



## JQ eNews - 2026.01.15

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.

## 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>.

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

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

Please note first term written learning updates will no longer be visible after **January 15, 2026** as teachers begin work on written learning update 2.

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

<sup>4</sup><mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca>

## Kindergarten siblings in September 2026 - please register online by February 3



**Please let us know** if your child has a younger sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2026 by sending an email to [etoone@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>5</sup> as soon as possible as the VSB requires this information.

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.

## JQ Choir - New members welcome for this term

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

The choir will be practicing a new repertoire beginning 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!

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<sup>5</sup><mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca>

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!

## 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



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

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2025-2026 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>6</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

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>7</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note in January & February



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

**Friday, February 13:** Professional Development Day (District wide)

**Monday, February 16:** Statutory holiday for Family Day

## 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

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<sup>7</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

- 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>8</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>9</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>10</sup>

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Vancouver, BC V6R4K9

Canada

## School Community Links

### VSBC 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 VSBC 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.**

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<sup>8</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

<sup>9</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

<sup>10</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

To register for a free online **Information Session, from 7-8:30 PM**, go to [www.burnabyccce.ca](http://www.burnabyccce.ca)<sup>11</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

## 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>12</sup>.

## Thank you for reading!

## Contact Us



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<sup>11</sup><http://www.burnabyccce.ca/>

<sup>12</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca<sup>13</sup>

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

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