



JQ eNews - 2025.11.20

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. Student number is not required.

Professional Development Day - Friday, November 21

A reminder that there is no school tomorrow for students as staff will be participating in Professional Development.

Fresh to You Produce Pick-Up - Tuesday, November 25

For families who ordered Fresh to You Produce bundles, the school expects delivery on the morning of Tuesday November 25th. The bundles will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday afternoon between 3:00 and 4:00 pm in Room 200B (first room on your left at the top of the main staircase). Anyone unable to pick on Tuesday, can pick up on Wednesday morning between 8:45 and 9:15 am.

Please note that the bundles are quite heavy, so we recommend that parents pick them up in person if possible.

Heads-up for Art Cards - samples going home on Monday!

We are excited to share that Art Card samples will be sent home with your child on **Monday, November 24th**. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for the sample and ordering information. Please note that it is a tight turnaround, and the deadline to place orders is **Friday, November 28th**.

If you would like to look in advance what products are available, please visit the website:

<https://artcardsbykids.com/product-details>

This year, in addition to cards, puzzles, plaques, ornaments and notebooks, playing card decks have been added. Prices range from approximately \$20 to \$28.

Thank you for your support!

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

Communicating Student Learning Video

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

Click [HERE](#)⁴ to watch a short video outlining Communicating Student Learning in the Vancouver School District.

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

⁴<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/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/kchoice⁵ and govsb.ca/crossboundary⁶

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 - Tuesday, December 16



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

⁶<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 website⁷.

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 Calendar⁸ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in November and December



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

Monday, November 24: Art card samples sent home to families

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Wednesday, November 26: PAC Meeting at 7 pm (online)

Friday, November 28: Deadline for Art cards ordering

Saturday, November 30: Purdy's chocolates -order deadline

Wednesday, December 3: Family Movie Night & Family Portrait Night (first session)

Thursday, December 4: Family Portrait Night (second session)

Friday, December 5: Active First Friday - use active transportation

Tuesday, December 16: Winter Concert (evening)

Monday, December 22 to Friday, January 2: School closed for Winter Break

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



PAC Meeting - Wednesday, November 26

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 soon and also posted on the website.

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** ⁹

Minutes from previous meetings are available at the following link: Meeting Minutes – Jules Quesnel PAC¹⁰

Winter Programs ready for Registration

Winter programs continue to trickle in! Check out the newly added programs below.

Mondays - Lights Up - K to 7 - Jan 5 to Mar 9 - \$ 325

This season showcases How to Train Your Dragon! Don't miss the students' performance... Register NOW!¹¹

⁹<https://jqpac.com/events/>

¹⁰<https://jqpac.com/meeting-minutes/>

¹¹<https://us3.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fflightsuptheatre.ca%2Ffatherschool%2Fjq%2F&xid=ef15209ee5&uid=22957571&iid=455d37e250&pool=cts&v=2&c=1763068444&h=2f140327a05dee6e015b32057e8d4c4ab70cdf0aacecacda6a7594573d2b7edf>

Tuesdays - Petit Architect^{12 13} - Gr 2 to 7 - Jan 19 to Mar 10 - \$264

The popular program is back, creating 2D and 3D worlds of famous architects and design concepts. All projects are NEW for the Winter term. Registration is OPEN!¹⁴

Wednesdays - Wonderworks Stop Motion Animation¹⁵. More information coming soon.

Thursdays - Professor Puffin - Gr 1 to 4 - Jan 22 to Mar 12 - \$188

Registration is OPEN¹⁶ for Professor Puffin's Challenge Club. Through a dynamic mix of interactive games, friendly challenges, and team-based activities, children come together to play, laugh, and learn in a supportive environment.

Some of our activities include:

- Quick Quiz: Explore new knowledge and curious facts
- Picture Puzzler: Sharpen observation skills
- Detective Bingo: Practice logical and deductive thinking
- Buddy Builder: Learn more about friends
- Doodle Doop: Draw and develop fine-motor skills

Fridays - Pedalheads soccer - K to 7 - Jan 9 to Mar 13 - \$180

Kick Ziggy the mascot ball around the gym for this non-competitive, skill-building soccer program. Registration is OPEN!¹⁷

Please contact Vital if your family requires a subsidy to join any of the extracurricular programs.

¹²<https://petitarchitect.com/>

¹³<https://petitarchitect.com/>

¹⁴<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids?e4q=3b4913e5-ab67-405a-b97d-71b68b9d72d6&e4p=1f092899-9893-46ff-994b-3e9d5498ba1d&e4ts=1763613337&e4c=active&e4e=snlvcmpscui00001load&e4rt=Safetynet&e4h=85b4707a8449f3a21a16f743b3aa63b7#/selectSessions/3722045/filter/session=69042240>

¹⁵<https://www.wonderworksca.com/stop-motion-studio>

¹⁶<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?e4q=ad9e3148-1c4a-455f-870b-7fef297b861a&e4p=b3092b59-919e-45ab-b967-fb9b87927f9a&e4ts=1763666761&e4c=active&e4e=snlvcmpscui00001load&e4rt=Safetynet&e4h=febbb9832cc0d2c2251bf5d43a07b77#/selectSessions/3733544/filter/session=69023945>

¹⁷https://us3.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpedalheads.com%2Fen%2Fcamp%3Fregion%3D1%26cities%3D1007%2C1013%2C2%2C3166%2C1003%2C3%26programs%3D1012%2C1011%2C1014%2C1012%26ph_search%3Dtrue%23camp-list&id=ef15209ee5&uid=22957571&iid=455d37e250&pool=cts&v=2&c=1763068444&h=fa5060229242a958fcf4996b218b81b6e00d48d3b36d653bb23eece2760ba7b4

Ravens Girls Rugby - Grades 5 to 7



Jules Quesnel and Queen Elizabeth Girls Rugby

Grades 5-7

Thursday Afterschool
3-430pm @ Camosun

From Nov 6th until
December school break

No cost

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

Ravens *Girls* Rugby - Grade 5 to 7 - Thursdays - 3:00 to 4:30 pm at Camosun Field - *Free**

A donor has covered registration costs for girls. Register now¹⁸

¹⁸https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6Zb6OoA13g3dEzQRD83zzFmT0zofT05Fzfo2_8SDDUQNblA/viewform

Direct Donation thanks - and not too late!



We are pleased to share that our **Direct Donation Campaign** has reached nearly **\$10,815...** 72% towards our \$15,000 goal, which is now well within our reach. A huge thank you to all families who have already contributed... and it's not too late to donate if you haven't; we will keep the campaign going until **December 31st**. Donations instructions online here¹⁹.

Purdy's chocolates for a cause



¹⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=daf62b84f7&e=35de609226>

If you are looking for one-stop holiday shopping, no need to look further. Purdy's chocolates are here to rescue you, all while raising funds for JQ's senior class capstone experience. Click here²⁰ for deliciously happy shopping.

NOTE: you do not need to attend JQ to participate, please share the campaign with your personal network. If someone places an order online, please ask them to include your child's full name in the notes section, to facilitate deliveries.

Key Dates: Order Deadline: November 30 | Delivery Date: December 5

What You Need: Campaign Number: 82568 | Campaign Link: click here²¹

Family Portrait Night - Wednesday, December 3 & Thursday, December 4, 5 - 8 pm

It's a JQ family night double-header! HT Photography will be back at JQ (room 235) **Dec 3 and 4, 5-8 pm**, for a holiday portrait family fundraiser. HT will be donating a portion of the \$20 sitting fees back to JQ PAC. A limited number of 10 minute photography sitting sessions are available (grey background and fun holiday props provided) please book now at this link²². 📷📷 NOTE: a link for Dec 4th session will be sent in the coming week.

Holiday Movie Night - Wednesday, December 3, 5 -7pm



²⁰<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4f037cc00f&e=35de609226>

²¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=0265ef9045&e=35de609226>

²²<https://www.htphotog.com/booking-calendar/december-3rd-2025-jules-quesnel-elementary-holiday-family-portrait-fundraisers/>

We're pleased to invite all JQ families to attend a holiday movie night which will be held in the gym from 5-7pm on Wed Dec 3. Admission will be by donation (min \$5) to raise funds for our sister school holiday hampers. Tickets are available for purchase via School Cash online. Small donations of packaged tea, coffee, or other little treats are welcome to make the holiday hampers extra special. Movie selection is still TBC but will be JQ student age-appropriate. Please bring your own chair, pillows, blankets, and stuffies for an extra cozy evening. Popcorn and treats will be for sale onsite (cash only). Thanks to Mme Lauren for sponsoring this JQ event.

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 here²³.

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.

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

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.com²⁴. 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.

²³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=2224f96ce8&e=35de609226>

²⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch coordinators (Kate & Helene) at jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com²⁵

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book²⁶

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences²⁷ or unsubscribe²⁸

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School Community Links

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 page²⁹.

²⁵<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

²⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

²⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

²⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

²⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

Thank you for reading!

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