



JQ eNews - 2025.10.23

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website¹ and the JQ school website² for information regarding district and school events.

¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

²<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.

Communicating Student Learning Video

Fall informal learning updates were shared with JQ families this week.

The first term written learning update will be made available to families Wednesday December 17, 2025.

Click [HERE³](#) to watch a short video outlining Communicating Student Learning in the Vancouver School District.

³<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2282/assessment-and-reporting>

Lost and Found



JQ families,

The school's lost and found rack is overflowing. Please come check if any of the items belong to your child. Unclaimed items will be donated after **today**.

Thank you!

Halloween

As Halloween approaches, here are a few reminders to help everyone enjoy the day safely and respectfully at school:

- **Masks:** Masks will not be permitted at school to ensure students' vision is not obstructed and everyone stays safe.
- **Props:** Students may not bring toy guns or any type of weapon as part of their costume.
- **Costume Style:** We encourage creative and whimsical costumes rather than scary or gory ones. Please save the blood and frightening items for Halloween night!

Choosing Respectful Costumes

While dressing up is meant to be fun, it's important to be mindful of costumes that could be offensive or disrespectful to other cultures.

Cultural Appropriation means taking elements (such as symbols, clothing, or traditions) from a culture that is not your own, especially when those elements have deep cultural or spiritual meaning. Around Halloween, this often appears in the form of costumes that misrepresent or stereotype cultural groups.

Please keep this in mind when helping your child choose their costume this year.

👉 Click [HERE](#)⁴ to view the **VSB Indigenous Education – Safe and Caring Schools “Culture is Not a Costume”** poster.

Halloween Parade

Weather permitting, we will hold our **Halloween Parade on the field next Friday morning** after attendance has been taken, at approximately **9:15 a.m.** Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the parade!

⁴<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/culture-is-not-a-costume-vsbc-oct2025.d024b784673.pdf>

Halloween Party - Grades 4 to 7



A Halloween Party will take place for students in **Grades 4 to 7 only** on **Thursday, October 30th** from **6:00 to 8:00 pm** at **JQ!**

Tickets: \$10 (includes 5 activities and snacks)

Tickets are available for purchase on **School Cash Online** between now and **Tuesday, October 28th**.

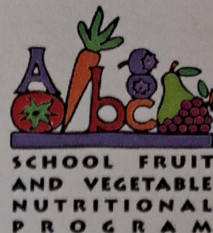
This fun evening is a **fundraiser for the Grade 7 year-end camp**, and will be **organized and led by our grade 7 students**.

Activities will include a **Haunted House, Fortune Teller, Music, and more!**

For questions, please email **jq2026capstone@gmail.com**.

Fresh to You School Fundraiser

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER



The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to fundraise with healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

Here's
What's in
the Bundles



We love to eat fresh
fruits and vegetables!

Basic bundle \$25

3lb Carrots
3lb Yellow Onions
3lb Apples
5lb Russet Potatoes

Seasonal Bundle \$

3lb Carrots
1lb Parsnips
5lb Russet Potatoes
283g Shallots
3 Pack Loveable Little
Squash

Our school is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.

Help us:

- 🍅 meet our school's fundraising goals
- 🍅 support healthy choices
- 🍅 support local growers and producers

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Thank you, we've sold more than the minimum 40 bundles we need to sell!

Help us:

- Meet our school's fundraising goals (**proceeds will help pay for this year's grade 7 camp**)
- Support healthy choices
- Support local growers and producers

40% of sales go to the school.

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Bundles are now available for purchase on School Cash Online
(<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>) until Tuesday, October 28.

Bundles will be delivered to the school sometime between November 21 and 29 - tba.

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 begins on November 1



All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for **District Choice programs** (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/ or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes on January 31**. Students who submit an online application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2026-27**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment. Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.

Supporting Documents Needed:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver,

- Child's birth certificate,
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records
- Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice⁵ and govsb.ca/crossboundary⁶

JQ Terry Fox Run Results

JQ students and staff did their Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26. As a school, we ran 1,007.2 kilometres!

It's not too late to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation for this year's special 45th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. So far we've raised \$300.00.

Donate at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/EcoleJulesQuesnelElementaryVancouverBC>⁷

⁵<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5196/kindergarten-choice-programs>

⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application>

⁷<https://terryfox.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c16f8b6c2b735d53eb75ef97&id=3ade1ad75f&e=fce89c9486>

Rainy weather



Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for cold and wet conditions. We recommend waterproof jackets, rain boots, and, as the temperatures drop, hats and mittens. Umbrellas are also welcome—just be sure to review safe and respectful umbrella use with your child.

We also strongly suggest keeping a spare set of clothes at school, including an extra pair of socks. This is especially important for younger students, as slips and falls are more common during wet weather, and having dry clothes on hand helps ensure comfort for the rest of the day.

Thank you for helping your child be prepared for a successful day at school—rain or shine!

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2025-2026 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website⁸.

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 Calendar⁹ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in October/November



Friday, October 24: Professional Development Day (Province-wide)

Thursday, October 30: Halloween Party for grades 4 to 7 from 6 to 8 pm

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Friday, October 31: Halloween Parade

Monday, November 3: Grade 6 Immunization Clinic (and catch-up immunizations for other grades)

Monday, November 3 to 7: Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey coaches at JQ

Monday, November 10: Mini-School Application process opens (for interested grade 7 families). Closes on Dec. 18th.

Tuesday, November 11: Remembrance Day - school closed

Friday, November 21: Professional Development Day (District wide)

Friday, November 21 to Wednesday, November 25 (approx): Art card samples sent home to families

Wednesday, November 26 to Sunday, November 30 (approx): Art cards can be ordered online by parents

Please remember to pack cutlery!

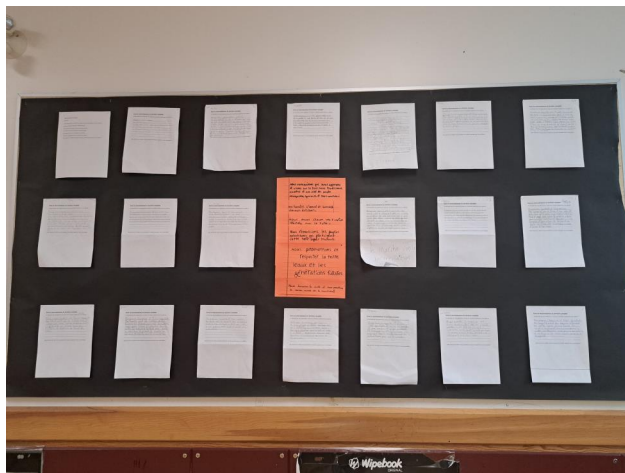


Please ensure your child/ren bring any necessary cutlery for their lunch and snacks. We are gradually phasing out the daily distribution of cutlery due to the high volume of requests. **Also,** a reminder to send cutlery on hot lunch days. Thank you.

Art in the Hallways









JQ PAC Updates



PAC Direct Donation Campaign is Underway

The PAC Direct Donation is underway, and information can be found at the following link:

<https://jqpac.com/donate/>

We have set a target of **\$15,000 in direct donations** to support the following important JQ parent and teacher-identified priorities:

- Tech upgrade -- new laptops
- Swimming lessons
- Music program supplies
- Field trips for all classes

The 2025/26 campaign will run until October 31, 2025 -- please donate now! Families are encouraged to donate \$75-\$100 per student to ensure we meet our goal.

**Please note that JQ also discretely supports a child subsidy fund to ensure no student will be denied access to any opportunities for financial reasons -- please email vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca¹⁰ privately if you have any questions.*

HOW TO DONATE: Donations can be made through www.schoolcashionline.com¹¹. Please follow these directions to ensure donations will be allocated to the Jules Quesnel PAC:

1. Sign in
2. Click the "Make A Donation" button
3. Under the "Gift Information", enter amount -- **please consider donating \$75-\$100 per student!**
4. From the "Fund Destination" drop down menu, select "Ecole Jules Quesnel PAC" (note there are separate selections for "Ecole Jules Quesnel" and "Ecole Jules Quesnel PAC" -- please select the latter option for this campaign)
5. Under the header "Message to School Board", write in the message optional box:
"2025/26 JQ PAC Direct Donation Campaign"
6. Add item to cart and proceed with purchase

A screenshot of what you will see in the donation portal is copied below -- please email jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com¹² if you have any difficulties.

Thank you for your support!

PAC Meetings

This year, all PAC meetings will be held online from 7:00–8:00 pm on Wednesdays.

The next PAC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 26**. A link will be sent closer to the time.

All subsequent meetings will also be held on Wednesdays, on the following dates:

- January 28
- February 25

¹⁰<mailto:vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca>

¹¹<http://www.schoolcashionline.com>

¹²<mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

- April 22
- May 27 (AGM)

Here is the link for the PAC Meetings webpage: **PAC Meeting Dates**¹³

Minutes from previous meetings are available at the following link: Meeting Minutes – Jules Quesnel PAC¹⁴

Hot Lunch Program

Hello JQ families,

For the 2025-2065 school year, hot lunch will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ordering is open at munchalunch.com¹⁵. If you don't have an account set up, you will need to create one to order food for your student. **Orders must be in by 9 am for the following day's hot lunch meal.**

Hot lunch is a fundraiser for the Jules Quesnel PAC, which benefits the school's student population.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch coordinators (Kate & Helene) at jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com¹⁶

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book¹⁷

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences¹⁸ or unsubscribe¹⁹

¹³<https://jqpac.com/events/>

¹⁴<https://jqpac.com/meeting-minutes/>

¹⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁶<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

¹⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

¹⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

¹⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

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Community Links

See below for information regarding community activities, events and programs.

Trafalgar Out of School Care - Winter Camp

Winter Camp Program Details:

- **Dates:** December 22, 23, 24 (Week 1) and December 29, 30 and 31 (Week 2) Closure Dates: December 25, 26, January 1 and 2
- **Time:** 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Arrival time can be between 7:30 am to 09:00 am and pick-up between 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- **Activities:** Our Winter Camp Program offers a range of enriching and entertaining activities, including field trips, holiday festivities, crafts, and supervised indoor and outdoor playtime.
- **Age Groups:** The program is tailored for children aged 5 to 12 years old (K-7).
- **Location:** Trafalgar Out of School Care - 4020 Trafalgar Street
- **Registration Details:** Please fill out this form²⁰, and TOOSCS will contact you to confirm your child's spot.
- **Cancellation:** You can cancel until November 17th, 2025.
- **Contact Information:** For any questions or additional information, please feel free to contact our team:

Clara – Centre Director: director@tooscs.org²¹

²⁰<https://forms.gle/9GgDSHV8Jtfd5BcU7>

²¹<mailto:director@tooscs.org>

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 page²².

VSB Family Digital Literacy Learning event

Subject: Virtual Information Session: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying

Hello families,

We are pleased to welcome you to the next virtual session in our digital literacy series. This conversation will discuss social media awareness, digital citizenship and cyber-bullying.

The event details are below:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Virtually through Teams. Join us using this link.

Who: Hosted by Safer Schools Together, through VSB

Registration: Please register by 9 pm on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025 using this link: Registration for VSB Virtual Info Session-Nov 4²³ or the QR code below.



Registrants will receive a direct email with the link to the online session on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. This session will not be recorded. We look forward to seeing you there!

²²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

²³<https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=q7KL56l4>

Thank you for reading!

Contact Us



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

²⁴<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>