

Hello QJS families and caregivers,

After a nice summer break, we are excited to welcome students to QJS for the 2026-2027 school year. We hope you all spent at least part of your summer connecting with friends or family, getting out for a bit of an adventure or hitting the relax button.

Below is some important information that will help you understand our first week of school, the need to pay school fees, busing info and locker expectations.

First Week Information:

- Wednesday, September 9th - Grade 8 orientation day.
 - Grade 9 students WILL NOT ATTEND THIS DAY.
 - Grade 8 students will arrive for an 8:29 start and be dismissed at 11:48.
 - Upon arrival, grade 8 students will check in to our welcome tables where they will be provided with their schedule, division number, locker number and combination etc. We will use a similar process to their orientation day in June, so it should be easy for them (arriving a few minutes early would be helpful to ensure a smoother start to the day). Students who did not attend the orientation can stop by the office for help or just check in at one of the welcome tables for support.
 - Students will spend the morning getting used to how things work at the school. They will practice using their timetable to get acquainted with their classes, opening lockers and learning about school and classroom expectations.
 - Buses will be operating in the morning and at dismissal. Drop-off times at the end of the day will be 3 hours earlier than their normal drop-off time (given that routes are new, please allow for +/- 10 minutes.)
 - If your child uses the bus and you still don't know their pick up/drop off locations, please call the transportation department asap at 250 992-8361. Information can also be found on the district website.
<https://www.sd28.bc.ca/student-transportation-0>
 - **What to bring: Pencil, a snack and their \$35 school fees**
- Thursday, September 10th
 - All students attend
 - Upon arrival, **grade 9** students will check-in to the welcome tables to receive their schedules, locker assignment and information.
 - At the bell, grade 8 students will follow their timetable, which will indicate their class, teacher and room number. Regular instruction will begin.
 - At the bell, grade 9 students will meet on the learning stairs for a quick update and reminder about our new school structure before going to their first class.
 - **What to bring: basic school supplies, a snack/lunch and their \$35 school fees**

- Friday, September 11th - All students attend- Regular instruction
 - Please pay the \$35 student fees if it's still outstanding.

School Fees: Please pay the \$35 school fees as soon as possible. In the recent past, the government provided schools with the Family Affordability Fund and the fees were covered by this fund. Unfortunately, this funding is no longer available and we have returned to having families pay the school fees. School fees go towards learning experiences that your child will benefit from including guest presenters, performers and more. Not paying the school fees will result in the students not receiving their Student ID Card. School fees can be paid to the secretaries at the office in either cash or a cheque to Quesnel Junior School. If the school fees are a financial hardship, please reach out to the school to discuss options. **The first homeroom to pay their student fees will earn a pizza party!**

Lockers: For student safety and an effort to limit prohibited substances, students will not be permitted to carry their backpacks around with them from class to class, therefore, learning and practicing on the locks provided is important. Students will be expected to store their belongings in their assigned locker throughout the year and those who don't take the time to learn or find a solution to a troublesome lock will be required to leave their bags in an assigned area for the day. We know that learning how to open a combination lock can take a few tries to learn, but with a bit of practice and effort, we know students can be successful. For those who continue to struggle, we can support them with a different type of school-assigned lock which may be easier to open (limited supplies). Helpful hint: ask a friend to teach you, practice at lunch with an adult.

Students who haven't figured out their locks by the end of the first week will be asked to spend time at lunch the following week learning this important task.

Busing: Our bus routes and practices have changed. Please contact the transportation department (250 992-8361) if you haven't already registered your student for the bus. Students not registered for the bus will not be able to ride. Please get in the habit of keeping an eye on bus cancellations through the district website over the course of the school year.

School Supplies:

QJS School Supply List 2026-2027

200 sheets lined paper	Pencil crayons (package of 24)
Notebook dividers (minimum of 5)	Black fine liners - 2
1 package graph paper	Pencil case
Blue ballpoint pens - 4	1 large zipper binder
Red ballpoint pens - 2	Glue sticks - 4
48 HB Pencils	Post it notes
Highlighters	Metric Ruler
White Eraser	Calculator with square root, sin, cos & tan buttons (not cell phone calculator)
Scissors	
12 Dry erase markers (black or coloured)	
<i>Additional supply requests may be given by teachers the 1st week of school.</i>	

PE: Water bottle, change of shirt or sweatshirt, shorts or sweats (for colder weather), athletic shoes that tie up tight, NOT "Boarders". Students wearing "boarder" shoes have a higher tendency for a sprained ankle. NON-MARKING SOLES that prevent damage to the gym floor.

Tech Ed: 1 pair of safety glasses to use in the wood shop

Art: Good quality pencils (10), 1 plastic duo tang with pockets

School Fee: **\$35.00 fee** for all students (fee covers student activities and locker rental)

Please replenish supplies as needed throughout the year

If you have any unanswered questions, please contact the school at 250 747-2103.

Regards,

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