



# Queen Victoria Elementary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

### January 8<sup>th</sup>

Bernie Custis S.S. visit for Gr. 8's.

### January 9<sup>th</sup>

High school information session for families with English as a Second Language (ESL)

### January 12<sup>th</sup>

Senior Basketball vs Bennetto  
Girls at 4:00 pm / Boys at 5:00 pm

### January 14<sup>th</sup>

Pizza Day

### January 15<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting: 6:00–7:00 pm: library

### January 19<sup>th</sup>

Fit Active Beautiful (FAB) Foundation presentation- (Girls gr.'s 6-8)- 12 Week Running Program

Senior Basketball @ Cathy Wever  
Girls at 3:45 pm / Boys at 5:00 pm

### January 21<sup>st</sup>

Senior Basketball @ Kanetskare  
Girls at 3:45 pm / Boys at 5:00 pm

### January 23<sup>rd</sup>

PA Day

### January 26<sup>th</sup>

Senior Basketball vs Davey  
Girls at 3:45 pm / Boys at 5:00 pm

### January 28<sup>th</sup>

Day in the Life at Bernie - All Grade 8's

### January 30<sup>th</sup>

Sub day

## 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.

## Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break! We are excited to continue working together to support your child's learning and growth. Your partnership is an important part of their success, and we look forward to collaborating with you to make this a positive and productive year. Let's make the months ahead full of learning, achievement, and community spirit!

As the colder months settle in, we want to ensure every student stays warm and comfortable throughout the



school day. Hats, mittens, boots, and layered clothing make a big difference in helping children focus and learn. If your family could use extra winter clothing, our school has a wide variety of items available.

Please feel free to reach out to the office or stop by anytime—we're happy to help make sure every child is prepared for the season. **We extend a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus**

for their incredible generosity in donating many brand-new coats to our school community.



## Attendance Matters at Queen Victoria!

Looking at last year's data, we discovered that 50% of Queen Victoria students missed more than 20 days of school. Regular attendance is essential for building strong routines, deepening learning, and setting students up for success. Everyday counts! The Ontario Health and Peer Relations Study surveyed HWDSB students and found that those in Grades 4–8 were twice

[tinyurl.com/VolunteerHWDSB](http://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.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>

## Pizza and Sub Days

Pizza and Sub sandwich Days will be once a month in 2025-2026. Payments through School Cash Online (SCO) close one week prior. Please see October dates above.

To register for SCO go to:  
<https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Registration>

## Lots happening at QV!!

### Jadyn's Birthday Project

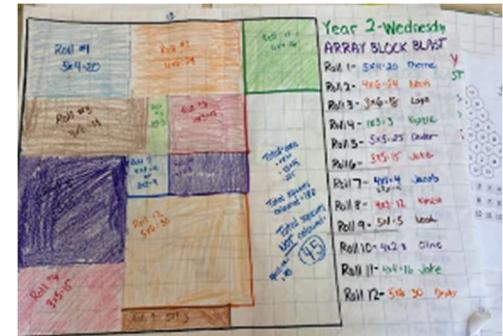
One of our Grade 4 students, Jadyn has chosen a very special way to celebrate her birthday on June 30! She plans to donate knitted hats for infants to the NICU units in Hamilton hospitals. Jadyn and her mom have already started knitting, and her goal is to donate **150 hats**. She's asking for QV's help—if you're a knitter and would like to contribute, please drop off your hats to the school by the last week of school. Let's come together to support Jadyn's amazing project!



as likely to feel too tired to attend school if they used electronics before bed. One key recommendation from the study is to remove electronic devices from bedrooms about an hour before bedtime. This simple step promotes faster sleep onset and deeper, restorative sleep—helping students feel ready for school each day. Let's work together to ensure your child is in school every day. Attendance is the foundation for success!

We are excited to begin our next school-wide math game called "Array Block Blast" in the beginning of February. For our next whole school

math game, we will be playing array block blast. Each class will roll two dice on 12 different days, and place their array on their 15 x 15 grid. The class with the least amount of space remaining will be declared the winner! Thank you to our Math Facilitator, Mr. Murray, for designing such a fantastic learning opportunity!



Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. Together, we can make this year a positive and successful experience for every student. We look forward to an exciting year ahead filled with growth, achievement, and community spirit!

## Senior Basketball Season Tips Off!

We're excited to announce that the senior basketball season officially begins this month at Queen Victoria! Our athletes have been working hard, and we can't wait to cheer them on as they hit the court. Let's come together as a school community to support the team and make this an amazing season.

**Go Queen Victoria!**

