



## JQ eNews - 2025.11.06

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.

## 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 Schools<sup>3</sup>

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

## 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

Limited Spaces

## Jules Quesnel Out of School Time Programs - Fall 2025



Please fill out the online form linked here: Jules Quesnel Out of School Time Programs - Fall2025 – Fill out form<sup>4</sup>

**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.ca](mailto:tklimko@vsb.bc.ca)**<sup>5</sup>

*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.*

## 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.

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

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

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 [HERE<sup>6</sup>](#) to watch a short video outlining Communicating Student Learning in the Vancouver School District.

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



## 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/kchoice](https://govsb.ca/kchoice)<sup>7</sup> and [govsb.ca/crossboundary](https://govsb.ca/crossboundary)<sup>8</sup>

**Note:** Please email Liz in the Office if your child has a younger sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2026. Siblings have priority and we wish to ensure that all siblings are accounted for at the closing of the Choice program application deadline.

## Save the Date - Winter Concert - Tues. Dec. 16



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

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

We're excited to invite you to our **Winter Concert!**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 16

**Time:** Evening (exact time to be announced - approx. 6 to 8 pm)

**Location:** Lord Byng Auditorium

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of music and holiday cheer!

## 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 website<sup>9</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>10</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note in November



**Friday, November 7:** Active Friday - bike, walk, scooter or bus to school. Winter clothing collection outside Rm 235

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

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

**Monday, November 10:** Winter clothing collection. Mini-School Application process opens (for interested grade 7 families). Closes on Dec. 18th. YMCA closed today

**Tuesday, November 11:** Remembrance Day - school closed

**Wednesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 13:** PAC Winter Clothing Swap

**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

**Wednesday, November 26:** PAC Meeting at 7 pm

**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.**

## JQ PAC Updates



## Active Friday - November 7

# Active First Fridays

@ École Jules Quesnel

Join us in taking active or public forms of transportation to school on the First Friday of every month and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa before school!



**New for November!**



## Active First Friday x Sustainability

Receive an entry into the end of year Active Friday Raffle if you:



**Bring your own mug!**

(with a lid, if possible)



Music and hot chocolate from 8:45 AM  
by the bike racks





This Friday marks our second Active First Friday of the school year! Let us keep the momentum going and roll into November on the right foot (or pedal)! Whether you bike, walk, scooter, or take the bus, it is a great way to reduce congestion, enjoy some fresh air, and bring extra energy to your morning routine.

Join us by the **bike racks on 14th Avenue from 8:45 am onwards** for music 🎵, hot cocoa ☕, and a warm welcome to everyone!

### **New for November 📅 – Active Friday x Sustainability**

We are introducing a new way to make our Active First Fridays more sustainable! Starting this month, students are encouraged to bring their own reusable mug for hot cocoa. To help keep everyone safe, we **strongly encourage mugs with lids** -especially for our younger students.

📅 Each time a student brings a reusable mug, they will **earn an entry towards a raffle prize**.

📅 The raffle will take place later in the school year, and the more Active Fridays they participate in with their mug, the more entries they will have!

If a student forgets or does not have a mug, we will still have cups available, so everyone can enjoy hot cocoa. But we hope to see more reusable mugs in the mix each month as we work together to reduce waste. Our JQ community can take the lead in modelling sustainable and active practices at school, one mug (with a lid!) at a time.

## **JQ Awarded a CoV Grant**

We are thrilled to share that JQ has been awarded a \$1,500 Walk Bike Roll Mini Grant from the City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Program. See link here<sup>11</sup>.

This will allow us to build on our bus programs—walk, bike, or transit — and other travel initiatives, helping more students and families choose active and sustainable ways to get to school. Schools can link their projects to existing events or create new initiatives that promote active travel.

A huge thank-you to **Lori Ferguson** for leading the grant application, and to **Colleen Kellogg, Jonathan Kellogg, Valerie Balaski, Nafisa Fera**, and many others in our community for their support and enthusiasm.

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<sup>11</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=2224f96ce8&e=35de609226>

We always welcome your ideas and volunteers to help build these initiatives together. Please reach out to us!

Winter Clothing Collection & Swap Market - Wed. Nov. 12 and Thurs.  
Nov. 13



The PAC is hosting a **Winter Clothing Swap!**

**Collection Dates:** Friday, November 7 & Monday, November 10

**Free Swap Event:** Wednesday, November 12 & Thursday, November 13 in Room 235 at the top of the main staircase.

Bring in your gently used winter clothing and find new-to-you items for free!

Small donations of **cash or gift cards** are appreciated to support our **Holiday Hampers**.

## 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
- May 27 (AGM)

Here is the link for the PAC Meetings webpage: **PAC Meeting Dates** <sup>12</sup>

Minutes from previous meetings are available at the following link: Meeting Minutes – Jules Quesnel PAC<sup>13</sup>

## Hot Lunch Program

Hello JQ families,

For the 2025-2026 school year, hot lunch will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ordering is open at [munchalunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)<sup>14</sup>. 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.**

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<sup>12</sup><https://jqpac.com/events/>

<sup>13</sup><https://jqpac.com/meeting-minutes/>

<sup>14</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

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.com](mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com)<sup>15</sup>

## Ravens Girls Rugby - Grades 5 to 7



Jules Quesnel and Queen Elizabeth Girls Rugby

Grades 5-7

Thursday Afterschool  
3-430pm @ Camosun

From Nov 6<sup>th</sup> until  
December school break

No cost

Register here:  
<https://forms.gle/pk7PdKH6NTEBq1e6A>

<sup>15</sup><mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>



## **Ravens Girls Rugby - Grade 5 to 7 - Thursdays - 3:00 to 4:30 pm - Free\***

Ravens Rugby is back with a fully funded program for girls in sport.

A donor has covered registration costs for girls in grades 5, 6, and 7 at JQ and QE. Register now<sup>16</sup> and start as early as Nov 6 (this week!). Registrants will get a free jersey!

Coaches will meet interested JQ students and walk to Camosun field to play rugby with QE students. Pick up is at Camosun, and walking back to JQ can be provided upon request.

\*Registration fees are required upon signing up via the SportLomo platform but will be refunded via e-transfer.

## **PAC Newsletter**

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

Add us to your address book<sup>17</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>18</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>19</sup>

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Vancouver, BC V6R4K9

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## **Community Links**

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

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<sup>16</sup>[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6Zb6OoA13g3dEzQRD83zzFmT0zoft05Fzfo2\\_8SDDUQNbIA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6Zb6OoA13g3dEzQRD83zzFmT0zoft05Fzfo2_8SDDUQNbIA/viewform)

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

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

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

## VSB After the Bell LIVE - Learning Updates

Hello VSB families,

You will soon receive a formal learning update from your child's school. These learning updates, previously known as report cards, are sent home three times a year for elementary students and four times a year for secondary students. They provide updates on your child's learning progress in relation to the B.C. curriculum for each grade level.

To support families with clear information about learning updates, we are hosting a special live episode of our podcast, VSB: After the Bell<sup>20</sup>. You'll hear from experienced educators who will discuss what learning updates communicate, how the B.C. proficiency scale is used for assessment and how to support your child's learning. The team will answer common questions about curriculum, assessment and student progress.

### VSB After the Bell: Live

**Topic:** Learning Updates

**Date:** Nov. 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Who:**

- Jiana Chow, After the Bell Host
- Ranjit Bains, Director of Instruction, Secondary
- Shannon Burton, Director of Instruction, Elementary
- Suzie Polzin, District Principal of Learning Instruction

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit your questions by emailing them to [engage@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>21</sup>

A Teams link will be sent a day before the event.

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<sup>20</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/60332/podcast>

<sup>21</sup><mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca>

## Chanter avec Will

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH PRESENTS

# Chanter avec WILL

Join us for an afternoon of French music.  
Family fun for kids of all ages.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2PM**  
**ST JAMES COMMUNITY SQUARE**  
**214 WEST 10TH AVE, VANCOUVER**

 CANADIAN  
PARENTS  
FOR FRENCH  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
& YUKON  
**VANCOUVER CHAPTER**



The Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French is hosting a concert on:

**Sunday, November 9th at 2 pm**

St. James Community Square, 214 West 10th Ave.

## 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 form<sup>22</sup>, 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.org](mailto:director@tooscs.org)<sup>23</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>24</sup>.

**Thank you for reading!**

## Contact Us



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

<sup>23</sup><mailto:director@tooscs.org>

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

studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca<sup>25</sup>

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

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