

## JQ eNews - 2026.01.08

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website<sup>1</sup> and the JQ school website<sup>2</sup> for information regarding district and school events.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

## Safe Arrival and Reporting Student Absences



To report your child's absence, please call **604-713-5159, Ext. 39**, prior to 9:00 am on the first day of the absence. If your child arrives late to school, they should report to the office and sign-in. Student number is not required.

## Professional Development Day - Monday, January 12

Please note that there will be no school for students on **Monday, January 12th** as staff will participate in a Professional Development Day. This Pro-D date has been set by the school and is not district-wide.

## SpacesEDU reporting update

As elementary reporting is shifting to SpacesEdu, with 36 schools onboarded this fall, families did not receive hard copies of learning updates on December 16.

While staff have done an excellent job supporting this transition, we recognize that some families are still experiencing trouble downloading the PDF learning update. We are aware that

has caused unintended stress for Grade 7 students who are applying to mini schools, as they need to submit this update as part of the school application process.

To ease this process and provide more time for families to familiarize themselves with the platform, we are pleased to share that

- **The deadline for submitting learning updates for mini school applications will be January 9, 2025 @ 3 pm.**
- Secondary Schools have been asked to update their school website to reflect the new timeline.

Please note the District Registry deadline remains unchanged; December 18, 3 pm.

Thank you for supporting this necessary shift moving forward.

## **Quick Guide for Parents Accessing SpacesEDU Written Learning Updates**

<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/quick-guide-for-parents.0cc22686233.pdf>

## **JQ Choir - New members welcome for term beginning January 14**

New members are welcome to join the JQ Choir (Grades 1–7).

The choir will begin again with a new repertoire on **Wednesday, January 14**. Rehearsals take place **before school**, beginning at **8:15 a.m.**

This term, students will be learning new music in preparation for the **VSB District Choral Festival**, which will be held on **March 4 or 5 in the evening**. More details will be shared soon.

The **Intermediate Choir (Grades 4–7)** will also begin next week on **Thursday, January 15**, during **lunch recess**.

New members are welcome in both groups!

Mme Young

Music Teacher

## Thank you JQ Community



Division 6 would like to thank our community for its wonderful support of the Mini-Marché held just before the holidays. A total of \$730 was raised, with proceeds donated to the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Society and Backpack Buddies. Thank you again for your generosity!

### A few friendly reminders ....

- Please dress your child for the weather and ensure they have extra clothing at school in case of puddles or spills.
- Remember to send cutlery for your child's lunch.
- If your child arrives late, please have them sign in just outside the office.
- Call the Safe Arrival line if your child cannot attend school.

Thank you for your support!

## Proposed School Calendars for 2026–2029



The Vancouver School Board invites families, students and community members to review the proposed three-year school calendars for 2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029. Here is the link: district website<sup>3</sup>

Families are invited to share their comments until **January 16** about the proposed calendars to [engage@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/85837/proposed-school-calendars-20262029>

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*Be in the know – winter is coming!*



## Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

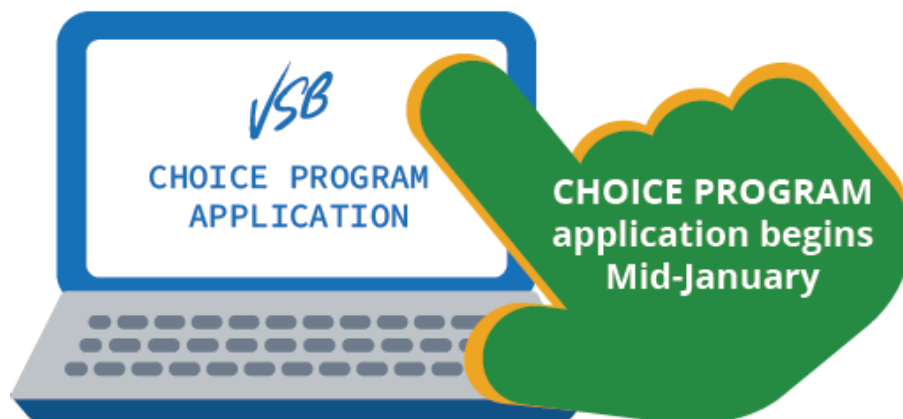
X: @vsb39

VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](http://vsb.bc.ca)

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Information will also be shared on external facing platforms including the District's website and social media.

## District Choice Elementary Program Info. Sessions in January 2026



VSBC is proud to offer a wide range of educational options for different types of learners. Our elementary district choice programs include French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Indigenous Focus, Montessori, and Fine Arts. For further details about each program, please visit the VSBC elementary programs webpage<sup>5</sup>. If you'd like to learn more about how these district choice programs are delivered and how they differ from the regular stream, tune in to episode 13 of the VSBC: After the Bellow podcast<sup>6</sup>.

Families seeking an overview of the district choice programs and information about the online info sessions are encouraged to visit the VSB district choice programs webpage<sup>7</sup>.

**District Choice Info Session Dates and Meeting Links:**

- Thursday January 8, 2026 @6pm – Late French Immersion<sup>8</sup>
- Thursday January 8, 2026 @6pm – Indigenous Focus School<sup>9</sup>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/26694/elementary-programs>

<https://creators.spotify.com/pod/profile/vsbafterthebell/episodes/Ep--13---After-the-Bell-Breaking-down-district-elementary-choice-programs-and-kindergarten-registration-e2clana/a-aama5he>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5318/information-sessions>

<sup>8</sup>[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YTlmMzJmNWUtYTAYOC00Mjk5LWJhYjltMmZkY2ZiYWNjNjc1%40thread.v2/0?context={%27Tid%27%3a%270b8a2e58-7b30-4a08-bab7-d75559e0e3a5%27%2c%27Oid%27%3a%27daa379af-ee6e-4cfc-aeb3-8c7cc72b29ed%27%7d}](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTlmMzJmNWUtYTAYOC00Mjk5LWJhYjltMmZkY2ZiYWNjNjc1%40thread.v2/0?context={%27Tid%27%3a%270b8a2e58-7b30-4a08-bab7-d75559e0e3a5%27%2c%27Oid%27%3a%27daa379af-ee6e-4cfc-aeb3-8c7cc72b29ed%27%7d})

- ## Kindergarten siblings in September 2026 - please register online



A reminder that the deadline to enroll your child at their English catchment school is January 31st. The **second step** is to apply online for **Early French Immersion at the following link: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/>** between **January 6 and February 3, 2026**. This applies to all students, including incoming siblings.

<sup>12</sup><mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca>



## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



**The 2025-2026 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website<sup>13</sup>.**

Please visit the school website regularly for the most up to date information regarding JQ activities and events.

Upcoming events are listed on the school website homepage and on the Calendar<sup>14</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note in January



**Monday, January 12:** Professional Development Day

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<sup>13</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

<sup>14</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

**Wednesday, January 14:** Choir practices start up. Swimming Program begins for Divisions 3 and 12. Kitsilano Secondary School Info. Evening for Grade 7 parents.

**Friday, January 16:** Swimming Program begins for Divisions 7 and 11

## JQ PAC Updates



Please visit the JQ PAC website: <https://jqpac.com/> for updates and information regarding PAC programs and initiatives including:

- Outside of school time programs
- Direct donation
- PAC fundraisers
- Hot lunch program

## PAC Newsletter

If you are not receiving the PAC Newsletter and you would like to:

Add us to your address book<sup>15</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>16</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>17</sup>

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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<sup>15</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

<sup>16</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

<sup>17</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

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## School Community Links

### VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C. schools. The VSB EA Program, operating through Burnaby Community and Continuing Education is a reputable 6-month program designed to prepare you for the role and provide you with the needed diploma.

**Our next program opens for applications on January 12, 2026, for classes that begin March 30, 2026.**

To register for a free online **Information Session, from 7-8:30 PM**, go to [www.burnabyccce.ca](http://www.burnabyccce.ca)<sup>18</sup>. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions. We use the ZOOM platform to deliver the session. Sign up for one of the following dates and bring your questions.

- Wednesday, December 17, 2025
- Tuesday, January 26, 2026
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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<sup>18</sup><http://www.burnabyccce.ca/>

## VSB Voices - Call for volunteers!



Parents and caregivers, are you interested in sharing your voice and shaping important decisions for our schools? We are looking for volunteer participants to join VSB Voices, a trusted group of students' families and caregivers who provide feedback about different topics through surveys, focus groups and panels. Your voice matters and it is vital in shaping important decisions for our schools. To join VSB Voices for the 2025/2026 school year, please take five minutes to complete the following questionnaire<sup>19</sup> by December 15, 2025.

More information on VSB Voices can be found here<sup>20</sup>.

## VSB Family and Community Info page

Did you know:

VSB now has a central location for family and community information.

Find what you need, all in one place. Explore programs, policies and school supports through VSB's Family and Community Information page<sup>21</sup>.

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<sup>19</sup><https://ca.research.net/r/NJZKPST>

<sup>20</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/76454>

<sup>21</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

**Thank you for reading!**

## **Contact Us**



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Visit us on the web at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>.

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<sup>22</sup><mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>