



## JQ eNews - 2025.12.04

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.

## *Be in the know – winter is coming!*



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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.**

## **A Friendly Reminder About Timeliness**

Please help us support smooth routines by ensuring students arrive on time each morning and are picked up promptly at the end of the day. A consistent schedule helps students feel settled and ready for a day of learning. Timely pick-ups at the end of the day help our staff keep students safe and allow everyone to transition smoothly from school to home.

Thank you for your cooperation and care!

## **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>

## Communicating Student Learning Video

The first term written learning update will be made available to families Tuesday December 16, 2025.

Click [HERE](#)<sup>4</sup> 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



A reminder to families with incoming Kindergarten students in September 2026, to complete an online application for your English catchment elementary school prior to January 31st. Once you receive an appointment at the school, please submit copies of the required documents: Proof of residence in Vancouver, Child's birth certificate, Immunization records, Immigration documentation (if applicable) and Court orders/documents (if applicable).

The **second step** is to apply online for **Early French Immersion** or other **District Choice Programs** between **January 6 and February 3, 2026**. This applies to all students, including incoming siblings. We will forward the link after the Winter Break.

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

<sup>4</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2282/assessment-and-reporting>

Finally, please **notify the school** if your child has a younger sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2026 by emailing **etoone@vsb.bc.ca**. Siblings receive priority, and we want to ensure all siblings are accounted for by the Choice Program application deadline.

**Please see information below for an upcoming online Kindergarten registration session taking place on Tuesday, December 9th.**

We look forward to welcoming your child to our school community in September 2026!

## Online Kindergarten registration session - Tuesday, December 9

## Welcome families of incoming kindergarten students!

We are excited to have your family join our school district. To help you get ready, we're hosting an **online information session about kindergarten registration**.

**Date:** Tuesday, December 9

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** Online via Teams

## K Registration Info Session<sup>5</sup>

**During this session, we'll review:**

- How to register for kindergarten
- When families will hear about school placement
- How to apply for choice programs
- How to apply cross-boundary to another school

At the end of the session, you can use the chat function in Teams to type your questions. Our team will answer them live.

If you can't attend, we will post a recording on the VSB website on the kindergarten registration page.

We look forward to seeing you online!

<sup>5</sup>[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NDI5MjVjMzEtODJhMy00ZWZhLTgwOTktZjBkMGU0ZWJlOTVi%40thread.v2/0?context={\"Tid\": \"%3a\\\"0b8a2e58-7b30-4a08-bab7-d75559e0e3a5\\\"%2c\\\"Oid\\\"%3a\\\"daa379af-ee6e-4cfc-aeb3-8c7cc72b29ed\\\"}](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDI5MjVjMzEtODJhMy00ZWZhLTgwOTktZjBkMGU0ZWJlOTVi%40thread.v2/0?context={\)

## Save the Date - Winter Concert - Tuesday, December 16



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>6</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>7</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note in December



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

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

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

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

**Tuesday, December 9:** VSB Online Kindergarten registration session between 6 and 7 pm.

**Tuesday, December 16:** Winter Concert (evening)

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

## Lost & Found



Please check out the Lost & Found before the end of term, when items will be donated to a charitable cause.

The Lost & Found rack is located on the main floor of the school, at the north end of the corridor by the gym entrance.

**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



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
- PAC fundraisers
- Hot lunch program

## Extra-curricular program - end dates

As we approach the end of the term, a reminder of the last class for extra-curricular programs:

**Petit Architect: Tuesday, December 9**

**Young Rembrandts: Wednesday, December 10**

**Ravens Rugby: Thursday, December 18**

**Pedalheads Soccer: Friday, December 12**

## 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>

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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>

## School Community Links

### VSB Voices - Call for volunteers!



Parents and caregivers, are you interested in sharing your voice and shaping important decisions for our schools? We are looking for volunteer participants to join VSB Voices, a trusted group of students' families and caregivers who provide feedback about different topics through surveys, focus groups and panels. Your voice matters and it is vital in shaping important decisions for our schools. To join VSB Voices for the 2025/2026 school year, please take five minutes to complete the following questionnaire<sup>11</sup> by December 15, 2025.

More information on VSB Voices can be found here<sup>12</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>13</sup>.

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<sup>11</sup><https://ca.research.net/r/NJZKPST>

<sup>12</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/76454>

**Thank you for reading!**

## **Contact Us**



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

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<sup>13</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

<sup>14</sup><mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>