



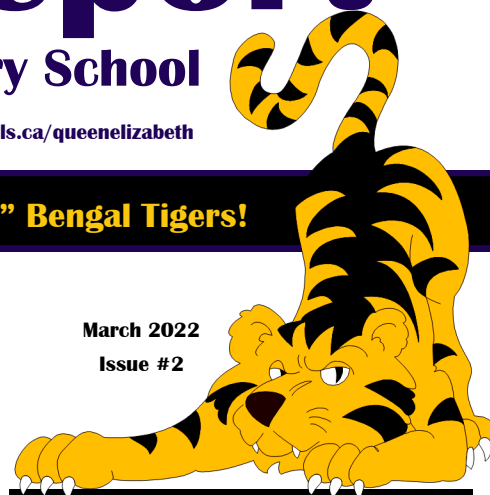
Royal Report

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QE ROYALS — Home of the “Royal” Bengal Tigers!



Éy Swáyel,

It is wonderful to be writing of good news and positive stories here at QE at this time. In our winter message to parents, we spoke of COVID protocols and potential functional closures on the horizon. Now, with the Omicron wave largely behind us, we are able to look forwards so some normalcy returning this spring. A provincial announcement was made today forecasting a further relaxing of COVID restrictions across the province in the coming days and weeks. While we do not yet know the details of plans for K to 12 schooling, we know that any alterations are ultimately a response to an improving health situation in our community. Things are getting better.

For Queen Elizabeth students, this improvement in our pandemic trajectory will likely bring good times soon. A more robust return of field trips, guest speakers, athletic activities, club ventures and student celebrations are hopefully on the horizon. We look forward to eating and celebrating with students at our Athletic Banquet (June 7th in person in our Main Gym). For our grade 12 students, our grads, a relaxing of health restrictions means more stability around our commencement ceremony (June 9th in person, at Chandos Pattison Auditorium), and our Grad Banquet (Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf Course on June 17th). We will communicate more as we know more, and as more is planned.

By now, you should have received some communication from your student’s teachers in regard to their interim progress. At this early point in the semester, it is difficult to communicate letter grades or a percentage standing. However, you will should receive a work habit and some comment about progress. This past evening, we hosted a face to face parent teacher conference night. If you were able to attend, we hope it was helpful. If you were not able, please do reach out by email to teachers for their feedback.

Spring sports are also beginning at QE. Rugby, track & field, badminton and ultimate frisbee are all underway and student athletes are working hard to prepare for the league games and tournaments that may now be possible with spectators. Academics are also in showcase as our students partake in Math contests, the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, and still more COOP students engage in their final work experience block. Furthermore, our young artists have fantastic work currently displayed in our library and around our community. I am so very proud of our school and our kids.

Way to go Royals! Enjoy a well-earned Spring Break!

Mr. G. Magnusson
Principal

March 2022

Issue #2

Important Dates

March

Student Progress/I-reports available	7
Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conference	10
Spring Break	14-25
School Re-Opens	28

April

Euclid Contest	5
Good Friday—School Closed	15
Easter Monday—School Closed	18
Report Cards Published	22
Numeracy/Literacy Assessment 25-28	
National Day of Mourning	28

May

Non-Instructional Day	6
Gauss Contest	18
Victoria Day—School Closed	23
Non-Instructional Day	30

June

Commencements	9
Numeracy/Literacy Assessment 13-14	
Last day of Regular Classes	17
Grad Dinner/Dance	17
Semester Completion Days	20-23
Report Cards Available	24
Schools Close	24

Principal: Mr. G. Magnusson / Vice Principals: Mr. S. Rai (A-Gh); Mr. A. Sabarre(Gi-N); Ms. J. Perry (O-Z)

Counsellors — Mr. J. Lendvoy (A–H); Ms. K. Kerr (I–N); Mr. S. Wohlgemuth (O–Z);

Our Mission Statement

At Queen Elizabeth our mission is to be a safe and respectful learning community where all students will prepare intellectually, socially, and emotionally for their journey in a changing world.

SEMESTER 2

March	7	Student Progress/"I" Reports Distributed
	10	Parent/Teacher Interviews—Early Dismissal
	13	Daylight Savings—Spring Forward
	14-25	Spring Break
April	5	Euclid Math Contest
	7	Bhangra604 (Dance Competition) - 5:30 in Lg Gym
	14	Assessment Day—Early Dismissal
	15	Good Friday
	18	Easter Monday
	16	Assessment Day—Early Dismissal
	22	1st Term Report Cards available on MyEd Parent/Student Portal
25, 27-28	Literacy/Numeracy Assessments 10/12	
May	6	Non-Instructional Day
	18	Gauss Math Contest
	23	Victoria Day
	31	Non-Instructional Day
June	9	Grade 12 Commencements
	17	Last Day of regular classes for Semester 2
	17	Grad Dinner/Dance
	13-14	Numeracy/Literacy Assessment Gr 10/12 (9am-3 pm)
	20-23	Semester Completion Days
	24	Second Semester Report Cards available on MyEd Parent/Student Portal
24	Schools Close	

Check out the
School Website
For the most up-to-date Calendars
and information:
<http://www.surreyschools.ca/queene>

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of the
QE Newsletter
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on the QE Website:
<http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/queene>

Legend: **Red** = Information Sent Home

Blue = Early Dismissal / Pro-D / Holidays

***Watch for upcoming Newsletter on or around these dates: June 24, 2022.

Bhangra604 (Dance Competition)

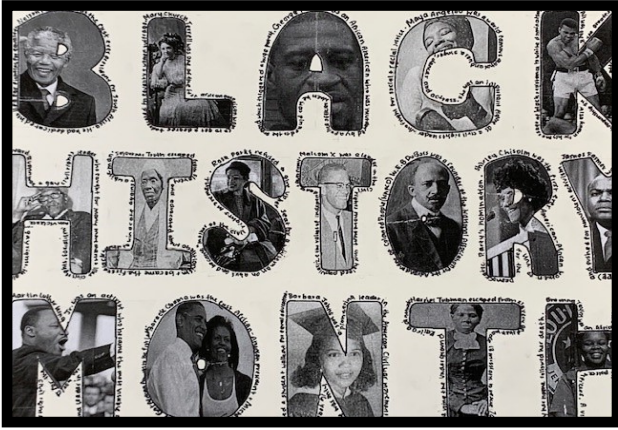
April 7th starting at 5:30pm @ QE in the large gym



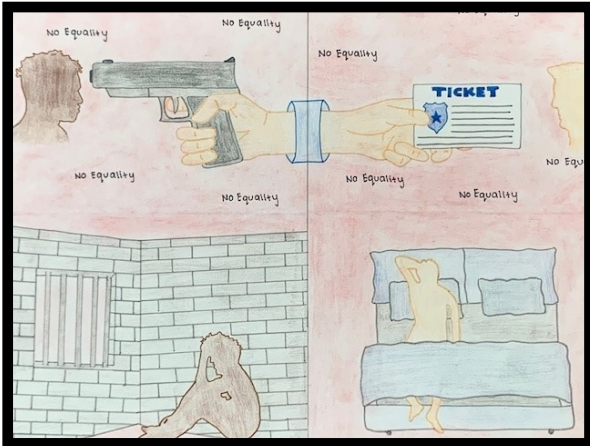
Provincial Assessments:

DATE	WHO	TIME(S)	ASSESSMENT
April 25 (M)	All Grade 12s	AM and PM	Literacy 12
April 27 (W)	All Grade 10s	AM and PM	Literacy 10
April 28 (Th)	Grade 12s missing 10 Assess-	AM (C/D)	Literacy, Numeracy 10
June 13 (M)	All Grade 10s	AM and PM	Numeracy 10
June 14 (Tu)	Grade 12 missing or re-writing	PM (C/D)	Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12

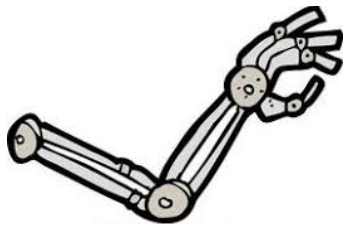
Heath and Safety information has been removed from our current Newsletter as they will be updated during Spring Break



The Social Studies 10 Leadership class explored a unit on Black History Month and Human Rights. The students investigations culminated in products that ranged from poems and short stories to physical artwork such as sculpture and painting. These images are examples of some of the amazing creativity and connections that were made.



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
-Martin Luther King Jr.



ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT

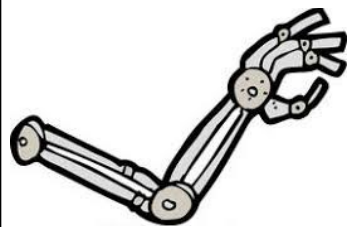
March 2-March 5
Victoria, BC

It has been two years since QE has sent students on an overnight trip and this year's Royals Robotics team got to be the first. The team members of QE Royals Robotics have spent over three months and many late nights creating and collaborating to design and construct this incredible 120lbs robot from scratch. This robot has been crafted to pick up, load and shoot balls into a basket, climb a monkey bar like structure and includes an autonomous mode, as well as a manual driver mode. The team was able to celebrate their success and creation by competing in the First Robotics Regional Tournament in Victoria, BC from March 2-5. The top robotics teams and academies from British Columbia, Calgary, Michigan and Turkey came together to compete in over 50 head-to-head matches. Royals Robotics ended up finishing tied for 12th out of 24 teams in Qualifications and making it to the Quarter finals in Sunday's playoffs before being eliminated by North Surrey. Overall, these were great results for our students as a 2nd year team!

However, this trip was more than just a Tournament as it was a chance the team members travel as a group and explore the beautiful capital city of this province. Highlights of the trip included a team pizza night with an evening walk to Parliament and exploring the Royal BC Museum, that featured a guest exhibit on Orcas. The team members also got to visit the unique boathouse community at Fisherman's Wharf and admire the architecture of the buildings in Downtown Victoria. Though a favourite amongst all the team members was the evening of the last night to which we got ice cream from Chocolats Favoris, Bertie Botts Every Flavour Beans and Beavertails. This led us to an evening walk through Chinatown and across the Johnson Bridge to view Parliament from across the

harbour but more importantly a chance to gaze at the beautiful stars that were shining that night. Throughout the entire tournament the members of Royals Robotics displayed, leadership, teamwork, courage and resilience as they navigated any challenges that came their way. We are very proud of all of the accomplishments our students achieved during this epic three-day tournament and trip!





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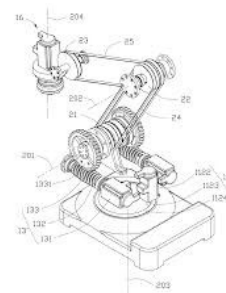
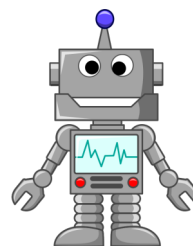


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Queen Elizabeth Girls' Group

For the past year, we have run a girl's group that encourages building healthy relationships and connections with peers and support staff. Girl's group runs once a week and it is the girls who attend, their responsibility to be caught up in class, so they can participate. During girls' group, we do arts, crafts, baking, social skills, friendship exercises and are looking forward to having a few outings soon! Our group is not only about gathering once a week, but also helps build confidence and relationships within our school and with their classmates.



Science Week

The Queen Elizabeth Science Department and members of the Math Department hosted an amazing Science Week Celebration in our Library Learning Commons every day during lunch.

We had students doing incredible science demonstrations on Monday and Tuesday showing their classmates some amazing chemical and physical scientific properties.

On Wednesday, we had a grade challenge to show off the students engineering skills by having them build the tallest, free-standing tower that they could put together from a cardboard box and 2 meters of tape.

On Thursday, the different grade levels faced off to create a track for a gravity powered marble to run through. The winners built a course that took the marble over 17 seconds to run through which was double the time of any other group.

On Friday, we celebrated both PI day and Albert Einstein's birthday by having a variety of activities related to PI. Students competed to recite as many digits of PI that they could remember and the winner recited PI to 54 digits. We also had the pie eating contest where the contestants could not use their hands and were blindfolded. Of course being able to eat as much pie as you could was a win for everyone.

This event would not have been possible if it were not our incredible Teacher Librarian, Ms. Cerney, our amazing staff in both the science and math departments and our team of admin. Everybody helped make this a memorable event for our students as they go off for Spring Break.



Science Week





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Wrestling

Congratulations to Coach Kissinger and Mann who led 11 Royals to the 2022 B.C. Wrestling Provincial Championships after qualifying from the South Fraser Zone Championships. Out of 96 participating schools, Queen Elizabeth placed 5th in the overall standings! Individual medals came for Tin Dao (Gold), Prab Mander (Gold) and Sian Henderson (Silver). Well done to all Royals wrestlers this year.

Rayyan Ahmed 9, Mohammed Faizan Asghar Ali 10, Kallum Aujla 10, Manveer Bachra 8, Neerav Bains 8, Aeros Casido 10, Tin Dao 12, Swarnbir Dhillon 8, Jovan Dhillon 11, Karmen Gill 10, Mathew Hussey 10, Ahmed Izat 8, Jayden Kandola-Atwal 12, Sikij Karki 12, Rickneal Kumar 10, Logan Lockwood 8, Mohammad Maksour 10, Prabh Mander 12, Prithvi Mann 10, Javindeep Mehat 10, Lucas Moski 8, Gradeigh Principe 10, Solomon Quintanilla Alvarado 10, Hurmat Rafiq 10, Rishav Raturi 10, Rakeen Shahriyar 12, Sean Smith 10, Armaan Sran 9, Alina Dang 10, Sukanya Iyer 10, Janeesh Johal 10, Simran Khattrra 12, Sian Perkins 8.

Coaches

Thanks to coaches of all our winter teams. Without these volunteers, sports teams would not run:

Wrestling	Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mann
8 Boys Bball	Mr. Sukhman Grewal
8 Girls Bball	Mr. Hutchison, Ms. Shanya Singh
9 Boys Bball	Mr. Harb Chahal
9 Girls Bball	Mr. Michael Preer III
Jr. Boys Bball	Mr. Kevin Rasode
Jr. Girls Bball	Mr. Martin
Sr. Boys Bball	Mr. Karanpreet Dhaliwal
Sr. Girls Bball	Mr. Wilson Adhikari



Sr. Boys Basketball

The senior boys team narrowly missed out qualifying for the Provincials after losing in the last qualifying game, after defeating Kwantlen Park and Seaquam in earlier qualifying games.

Lead by coach KP, in his twelfth season of coaching, the team consisted of the following players:

12s

Jaideep Jabbal, Tarnvir Bagri, Sajjan Banwait, Anand Dhugga, Karan Mundi, Harman Samra

11s

Cory Moore, Ketan Lally, Herman Sidhu, Jason Bains, Angad Gill, Bhagwan Nijjer, Ryan Birring



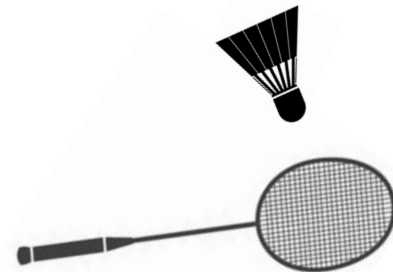
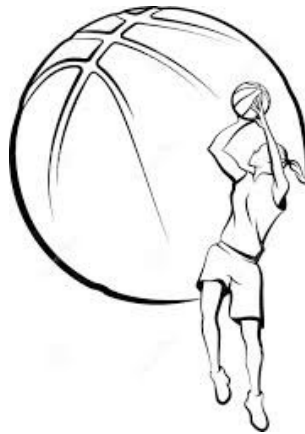
ATHLETICS



Junior Girls Basketball

The Junior Girls Basketball team finished second in the Tier II Surrey Championships, losing a close game to Tamanawis in the final hosted at QE. They also won a silver medal in the South Fraser Zone Championships.

Manjot Bisla;
 Harjot Bisla;
 Daliya Shahriyar;
 Muskan Johal;
 Josephine Onyame;
 Ashley Sandhu;
 Annedria Aguila;
 Nimrit Gill;
 Shonteya Walker;
 Bavneet Birring;
 Manjinder Tak;
 Anna Mercado



Spring Sports

Spring sports try-outs and practices have started. Thank you to the following coaches:

8 Badminton	Ms. Nazem, Ms. Sitch
Junior Badminton	Mrs. Maur, Mr. Dakash Singla, Mr. Sasha So
Senior Badminton	Mr. Scott Greenwood, Ms. Alyssa Condez, Mr. Ryan Rai
Jr. Girls Soccer	Mr. Badwal, Mr. Bowie
Track and Field	Mrs. Muirhead, Mr. Kwok, Mr. Sahota
Ball Hockey	Mr. Purewal, Mr. Pooni, Mr. Rossiter (Student Teacher)
Girls Rugby	Mr. Denis Pavlovich
Boys Rugby	Mr. Denis Pavlovich
Jr. Ultimate A	James Quetua, John Grant, Mr. Klein
Jr. Ultimate B	James Quetua, John Grant, Mr. Klein
Sr. Ultimate	Mr. Wakelin
Kabaddi	Mr. Lendvoy—Tryouts will occur after Spring Break
Cricket	Mr. Martin, Mr. Badwal, Mr. Bowie—Tryouts will occur after Spring Break



GEOGRAPHY CO-OP



Anmol B.



Mujeeb K.



Na'ilah A.



Daniel M.



District Partnership Programs are due **Thursday, March 31st**. Applications are available on the QE Careers website or from the Career Centre.

For all grade 12 students, please continue to check Teams for up-to-date scholarship information!

Queen Elizabeth offers a variety of co-op programs to our students. The Geography co-op gives students the opportunity to explore health and fitness through weightlifting and PE while also learning about geography and Careers through field trips and work experience placements.

Mr. Martin's Geography co-op students out on their work experiences!

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AT QE

Visit our website at www.qecareereducation.ca for a one-stop shop for Scholarships & Financial Awards, Volunteer & Community Opportunities, Resumes & Cover Letters, Post-Secondary information, and so much more!

Ms. L. Nikkanen

Ms. N. Morrison

Ms. J. Chan

Download the *QE ROYALS APP*, qeroyals.appazur.com to keep informed of opportunities as they arise.

The Career Centre has Microsoft Teams set up for each Grade Level.

*Please follow **Teams** for information about post-secondary events, scholarships, job & volunteer opportunities and much more!*

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CREATE AN ACCOUNT NOW AND BE READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR FEES!

PAYMENTS ONLINE ARE MANDATORY FOR THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR!



Fast. Safe. Convenient

Are you a School Cash Online Member?

Become a member today!

Purchase these items and more online.

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

1 Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://district.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".

2 Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

3

Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.



Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Why join the thousands of School Cash Online members?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. Why join?

- Membership is free!
- Pay for you child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- Stop sending money to school with your child.
- Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and
- Help your school reduce the amount of cash coming through school doors.

Which payment methods are accepted?

Credit Card, Debit Card or

eCheck



An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.

myWallet



An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and then used to pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date.

How to use myWallet

1. Go to your district's School Cash Online portal URL. (<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>)
2. Click the "Sign Into Your Account" button and enter your email and password to access your account.
3. Select the myWallet tab, click "Add Funds to myWallet" and use eCheque to load funds into your myWallet account (may take up to 7 days for funds to become available).
4. Then add all items to the shopping cart, select check out option and select myWallet payment method.

For more information contact parent Helpdesk at parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com or 1-866-961-1803

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our school has opened the MyEducationBC (MyEdBC) Family Portal for Parents and Guardians in the spring of last year.

Security

MyEdBC is a secure student information system used in most school districts in the province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). If you have any questions or concerns please contact your school principal.

Log In

You would have received an email from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca last spring containing your login (your email) and temporary password. **If you do not receive an email in your inbox, please check your junk mail folder.** Please follow the attached Family Portal User Instructions for logging in and ensure you have successfully logged into the MyEdBC portal prior to report cards date when the published in order to see the report cards.. **It is important that the first time you logon to set-up your account that you do this from a desktop computer not a mobile device or tablet.**

The portal can be accessed at:

<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

A mobile site is available at:

<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do?mobile=1>

In the Portal students, parents and guardians with an account can view:

- class attendance information
- contact information
- some classroom assessment information
- student schedules
- student course requests for next year
- school information
- published report cards
- a school web page that contains resources and information for parents and students

Instructions for accessing the portal are provided to students and are located on the school web page in the portal environment.

Sincerely,

Graham Magnusson
Principal

PLEASE BE SURE TO LOG IN TO YOUR PARENT AND STUDENT PORTALS IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

**** Report cards are no longer being printed ****

STEP 1



DO NOT USE YOUR CELL PHONE!



USE A COMPUTER!

STEP 2

1. GO TO MYED BC
2. LOGIN ID – YOUR STUDENT NUMBER. Parent login id is full email address of parent on file
3. CLICK "I FORGOT MY PASSWORD".
4. MYED WILL EMAIL ** YOU A NEW TEMPORARY PASSWORD



STEP 3

1. LOGIN TO YOUR SURREYSCHOOLS.CA EMAIL (SAME USERNAME & PASSWORD YOU USE FOR FRESHGRADE AND TO LOG ON TO A SCHOOL COMPUTER)
2. YOU WILL SEE AN EMAIL FROM MYED BC
3. THIS EMAIL WILL HAVE YOUR TEMPORARY PASSWORD.



STEP 4

1. GO TO MYED BC
2. YOUR LOGIN ID IS YOUR STUDENT NUMBER
3. TYPE IN YOUR NEW TEMPORARY PASSWORD SLOWLY!



STEP 5

1. MYED WILL ASK YOU TO CHOOSE A NEW PASSWORD
2. READ EXACTLY HOW MYED WANTS YOU TO PUT IN YOUR NEW PASSWORD!
3. SLOWLY TYPE IN YOUR NEW PASSWORD!
4. WRITE YOUR NEW PASSWORD DOWN & KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE!

****Please be sure to change your primary email to a personal email like gmail. That way you can reset your password if your forget it or lose it. Click on your NAME on top right of screen; click SET PREF; click SECURITY tab; change primary email to a personal email*****

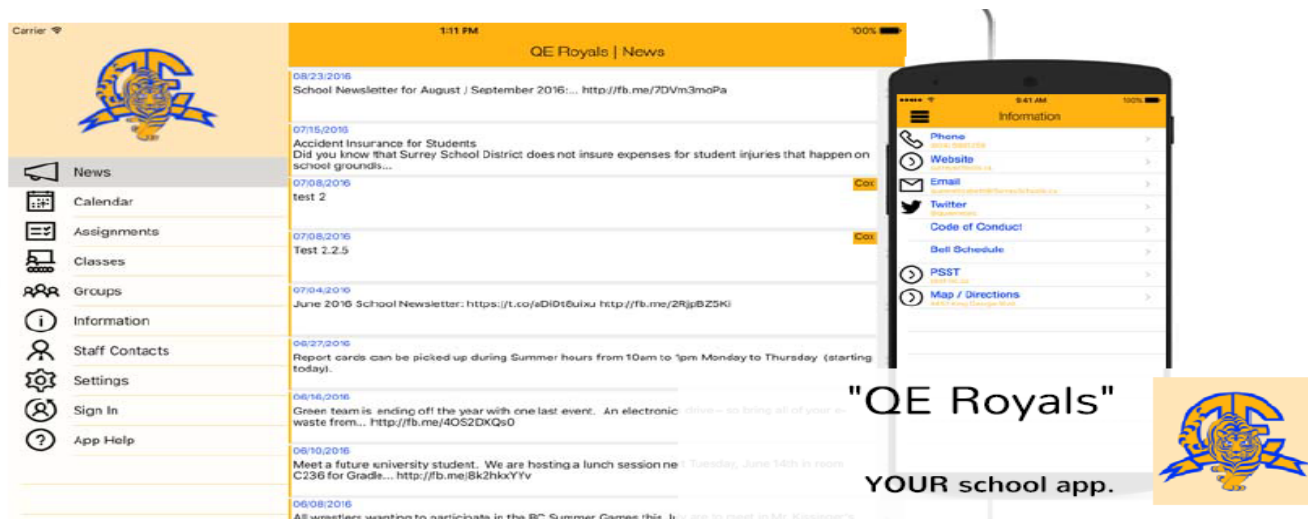
Criteria to reset a new Password must be followed:

- 8 minimum, 14 maximum characters
- 1 capital letter, 1 lowercase letter
- 1 number
- 1 special symbol or character: # or \$ or ! or @
- Your password cannot contain, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id or sequential letters or numbers
- Samples of acceptable password:
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THE QE Royals App!

The QE Royals App is an opportunity for students and parents to find out the following, all on your cell phone, tablet or computer:

- Important updates and notifications about school events.
- Personalized student calendar, block schedule and homework organizer with daily reminders
- Information phone numbers, school information, information from teachers, websites and social media all in ONE place.



"QE Royals"

YOUR school app.



DO IT YOUR WAY.

Get your important updates via app notifications, emails, or text messages.



STAY UP-TO-DATE.

Information from teacher websites, social media, and much more in ONE place.



STAY ORGANIZED.

Personalized calendar, block schedule, and a homework organizer with daily reminders.



TAKE IT WITH YOU.

Important phone numbers, school info, and websites in one place on your phone & tablet.

GET THE APP!  

iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch/Android:

Open your web browser. Type "qeroyals.appazur.com". Tap the "App Store"/"Google Play" button.

OR:

Open the "App Store"/"Google Play" app. Search for "QE Royals". Tap Install (Android) / Get (iPhone/iPad) - it's free!

Windows/Mac:

Type "qeroyals.appazur.com" into your Chrome/Firefox/Safari/Edge browser.

GET STARTED!!

- Install the app.
- In the menu, tap "Sign In". Here, you can "Sign Up" for a personal account, or "Sign In" using your school account if applicable.
- Tap "Classes" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your classes.
- Tap "Groups" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your clubs, teams, and other groups that you belong to.
- In the menu, tap the gear with your name next to it, and pick how you want your notifications.



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Parent Parking, Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents are asked NOT to drop off or pick up students directly in front of the school's main entrance/corridor or along King George Boulevard. For safety, we ask you that you move along to the west side of the parking lot (past the Portable) or park your vehicle in the parking lot to ensure steady flow of traffic coming off King George Boulevard.

Please do not line up on King George Boulevard, in either the slow lane and/or the curb lane, as this is obstructing traffic flow on King George Boulevard.



We thank everyone for their understanding and cooperation!



SCENTS AND SENSITIVITY

Did you know that according to the BC Lung Association, 30% of Canadians report that scents adversely affect their health which can contribute to allergic reactions, respiratory irritations, headaches, irritability, nausea, anxiety, fatigue, depression, and etc... ???

There are thousands of products that contain chemical ingredients which provide a "pleasant" scent. They may include the following:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/Conditioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Fragrances/Perfumes | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Household Chemicals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairsprays | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Air fresheners/Deodorizers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorants | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles | <input type="checkbox"/> Colognes/Aftershaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soaps | <input type="checkbox"/> Oils | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lotions/Creams | <input type="checkbox"/> Potpourri | |

Unfortunately, the "pleasant" scent isn't usually the concern, but rather the chemical ingredient that produces the scent itself.

As a general guideline, only use products that:

1. Are labelled either "scent-free, unscented, or fragrance-free" and
2. Remember, your nose is a reliable resource to confirm it.



Queen Elizabeth's Parent Advisory Council — PAC

PLEASE JOIN US !!

The School Act gives parents the right, through a PAC (Parent Advisory Council), to assume an advisory role in every school. The PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents and guardians of the school. PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting their children's school and the education of these children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to the school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school and openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for the school.

Who Can Become a Member of PAC? — All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate as a member of the PAC.

How Does a PAC Work? — Through the parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to monthly PAC meetings, communication may also be done through newsletters, telephone, email and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input. PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction, and bonding all of which result in decreased dropout rates and better citizen.

The Purpose of a PAC can be:

- ◆ to provide parents with the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the school;
- ◆ to assist the SPC in carrying out its function;
- ◆ to give input into school- based decisions;
- ◆ to participate in goal setting;
- ◆ to unify efforts of the school community towards the goal of quality education;
- ◆ to monitor and review school rules and conduct, the safety programs, the educational programs; learning materials, equipment and the school building;
- ◆ to educate parents;
- ◆ to advocate equal educational opportunities for all students;
- ◆ to liaise with other education partners and organizations; and
- ◆ to provide methods to resolve problems between the school and community by directing parents and students to the Advocacy project.

Your Involvement! — Parents are encouraged and invited to bring forth issues, suggestions, or concerns relating to the meeting and enhancement of the needs of your school community.

These issues can be brought forth by contacting a PAC executive member, sending a letter to the school addressed to a member of the PAC executive, or attending a PAC meeting.

The PAC is NOT a forum to discuss individual students and/or staff problems or conflicts

Next PAC meeting is scheduled for

@ 6:30pm