



# Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

**Monday, January 6th**

Welcome Back!

**Thursday, January 9th**

Grade 7/8 Camp Trip Information  
Meeting on MS Teams

**Friday, January 10th**

Pizza Sales Close

**Monday, January 13th**

McMaster Kinesiology Visit

**Wednesday, January 15th**

Pizza Day

**Thursday, January 16th**

QV Bomb Threat Drill  
School Council Meeting 6:00pm

**Friday, January 24th**

PA Day – No School

**Wednesday, January 29th / Thursday,  
January 30**

JK/SK/ Grade 2 Dental Screening

**Thursday, January 30th**

Cash and Online Order Deadline for Make It  
Sow Seeds

[https://makeitsow.com/shop/#code-  
submission](https://makeitsow.com/shop/#code-submission)

QV entry code is: QVSC\_2025

**Friday, January 31st**

Sub Day!

**Dear QV Community,**

As we welcome the new year, we are filled with excitement and hope for all that lies ahead. January is not just a time for resolutions, but also a moment to reflect on our achievements and set new academic goals. Together, let's make this year a successful and enriching experience for everyone in our school community.

Parents, your support at home is invaluable. Encourage your children to set academic goals, whether it's improving their grades, reading more books, or participating in class discussions. Together we can create a vibrant learning environment that celebrates both individual and collective achievements.

This month, we'd like to highlight the character trait of *empathy*. *Empathy* is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others, and it is essential in building a caring and supportive school community. We encourage all students to practice empathy in their daily interactions – be it through listening to a friend, helping a classmate in need, or simply offering a smile to those around them.

As we embark on this new year, let's remember that our school thrives on the principles of respect, inclusion, and empathy. Together, we can make 2025 a year full of growth, learning and kindness.



#### Staff Shoutouts:

Thank you to our amazing QV Winter Concert team of Ms. Mamone, Ms. Boyle, Ms. Turk and Ms. Groves, for all of your hard work organizing our Winter Concert for the QV community. It was wonderful to see all the student performances celebrating the season and the excellence here at QV.

#### Volunteers Needed

Volunteering can be a great way to engage with your child's school, e.g. chaperoning field trips, food prep with the nutrition program or special events.

[tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB](https://www.tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB)

For most volunteer roles within the HWDSB you must have a **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** with Hamilton Police. The fee for a VSC is \$25 and can be reimbursed by the school if cost is a barrier. Processing time is 30 days.

**To obtain a VSC from HPS, visit:**

<https://www.policeresolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>

#### Pizza and Sub Days

Pizza and Sub sandwich Days will be once a month in 2024-2025. Payments through School Cash Online (SCO) close one week prior. Please see November dates above.

To register for SCO go to:

<https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Registration>

#### Grade 9 Course Selection

It is the time of year where our Grade 8 students begin to think about High School and course selection. This will be happening throughout the month with the support of our Grade 8 teachers, Student Success Teacher and outreach from Bernie Custis High School. More information will follow for these students.

#### Gym shoes

With the arrival of winter, it is important to remind students and families that wet shoes and boots cannot be worn in the gym (safety concern). Please remember to send your child to school with running shoes to ensure that they can actively participate in Phys-Ed class and/or DPA each day. If possible, students are also welcome to leave an 'extra pair' at school.

#### PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY?

The office is a very busy place, especially close to the end of the day. We ask parents to please follow these steps to ensure a smooth pick up.

*\*Please note that we do not call students down before a parent arrives.*

1. Use School Messenger, send a note with your child or call the office to give us advanced notice. This makes the teacher aware so the student can be prepared when you arrive.
2. Please plan ahead. Give yourself enough time and remember that it can take time to locate your student and get them ready – especially in the colder months.
3. Avoid picking up early on a regular basis for traffic purposes. Students will be dismissed to the playgrounds at the end of the day.
4. Please ensure your contact / pick up list is up to date. If you are sending in someone not on your pickup list, please notify the office. Individuals picking up may be asked to provide identification before a student is released to them.



QV Parking: We understand that parking can be a challenge. Please avoid parking or dropping off in no stopping zones such as the Walnut Street bus zone and the school parking lot laneway. Please remember to park ONLY in authorized parking spots. If parking is not available, simply park a little further away and walk your child in. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our students safe.

## A Message from our Nutrition Helpers!

### January Fundraiser

#### **Make It Sow Seed Kits**

Do you know a gardener dreaming of spring? Families and friends of Queen Victoria School can purchase seed kits and support our student nutrition program.

Order your Make It Sow seed kits by cash order OR online until **Thursday, January 30th**, with 40-50% of the proceeds going to our Robotics Program.

Please tell friends and relatives about our new fundraiser by sharing our order link and school code below. Each kit contains 5-10 seed packets. Costs range from \$10 to \$20 per kit.

Look out for a full-colour brochure and order form sent home with your student this week, or pick one up from the school office.

Choose from 14 kits including: Patio Garden Plot, English Country Garden and Chef's Herb Garden Kit.

The Make it Sow online order page is:

<https://makeitsow.com/shop/#code-submission>

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