

# ❖ Queen Mary Cardinal ❖

November 2016\_\_



## Principal's Message

### The Student Work Day

Please reinforce the message with your child that their work day **begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:20**

**p.m.** We need your support in limiting the number of lates and the number of early departures. **We tracked late arrivals for a 9 day period and had 237 late slips issued.** Arriving on time is critical for a successful start to the day for your child and their classmates. Thank you for your attention in helping out with this very important matter!

### Subscribe to our Website and/or follow us on Twitter

As we look at moving toward a greater amount of electronic communication, we encourage you to subscribe to updates on our website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queenmary/> and to follow us on Twitter (@QueenMary\_HWDSB).

### Parent Advisory Council

All parents are welcome to see how they can contribute to the great work of our Parent Advisory Council. **Our next meeting is on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.**


Here are a few things to keep in mind for Monday:

1. Our students can choose to dress up in costume, wear black and orange, or simply wear regular attire.
2. Kindergarten parade will take place outside at 9:15 a.m. Please have your kindergarten child come to school in costume, but please send a change of clothes for later in the day. Grab yourself a front row spot along the fence and enjoy the parade!
3. Grade 1-5 parade will take place outside after 2nd nutrition break. We should start making our way outside around 1:50 p.m.
4. Grade 6,7,8 students will have a Dance during periods 5&6. They are encouraged to wear regular clothes to school and then change into their costumes before the dance.
5. The scary part of the costume (i.e. weapons) should remain at home for "Trick or Treating" in the evening.



## Upcoming Dates

Please cut out this calendar and attach to your refrigerator for future reference.

Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 4	PA Day - No School
Nov 11 	Remembrance Day Assembly 9:30 Parents Welcome! Please bring in a donation for a poppy
Nov 18	Class Pictures and Retakes Students must wear their uniforms for class pictures and return form below.



**The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund** has dropped off a donation box in the office.

If you would like a Poppy please come into the office with a donation and pick up your Poppy.

Your donation assists with: Emergency needs for veterans and their dependants, medical equipment and research for local hospitals, Meals-on-Wheels and transportation services for the elderly.



**Emergency Messages** only will be permitted to be passed on to students. Arrangements for students to visit friends, plans for lunch, after school babysitting, etc. must be made with parents in advance of the school day. Messages that are not of an **emergency nature** will not be passed on to students. With over 600 students and only two secretaries it is impossible for us to accurately pass on messages.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please cut off and return to the school \_\_\_\_\_

I want my child to have picture retakes.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Little Caesars Fundraiser!**

Thanks so much for all the families who helped to fund-raise for this year's production of Beauty and the Beast! We had a VERY successful fundraiser and raised over \$2100 for the show. This will help pay for lights and sound which cost \$1800 to rent last year as well as help pay for costumes and props.

Our Top Seller was William in Miss Krikorian's class who won a \$50 gift card to Boston Pizza.

Class Winners for Top Sales were:

Gregotski - Kira	Szpak - Evan
Turner - Coty	Coughlan - Cherish
McKenna - Hanna Rose	Matic - Mercedes
Tyrrell - Jaxson	Farkas - Kailey
McDonald - Mariah	Kreuzer - Taylor
Abraham - Kylie	Hall - Dom
Donaldson - Adam	Steeves - Ashlyn
Offord - Ava	Moses - Chloe
Woods - Lucas	Addison - Halle
Jepson - Zoe	Laidman - Thai
Krikorian - William	

### **Feeding Toddlers and Preschoolers**

Feeding responsibilities change around one year of age. Your little one needs a more structured mealtime.

- \* Provide a variety of healthy choices serving foods that your child can handle- small portions, suitable texture.
- \* Offer new foods-a new food may need to be offered 10 or more times before it is accepted.
- \* Set regular times for meals and healthy snacks. Toddlers have small stomachs and need 3 meals plus 2-3 snacks each day to grow well.
- \* Serve meals and snacks at a table. Discourage eating while walking or playing and keep the setting pleasant without toys, TV and radio.
- \* Let your child eat as much as he wants. Trust him. A healthy child will not starve by skipping the occasional meal. The next meal or snack is just a couple of hours

### **Nutrition Program**

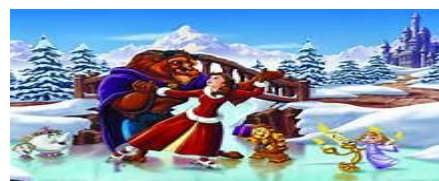
Due to the generosity of The Ministry of Child and Youth and Breakfast for Learning as well as Tastebuds program we are able to offer a nutritious snack to all Queen Mary students every day. We continue to support 'Sprouting Healthy Relationships with Food' for our students.



We received a generous donation of backpacks at Queen Mary in late August, early September. If your child is in need of a backpack please call the school office at 905-547-0321 or send a note in the agenda.

### **Beauty and the Beast**

Auditions for this year's production of Beauty and the Best will begin the first week of November. If you or someone you know like to sew, paint or build things, please let us know because we would LOVE your help! Please contact Miss Addison or Mr. Ingrassia at the school at 905-547-0321.



### **How can I help my child with reading?**

- Talk about books your child has read at school.
- Talk about the things you read- newspapers, magazines, books etc.
- Talk about books you are reading together
- Encourage your child to draw and write about books and to write stories or factual information for others to read.
- Discuss favourite authors together and decide why you like them.



### **Crossing Guard**

Queen Mary school is located in a very high traffic neighbourhood. Our students are reminded to always cross streets at stop-lights or where crossing guards are located. Crossing guards are located at all major intersections in the area and they are there to ensure student safety.

### **Supervision and Entry**

Staff supervision begins **15 minutes** before morning entry at **8:45 a.m.** Bus students are supervised until the arrival of their bus and the school playground is supervised until **3:35 p.m.** It is requested that students leave their homes to arrive as close as possible to 9:00 a.m. and return home promptly after school at 3:20 p.m.

**Students must enter and exit the school through their assigned door.** All students from grade 1-8 will be dismissed through a playground door. Bus students **only** will exit through the back doors of the school. All parents must wait outdoors for their child to be dismissed by the teacher. Parents may not meet their children in the front foyer or gather in the hallways.