST FOCUS ON STUDENTS SHOWING UP ON TIME AND BEING IN CLASS, READY TO LEARN.

STUDENTS TEND NOT TO WANDER ALONE, SO WHEN ONE STARTS, THEY ARE USUALLY JOINED BY A FRIEND AND BECOME DISRUPTIVE TO OUR LEARNING SPACES. WHEN STUDENTS ARE FOUND WANDERING THE HALLWAYS, THEY WILL BE GIVEN A LUNCH WORKSHOP TICKET. THIS MEANS THAT THE STUDENT WILL NEED TO COME TO ROOM 219 AND WORK THROUGH A PROBLEM-SOLVING SHEET WITH DAWSON, AND WITHOUT THEIR PHONES! (THE HORROR!)

RECENTLY OUR HALLWAY WANDERING HAS SLOWED, AND WE HAVE BEGUN TO SHIFT OUR FOCUS TO TAKING CARE OF OUR SCHOOL. PICKING UP OUR GARBAGE AND STOPPING VANDALISM HAS BEEN AT THE TOP OF OUR LIST. ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION WITH YOUR STUDENT TODAY ABOUT OUR SCHOOL AND THEIR ROLES IN IT! LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE YEAR!

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

FINE ARTS AND APPLIED DESIGN SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES (ELECTIVES)

Students started their new electives on January 26th and were informed of their last elective grades. If there are questions or concerns regarding your students' classes, please feel free to reach out to us.

NEW MEETING DATES FOR PAC

Our PAC meets in the library on the third Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30. Our next meeting will be on February 18th. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP THEIR CHILDREN.

- **DO NOT PARK OR BLOCK THE BUS LANE.**
- **THE STUDENT PICK-UP LANE IS NOT FOR PARKING. IT IS FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP ONLY. PLEASE KEEP A STEADY FLOW, CONTINUOUSLY CIRCLE UNTIL YOU SEE YOUR STUDENT.**
- **IF YOU DO NEED TO PARK, PLEASE USE ONE OF THE PARKING SPACES IN THE PARKING LOT.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK VEHICLES THAT ARE PARKED. WE HAVE SEVERAL FAMILIES, STAFF MEMBERS, DAYCARE PARENTS AND PERSONNEL THAT NEED TO LEAVE RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL. THIS MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT AND FRUSTRATING WHEN THEY ARE BLOCKED IN.**
- **AVOID PARKING ON THE ROAD CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF THE SCHOOL (THIS MAKES IT VERY HARD FOR THE BUSES TO MANEUVER IN AND OUT)**
- **CONSIDER DELAYING YOUR PICKUP BY 10-15 MINUTES AFTER SCHOOL; YOU CAN AVOID THE CROWDS, FRUSTRATION, AND BUSES. THE BONUS IS THAT YOU WILL LIKELY TURN A 15-MINUTE PICKUP INTO A TWO-MINUTE PICKUP**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING. FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES FOR PICK UP AND DROP OFF WILL MAKE AFTERSCHOOL TRAFFIC EASIER FOR EVERYONE

STUDENT SUPPLIES:

ITS A GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO SEND SOME MORE PENCILS, DRY ERASE MARKERS, GLUE STICKS AND OTHER SUPPLIES THAT STUDENTS ARE RUNNING LOW.

DID YOU KNOW...

- THERE HAS BEEN NEW INFORMATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT ABOUT BEHAVIOUR, SAFETY AND BUS SUSPENSIONS?
 - PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.
- MRS. DAWSON, OUR VP, IS ACTING PRINCIPAL WHILE MR. MORROW IS TEMPORARILY AWAY ON MEDICAL LEAVE.
- OUR SCHOOL PROVIDES FREE SNACKS (EGGS, CHEESE, FROZEN YOGURT TUBES, TOAST, FRUIT...) IN THE MORNING AND BETWEEN CLASSES TO KEEP STUDENTS ENERGIZED AND NOURISHED.
- DISTRICT LUNCH PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS. PICK UP A FORM FROM THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP

EVENTS



THE QJS BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL BE HOSTING SOME UPCOMING HOME TOURNEMENTS IN JANUARY. PLEASE COME AND CHEER THEM ON!

TROLL SKI TRIP

STUDENTS WILL BE HITTING THE SLOPES FEBURARY 3RD AND 4TH

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED TO HAVE PROPER OUTDOOR GEAR, PACKED LUNCH OR MONEY FOR THE CAFETERIA, AND EQUIPMENT.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM THE HILL UNLESS PRE ARRANGED WITH MR. TRUEMAN



SCENT-FREE SCHOOL



WE HAVE SEVERAL STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO ARE ALLERGIC AND VERY SENSITIVE TO SCENTS. STUDENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IF THEY COME TO SCHOOL OR USE SCENTS AT SCHOOL. THEIR PERFUME / SPRAYS WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SD #28 IS SCENT-FREE PER POLICY 335.

QJS REMINDERS

CLOSED CAMPUS REMINDER

QJS IS A CLOSED CAMPUS; THIS MEANS STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMPUS ON FOOT AT LUNCH TIME.

FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO PICK THEIR STUDENTS UP AND TAKE THEM OUT FOR LUNCH OR BRING LUNCH TO THE SCHOOL.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR STUDENT.

**energy
drinks**

ENERGY DRINKS POSE SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISKS FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING INCREASED HEART RATE, ANXIETY, SLEEP DISTURBANCES, LOSS OF FOCUS AND POTENTIAL LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES.

**WE ASK THAT STUDENTS
REFRAIN FROM BRINGING
ENERGY DRINKS TO SCHOOL.**

**Absent for the day?
Arriving late? Leaving early?**

**Please call, email or use our online form
at <https://qjs.sd28.bc.ca/absence-late/qjs>**

For early dismissal, lates or absences.

**Students need to check in and out at
the office.**

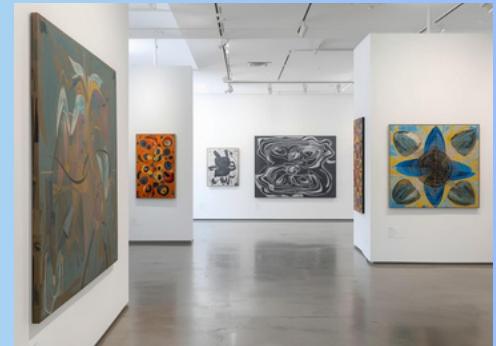


PHONE REMINDERS

MANY STUDENTS ABIDE BY OUR PHONE EXPECTATIONS AND RULES EVERY DAY; HOWEVER, MANY CONTINUE TO CARRY PHONES IN THEIR BINDERS, POCKETS AND BACKPACKS. ALTHOUGH THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE AN ISSUE, IT LEADS TO STUDENTS LEAVING CLASS TO BE ON THEIR PHONES, TAKING EXTENDED BATHROOM BREAKS, WHICH CAUSES A LACK OF BATHROOM AVAILABILITY FOR OTHERS AND LEADS TO CONFLICT WITH ADULTS WHEN PHONES ARE OUT IN CLASS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT PHONES ARE IN LOCKERS DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, OR THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND SAFELY STORED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

Calling all QJS Artists

NEW ART NEEDED FOR THE
QUESNEL ART GALLERY



ARTWORK NEEDED FOR EXHIBIT POSTER!

ANY QJS STUDENT CAN SUBMIT BRIGHT, UNIQUE, HIGH-QUALITY IMAGES OF THEIR WORK FOR POSTERS & SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING THE UPCOMING NEW ART EXHIBIT AT THE QUESNEL ART GALLERY. THE EXHIBIT WILL DISPLAY VARIOUS ARTWORKS OF QJS, MCNAUGHTON, & CSS STUDENTS.

PLEASE CONNECT WITH MISS DE VRIES IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY ARTWORK IN THE NEW ART EXHIBIT AT THE QUESNEL ART GALLERY. THE EXHIBIT WILL BE ON DISPLAY FROM MARCH 12 TO APRIL 10, 2026. STUDENTS DON'T NEED TO BE IN AN ART CLASS TO SUBMIT THEIR WORK. ALL MEDIA (SCULPTURE, PAINTING, DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC.) AND MIXED MEDIA ARE ENCOURAGED.

Indigenous Dates of Importance:

JAN 25TH ANNIVERSARY ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FINDINGS
FEBRUARY 14TH - HAVE A HEART DAY
MARCH 31ST - NATIONAL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES DAY
MAY 5TH NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED WOMEN AND GIRLS
MAY 11TH - MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN
MAY 23RD 215+MEMORIAL, KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
MONTH OF JUNE - NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH
JUNE 20TH - SUMMER SOLSTICE
JUNE 21ST - NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAYS
AUGUST 9TH - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Basketball season is up and running with practices and games being scheduled. Please see the practice schedule below. Students are not permitted to remain at the school while they wait for a 5 pm practice. **Please have alternate plans in place if your child isn't able to return home before practice.**

GYM

PRACTICE TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:30- 5p.m.	Gr 8 girls basketball Coach: Meghan Wollen	Gr 8 boys basketball Coach: Nathan Erickson	Gr 8 girls basketball Coach: Meghan Wollen	Gr 8 boys basketball Coach: Nathan Erickson	Gr 8 boys Basketball Teacher sponsor: Jeff Morris
5-6:30 p.m.	Grade 9 boys basketball Coach: Joshua Nutley	Gr 9 girls basketball Coach: Kevin Fralick	Grade 9 boys basketball. Coach: Joshua Nutley	Gr 9 girls basketball Coach: Kevin Fralick	Gr 9 girls basketball Coach: Kevin Fralick

QJS/Correlieu Ski and Snowboard team

Practices continue to be on Saturdays, starting at 10 am at Troll Ski Resort.

Zones Competition in Smithers @ Hudson Bay Resort January 29th and 30th 2026

Provincials @ Mount Washington on Vancouver Island on February 23,24,25



*Stranger Things...
Drama Tech
creations*

NAYA MORROW GR. 9



January

30/31 - GR 9 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

26 - SEMESTER 2 ELECTIVE BEGINS

30 - NO SCHOOL - NI DAY

February

2nd Elementary new catchment 2026/2027 registration begins

3 & 4 - Troll Skiing (only those who signed up)

16 - BC FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL

25 - PINK SHIRT DAY

The melody of Autumn

The breeze, the leaves, the grass below the
trees, All fall, to the soundly melody,
it's different sounds and lyrics mixed with the soft sounds
of Autumn have much beauty, As I listen intently to the
music I hear the soft howl of the wind, I see the
leaves dance fast going so fast, like a racecar in its
final lap, the music lays down, as beautifully as the
moon in the middle of the brightest night, the melody of
Autumn is the sound of delight.

STUDENT Poetry

By: Lillian R.