



JQ eNews - 2025.10.30

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.

Joyeux Halloween!







Halloween Parade - Friday, October 31

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

If it is raining, the parade will be held indoors. In this case, parents are invited to the gym to watch, and classes will take turns touring the school, alternating between even and odd divisions.

Please listen for a PA announcement with more information tomorrow morning.

Halloween Party - grades 4 - 7 - TODAY



Students in **Grades 4–7** are invited to a spooktacular Halloween Party **tonight!**

 **Time:** 6:00–8:00 pm

 **Tickets:** Available at the door starting at 5:45 pm. Each ticket includes **5 activity/snack tickets.**

 **Cost:** \$10

Hope to see you there.

District Choice/Mini School Application Deadline Extended to December 18

Attention grade 7 families,

For the 2026-2027 District Choice/Mini School Application process, the District Registry and School Application deadline will be:

Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 3 pm (extended from previous deadline of Dec 15).

The Mini-School application process opens on Monday, November 10th.

VSB Mini Schools³

Big Brothers Teen Mentoring Program



The Teen Mentoring program provides children in grades 1-7 with a Teen Mentor (from the local High school) who is a positive role model and friend. We create one-to-one Mentor and Mentee Matches, who spend time getting to know one another, while in a group setting supported by a Mentoring Coordinator. The Teen Mentor and Mentee build a bond and friendship by engaging in activities such as board games, sports, or just hanging out. Some objectives of the program are to enhance self-esteem, confidence and connection to the school and community.

Location: Jules Quesnel Elementary School Room 206

When: Tuesdays November 4 – June 9, 2026, 3:00PM- 4:15PM

Grades: 1-7

Cost: Free

³<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

Limited Spaces



Please fill out the online form linked here: Jules Quesnel Out of School Time Programs - Fall2025 – Fill out form⁴

As soon as possible. (Filling out forms does not guarantee a spot)

Please reach out to the office or Travis 604 250 6039 for a hard copy form if needed.

Questions? Contact Community Schools Coordinator, Travis Klimko at: tklimko@vsb.bc.ca⁵

The collection and retention of information requested on this form is authorized and governed by the British Columbia School Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

⁴<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpW5YHIZRh2FHjsJlx9dlsFxUM0lPT1ZPTjg2Qk1BMEISVDI5SFk1RTEwUS4u&origin=QRCode>

⁵<mailto:tklimko@vsb.bc.ca>

Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Program Coming Next Week!



Next week, we're excited to welcome coaches from the **Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club** to our school for a special, week-long introduction to field hockey for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 7.

The program will take place in the school gymnasium, and all equipment will be provided by the Vancouver Hawks. Each class will participate in one or two fun and active lessons led by the coaches.

On Friday, November 7, there will be an afternoon school-wide assembly where the coaches will share their personal journeys in the sport, demonstrate advanced field hockey skills, and invite students to take part in some friendly on-stage challenges.

We're looking forward to an exciting week of learning new skills and staying active with the Vancouver Hawks!

Volleyball for grades 6 and 7

Monsieur Sankey and Mme Emily are sponsoring Senior Girls and Senior Boys Volleyball teams over the next month.

Practices will be on **Wednesday mornings** for both teams, and the first practice session will take place on **Wednesday, November 5th at 8:00 am** in the JQ gym.

Games will be held after school (**3:30 to 4:45 pm**) on **Wednesdays for the Senior Boys Team** and on **Thursdays for the Senior Girls Team**. The game schedule will be communicated to players once finalized.

Permission forms are available in the office, from Monsieur Sankey or Mme Emily.

Tuesday, November 11 - Remembrance Day

The school will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11th** in observance of **Remembrance Day**.

Please note that school **will be in session on Monday, November 10th**; however, the YMCA before- and after-school program will **not** be available on this day. Parents are asked to make alternative childcare arrangements or pick up their children at the regular dismissal time of **2:58 pm**.

A **Remembrance Day assembly** for all JQ students will take place on **Monday, November 10th**.

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 [HERE⁶](#) to watch a short video outlining Communicating Student Learning in the Vancouver School District.

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**

⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2282/assessment-and-reporting>

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/kchoice⁷ and govsb.ca/crossboundary⁸

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5196/kindergarten-choice-programs>

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application>

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 website⁹.

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 Calendar¹⁰ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in October/November



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

Friday, October 31: Halloween Parade

⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹⁰<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Monday, November 3: Grade 6 Immunization Clinic (and some 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 Tuesday, 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!

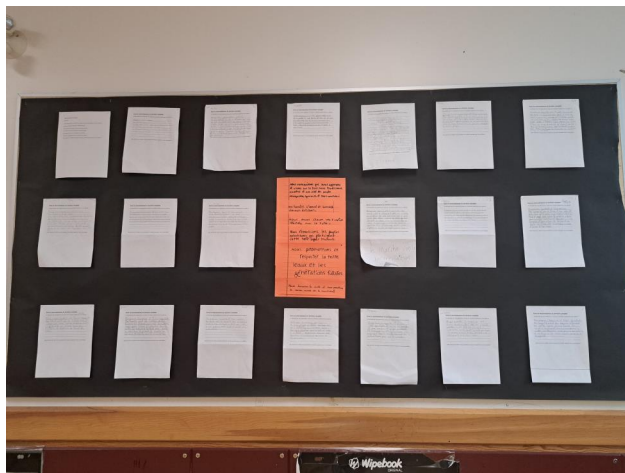


Please ensure your child/ren bring any necessary cutlery for their lunch and snacks. We are gradually phasing out the daily distribution of cutlery due to the high volume of requests. **Also, a reminder to send cutlery on hot lunch days. Thank you.**

Art in the Hallways









JQ PAC Updates



PAC Direct Donation Campaign is coming to a close

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We are two-thirds of the way towards our 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 tomorrow, Friday October 31, 2025 -- please donate now! Families are encouraged to donate \$75-\$100 per student to ensure we meet our goal.

Information can be found at the following link: <https://jqpac.com/donate/>

**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.ca¹¹ privately if you have any questions.*

HOW TO DONATE: Donations can be made through www.schoolcashionline.com¹². 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.com¹³ 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
- April 22

¹¹<mailto:vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca>

¹²<http://www.schoolcashionline.com>

¹³<mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

- May 27 (AGM)

Here is the link for the PAC Meetings webpage: **PAC Meeting Dates** ¹⁴

Minutes from previous meetings are available at the following link: Meeting Minutes – Jules Quesnel PAC¹⁵

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.com¹⁶. 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.com¹⁷

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book¹⁸

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences¹⁹ or unsubscribe²⁰

JQ Parent Advisory Council

¹⁴<https://jqpac.com/events/>

¹⁵<https://jqpac.com/meeting-minutes/>

¹⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁷<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

¹⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

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

²⁰<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.

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 4²¹ or the QR code below.



²¹<https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=q7KL56l4>

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!

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 form²², 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.org²³

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 page²⁴.

²²<https://forms.gle/9GgDSHV8Jtfd5BcU7>

²³<mailto:director@tooscs.org>

²⁴<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

Thank you for reading!

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

²⁵<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>