

Queen Mary Public School

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cultural affirmation & high expectations.

1010 15th Street West
Prince Albert SK S6V 3S2

School Hours:
9:00 – 12:15
12:15 – 1:00 Lunch Break
1:00 – 3:20 pm



2023

Principal – Mrs. C. Grant-Walker
Vice Principal – Mrs. J. Letendre
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>"By all these lovely tokens September days are here, With summer's best of weather And autumn's best of cheer." - Helen Hunt Jackson, <i>September</i>, 1830-1885</p>	<p><i>There are flowers enough in the summertime, More flowers than I can remember— But none with the purple, gold, and red That dye the flowers of September!</i> —Mary Howitt (1799-1888)</p>	<p><u>Bell Schedule</u> 8:40 am – Supervision Start 9:00 am – School Start 10:30 am – 10:45 am – Recess 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm – Lunch 3:20 pm – School End</p>		1
4	5 First Day of Classes	6	7	8
11 First Day of Pre-K	12	13	14	15
18	19 School Community Council Meeting 6:30 -7:30 p.m.	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day

Morning supervision begins at 8:40 a.m., students should arrive no earlier than this time in order to ensure that they are properly supervised before school begins.

Admin Team Message

Welcome back to a brand-new year here at Queen Mary Public School. We are thrilled to kick off the 2023-24 school year with an amazing team of students, families, and staff. The staff is buzzing with anticipation, ready for the fun-filled learning journey ahead. I am new to QM and I am excited to get to know all of you- students and families. I have heard wonderful things about this school community and feel blessed to join the team as we work together to support learning this year. At QMPS, we believe that students will achieve success through meaningful relationships, cultural affirmation, and high expectations. **We welcome families to join us on the journey this year.**

We are committed to promoting Truth and Reconciliation within the Queen Mary Public School community. Part of this commitment is hosting weekly community smudges for students, families, and staff. Smudge teachings will be shared with classes prior to the first community smudge on Sept. 29 as part of honoring National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The weekly community smudges will begin Monday, October 2 from 8:30 – 8:55 AM at the front entry of the school. All are welcome to smudge and start off your week in a good way. Smudging reminds us to think good thoughts, see good actions, hear good sounds, speak good words, and show the good of who we are. If you do not want your child to smudge, please contact Mrs. Letendre prior to September 29th. Smudging is always voluntary, but all are welcome to join us.

Finally, please take some time to check out the September Newsletter and our Student-Family Handbook for more information related to the school. Please reach out if you have any questions.

It's going to be an amazing year!

Carrie Grant-Walker, Principal & Jodi Letendre, Vice-Principal

Cross-Country Running & Volleyball

Students in grades 4-8 are invited to join us for cross-country running practices at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Students can come anytime between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. to do a short circuit and run. Students who come out to practice will have the opportunity to participate in some mini-meets after school. Mr. D will send out more information later on.

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to play volleyball this year. The coaches will send out information as soon as details are confirmed. We hope to see lots of our Queen Mary students come out to play.

School Photos

Our school photo days are Monday, October 23rd & Tuesday, October 24th for all classes. One or two weeks later, students will receive a proof package to take home & parents/guardians can decide if they would like to purchase a photo package.

Picking Up Students After School

When picking up your child from school please do not park in the staff parking lot. If you are waiting in your vehicle in the back alley, you must pull over close to the fence so other vehicles can go by. All students are to go out their doors and meet their families at their muster points. Thank you for helping our students and families stay safe!

School Community Council (SCC)

We are looking for parents and community **members to join our SCC!**

What is SCC? SCC is a council made up of community members, parents, teachers, school staff members, and parents. SCC's goal is to support the schools in their learning improvement goals.

What is our goal this year? Our goal as a committee is to increase family engagement. We would love to see our SCC expand this year so that we can get input and support from all members of the community, as a parent or community member.

How can I help? We would like some fresh new ideas and ways in which we can engage our students, parents, and community members. In order to do this, we need volunteers and members to sit on the SCC board.

We are hosting our first SCC (School Community Council) meeting on Tuesday, September 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm. This is an opportunity for families to become more involved with the learning and activities happening at Queen Mary Public School.

If you are interested, please contact the school at 306-763-7672 and leave a message for Mrs. Grant-Walker or email cgrantwalker@srsd119.ca We hope you are able to attend!

Orange Shirt Day

At QMPS, we will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th. We encourage everyone to wear an orange if you have one or something else orange. We will begin the day with a community smudge from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Students, families, and community members are all welcome. We will then take part in a walk of remembrance at approx. 10 am. At the end of the walk, we will have a Bannock picnic outside. You are all invited to join us for this event.

Connecting to Edsby



Your school secretary will send an email link from Edsby to activate your account. Each of your children will get their own email link, you will have to click on each link to connect them all.

The first time you click a link, you will choose:

- "I don't have an Edsby parent account at Saskatchewan Rivers School Division."

For your next child, you will click:

- "Login to your existing Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Edsby parent account."

Activate your account

1. Open the email with your invitation to Edsby.
2. Click the "Activate or Connect your Edsby Account" button. This will bring you to the registration form.
3. Create a new account by clicking "Activate my account."
4. Fill in your information.
5. Click "Activate my account."

Open communication and meaningful connections with our students and their families is a top priority for us. You can help by making sure we have your up-to-date phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

Christina's Art School

Follow your child's heart... if they love drawing, make it a part of their life and help them develop their skills at Christina's Art School!!! We have taught many students (adults included!) this life-long soul nurturing skill of creating artwork. We teach pencil drawing, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, acrylic painting & watercolor. Whether they develop their love of drawing and art into a hobby, or it's their launch into a secondary school and career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! We are now taking registrations for year-long classes which start in September. Phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) for more information and to register: 961-3350 or register online: www.christinathoen.com Also see the students talent in the yearend Art Show on Facebook at "Christina's Art School."

Canteen Information

The canteen will be open starting Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Specials will not be available until Monday, September 18th, 2023.

Students are able to start an account with a minimum payment of \$5.00. Please bring payments to the front office or canteen and you will be issued a receipt.

In addition to our regular menu items, there will be specials 3 times a week. Specials will be \$5.00 (dates to be determined).

Specials are as follows:

Cheeseburger and potato chips

Taco Salad

Pizza and popcorn

CANTEEN MENU

Item	Cost
Special	\$5.00
Soup and a Bun	\$2.00
Grilled Cheese	\$1.50
Veggies and Dip	\$2.00
Cheese String	\$1.00
Yogurt Tube	\$1.00
Fruit Cup or Apple Sauce	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Milk or chocolate Milk	\$1.00
Apple/Orange Juice/Water	\$1.00

Breakfast Program

With the help of a generous grant from Real Canadian Superstore, Queen Mary provides a nutritious breakfast for all our students.

Emergency Lunches

Queen Mary provides emergency lunches for our students, with the help of a generous grant from Co-op and Lakeland Ford. Emergency lunches are available every lunch hour for students whose families **may not be able** to send lunch that day.