



# Queen Mary Cardinal

October 2019

## From the Principal's Desk

Life at QM is proof of the saying "time flies when you're having fun!" Our first month has proven to be a successful start and here we are, already into October. There are lots of great opportunities ahead for learning and building relationships with caring adults and wonderful students. We strive to make positive connections with each other a continuing focus for all of us each and every day. I have appreciated the relationships that we have developed with parents, students, and staff over the past year. There is a lot to celebrate and we hope that you will continue to get involved and support our staff and students in making QM a great place to learn and grow.

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**Upcoming Dates**  
Please cut out this calendar for future reference.

Oct. 3	Meet the Teacher 5-6:30
Oct. 4	Cross Country @ Christie Conservation
O 9-11	Camp @ Onondaga Farms
Oct 14	Thanksgiving
Oct 21	School council meeting 5:30 PM
Oct 31	Halloween Festivities/Dance Special food day

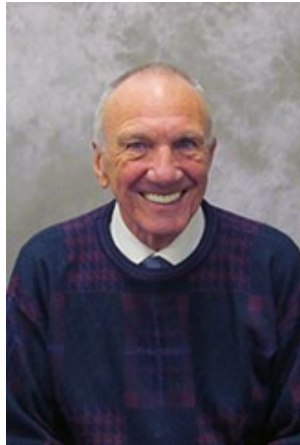
## SafeArrival

*This is a message to let you know that HWDSB has adopted a new system that will make it easier for you to report and respond to a child's school absences.*

**Absence calls are no longer made to individual schools.**

Learn more about SafeArrival at:

[bit.ly/safearrivalHWDSB](http://bit.ly/safearrivalHWDSB)



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Ray Mulholland and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 4.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our

board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward. I can be reached by email at [remulhol@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:remulhol@hwdsb.on.ca) or by phone at 905-547-2237.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

## Stay in the know...

Subscribe to our school website for updates.

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/queenmary](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queenmary)

**Supervision on our playground starts at 8:45 AM.**

**For safety, students are not to be dropped off or walking to school before this time.**

**Don't forget Pick Up at 3:20 PM**

Welcome Mr. Aquino (music) and Mr. Rodriguez (art/library)

## Do you need a paper copy of our newsletter?

We would like to reduce the amount of paper and copies we distribute. If you would like a paper copy, please send a note in your child's agenda and we will continue to send them home each month. All newsletters will be posted on the school website along with regular updates about school events. If you **subscribe at [hwdsb.on.ca/queenmary](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/queenmary)** these updates will come right to your phone or computer. We work hard to keep families informed, let us know what works for you.



Please remember to be respectful of staff and students when posting on social media platforms. We need to respect the privacy of all our individuals and families in our QM community by not posting

individual names or pictures of children other than your own. In addition, negative comments about school staff or other families are not appropriate. If you have questions or concerns they should be directed to the teacher and/or school administration. Asking questions and seeking clarification leads to better understanding of issues and helps us to remain focused on the many positives that happen at QM. Follow us on Twitter @QueenMary\_HWDSB and subscribe to our website for automatic updates.

### Religious and Creed-based Accommodations

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is committed to working with students and families to create inclusive classroom and school environments. As we begin the new school year, we would like to remind families that schools are committed to work with you to provide appropriate and reasonable religious accommodations as per your requests.

The Ontario Human Rights Code provides the right for individuals to be free from discrimination. To protect this right, schools may make accommodations when issues or concerns with school practices relate to a student's religious or creed-based beliefs.

HWDSB is committed to working with families to determine appropriate and reasonable accommodations for students. Some examples of religious accommodations are: absence from class for a holiday observation, following a specific dress code, temporary absence from class to observe daily prayers, fasting or breaking a fast.

If you require religious accommodation for your child(ren), you are advised to contact your child's school at the beginning of the year. Call the teacher or the principal to discuss any religious accommodations your child may need. You can also provide specific dates and the type of accommodation required so that the school can plan in a timely manner.

Family requests for religious or creed-based accommodation should be made annually, as they are unique and considered on an individual, case-by-case basis. If you have arranged for religious accommodation for the last school year, you still need to make a new request for the new school year by contacting your child's teacher or principal. You may receive a letter or a phone call from the school to update your child's accommodation needs for the new school year. For more information about religious or creed-based accommodations, please see the following resources:

**HWDSB Parent Guide:** Religious and Creed-based Accommodations Found at <http://bit.ly/30zOwHm>

**HWDSB Religious or Creed-based Accommodation Procedure** Found at <http://bit.ly/2XQ6Zh5>

### ALLERGY ALERT

Just a reminder that Queen Mary is a "latex, nut safe and banana safe school." While we cannot guarantee that the school is "nut free and banana free," working together we'll make the school safe for those with allergies.

**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school next week between October 1st and 4th** and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy with us!

Now more than ever, reading is vital to leading a better life. Knowing how to read is just the beginning. Motivating young people to keep reading, comprehend what they read and develop the ability to think creatively are the end goals. Scholastic Book Fairs has the books to motivate more reading. With your involvement, we can inspire children to practice reading and read more often. Together, we can make a difference in their lives that will last a lifetime.

One great way to ensure our children get started with reading and keep on reading all year long is with the Classroom Wish List program. We urge you to stop by the wish list display when you first arrive at the Fair. Learn how purchasing books and donating them to your child's classroom can give little readers even greater access to the books they want to read by expanding existing classroom libraries.

Each teacher was asked to fill-in their "book wish list" prior to the Fair. Look for your child's teacher's name on the display. All teachers took great care in selecting the best and most appropriate books to meet their students' reading levels and learning needs. It is their wish that these books become a permanent part of the classroom library. Every generous gift you make will be recognized with a special bookplate, identifying your family or child as the donor.

**Can't make it to the Fair?** Make your donation by selecting a book from the Book Fairs Featured Book page (<http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featuredbooks.php>) and completing the "Wish Granted" Form available on the Classroom Wish List page (<http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/>

**Milk Program:** Our milk program continues. Tickets are available in the office for **\$7.00 per card for 10 tickets**. Milk will be given to the students NB #2. There will also be cash sales **daily for \$.75** per milk.



**Pizza Sales:** **Cheeses or pepperoni pizza is for sale every Wednesday** for \$1.50 /slice.

**Valuables/Lost and Found** Expensive and valuable items such as electronic devices, jewellery, and larger sums of money, skateboards/rollerblades and scooters are brought to school at your own risk. Valuables (i.e. jewellery and glasses) are generally turned in to school office if they are found. Clothing items are placed in the lost and found box in front foyer.