

This Week at QJS Jan. 21, 2022

Where we Live, Laugh and Learn the way of our Nations with
Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness



CRICKET CAFÉ - Welcome

Open for lunch Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In order to limit congestion, we will split the cafeteria times between the grade 8s and 9s.

Students enjoyed tasty, hearty meals this week and can look forward to a variety of options over time: pulled pork sandwiches, beef dips, taco salad and wraps, snacks and beverages.



QJS SPORTS TEAMS STILL RUNNING!

Basketball Competition Results



QJS grade 9 boy's team travelled to 100 Mile House this past weekend. The boy's put on an offensive clinic executing their offence and won handily. Josh Pontius led the way with 37 points. Gavin Peterson, Jack Sales and Chris Tobin chipped in with 24 points each. Luke

McDevitt unleashed the 3 successfully twice in one game. Hunter James and Logan Brautigam led all rebounders with 44 total rebounds between them. Logan Puchett added 20 total points and played his usual style of tough defense.

The boys will soon play again against CSS. They plan on avenging a 1 point loss from last time when they dropped a hard fought 44-43 game against the grade 10s. Please congratulate the boys and wish them well in the rematch.

Coming up:

Regular Grade 9 Vaccinations

Week of Jan 24-27

Students will NOT be offered COVID-19 vaccines during these clinics.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Community Health Unit at 250-983-6850.

Monday- Pod 1

Tuesday- POD 3

Wednesday- POD 2

Thursday- POD 4

DAILY ATTENDANCE

Daily tracking of school and class absence numbers is taking place and this information is important; please continue to contact the school and let us know if your child will be away, ill or otherwise.

Reminders:

KEY SAFETY MEASURES:

- Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick– stay home if you are unwell
[daily-health-check---jan-2022.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- Mask – covering nose, mouth, and chin when indoors
- Hand Hygiene – wash or sanitize hands frequently
- Maintain Physical Distance – Reduce Congestion or Crowding

KEY CHANGES TO QJS SAFETY MEASURES

- Locker Access – to reduce hallway congestion students access lockers before school, at lunch and end of day (and with teacher permission at other times)
- Limit Hallway time – students enter/exit at nearest doors whenever possible
- Max. 4 students in bathrooms



Nuts & Scents
Free School



FUNCTIONAL CLOSURES:

Functional Closures A functional closure of a school is the temporary closure of a school determined by a school district due to a lack of staff to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support, and/or custodial to ensure the health and safety of students. This would likely be due to a high number of staff or certain employees away who are required for a school to function, and the inability to temporarily replace them.

Thanks to everyone who responded to emails to confirm their contact information in case we need to rapidly inform families of Functional Closures. **It's not too late if you have not had a chance to let us know the best way to contact you in an emergency.

Time to Update School Supplies



Many students go through a pencil a day, so now is a great time to check to see your child has lots of pencils and paper to get them through to Spring Break. Also a great idea to bring a water bottle.

Check specialty items: shop safety glasses, and gym shoes (lots of students have grown out of their shoes by now).

Important Information from our Region



Williams Lake
FIRST NATION

**PRESS
RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

01/06/2022

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION INVESTIGATION GEOPHYSICAL RESULTS

Chief and Council of the Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) will be releasing the preliminary geophysical results from the first phase of the St. Joseph's Mission Residential School investigation on **Tuesday, January 25th, 2022**. This follows the announcement of December 7th, 2021, postponing the previously scheduled release of the results in order to give adequate time for neighboring First Nation communities to put in place the necessary health and wellness supports.

"We're grateful that we were able to complete the first phase of our geophysical research and will be in a position to have greater clarity about the results of the ground penetrating radar and other technical investigations," states WLFN Chief, Willie Sellars. "This has been an extremely challenging time for WLFN and other First Nations who were affected by the facility at St. Joseph's. We have out of necessity in the course of our investigation opened old wounds and asked people to recount some terrible and harrowing stories. But the information provided has helped shape our investigation and I'm thankful to make progress on this first phase of our work."

Prior to releasing the geophysical investigation results to the public, WLFN will be conducting a meeting with the Chiefs of the communities directly affected by the operations at St. Joseph's Mission. This meeting will take place on the morning of January 25th and will provide the Chiefs with an opportunity to ask questions of the technical experts involved in the first phase of investigations. This session is closed to the media and to the public, and attendance is by invitation only.

In the afternoon of January 25th, a formal press conference will be held to announce the preliminary results of the geophysical investigation. This will be followed by a brief question and answer session. The anticipated start time for this session is 1:00 pm on January 25th, at 2561 Quigli Drive. Any media outlets wishing to attend this session **must make arrangements in advance with the WLFN contact listed below**, as COVID protocols are in place and seating is limited.

"We know that everyone is eager to receive these results," adds Chief Sellars. "But we're asking that everyone be patient and respectful of the process. Our key concern is the mental health and welfare of the survivors of St. Joseph's, and that of their families. We're trying to conduct this process in as orderly a fashion as possible."

For further information on this media release, please contact Dominique Melanson at dominique.melanson@wfn.ca or by telephone at 778-417-0198.



NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER **Information for Parents**

**Helpful links and information*

PAC UPDATE: Next Virtual MEETING

Tuesday, Feb 8. 2022 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the Google MEETING by clicking the link

<https://meet.google.com/fci-jxqs-xow?hs=122&authuser=0>

2021-2022 Executive:

Melissa Pollock- President

Kellie Olsen- Vice President

Melissa Gonzales- Secretary

Shawna Mckenzie- Treasurer

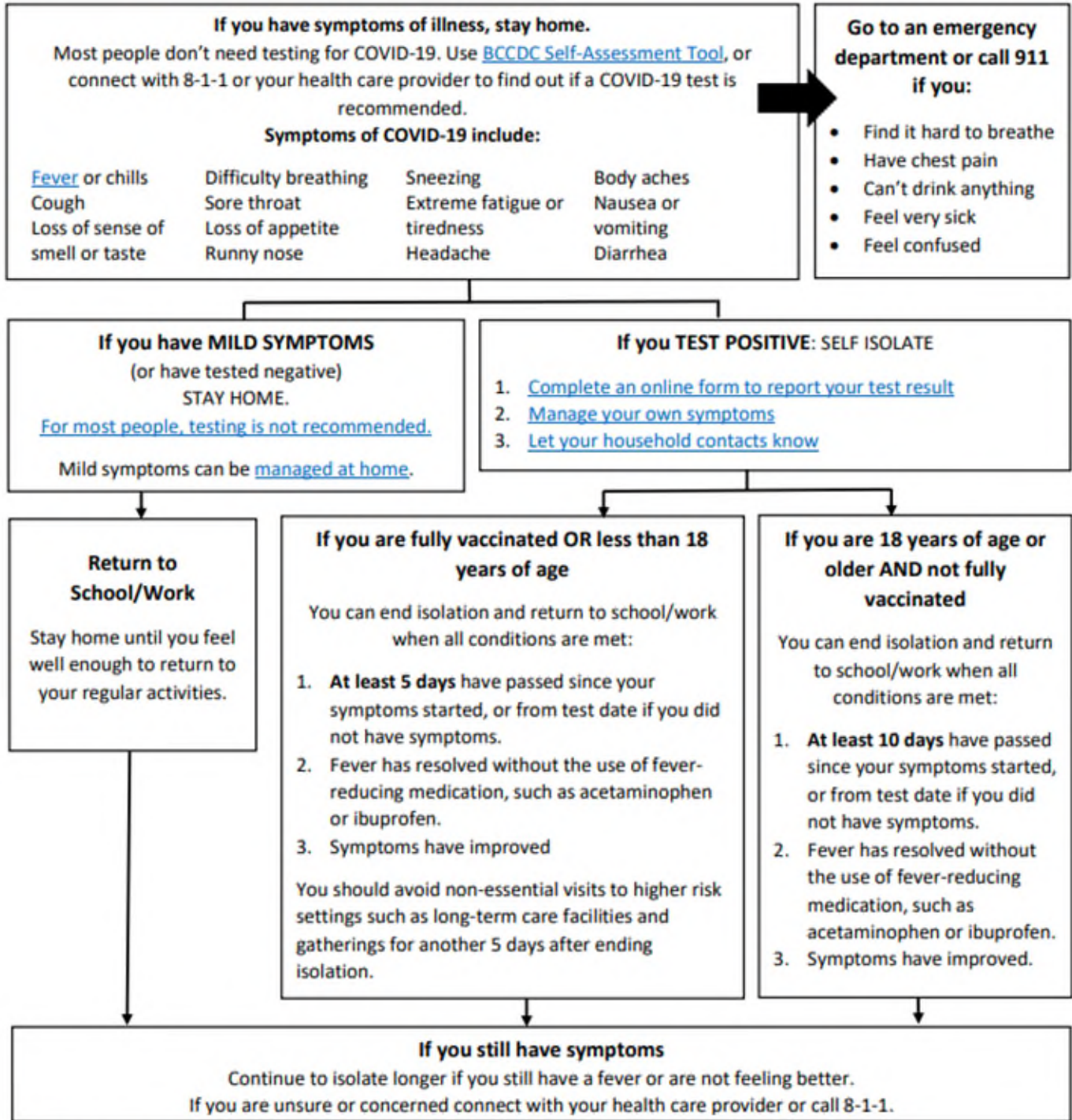
New PAC email address - PACatQJS@gmail.com



Visit the QJS Parent Advisory Council Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/QJS-Parent-Advisory-Council-PAC-107601454861758>

Summary: What to Do When Sick



What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at:

[Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)

Recent public health guidance recommends those who test positive for COVID-19 notify those whom they live with.

-Those who test positive do not need to notify the school or others at school, individuals may still contact a school for this purpose.

-To protect personal privacy, schools cannot release individual contact information for the purpose of an individual (staff, student or parent/caregiver) seeking to notifying others of their test result.

-Schools should also not notify others on an individual's behalf.

- Anyone who has tested positive using a rapid test³ should complete the online reporting tool provided by public health, and provide all school-related information requested.

- Public health does not require students or staff to notify our school if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or to notify other individuals at school.

- To protect personal privacy, we are unable to provide personal contact information for the purpose of notifying others of a test result.

- We continue to follow public health guidance, including monitoring school absenteeism to help determine if there may be increased school-associated COVID-19 activity.



Let us help your child resolve the problem. We work with families and students to resolve issues. Do you know about something going on? Please let us know.

Contact us:

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