

JQ eNews - 2025.12.11

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.

Written Learning Update 1 will be available to families December 16

Written Learning Update 1 will be made available to families Tuesday December 16, 2025.

Please check your email for a family invite to create an account in SpacesEDU so you'll be able to receive, download and print your child's digital learning update.

- The **digital version** of the report card will be visible shortly after the end of the school day on the 16th.
- An email with a downloadable PDF link will follow later that day.

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).

VSB Mini Schools³

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

Winter Concert - Tuesday, December 16 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm



The concert will take place in Byng's auditorium. Students will have the opportunity to see each other perform during a dress rehearsal on the afternoon of December 16 during school hours.

Student Supervision:

- School staff have kindly agreed to make themselves available from 5:30 pm until the end of the concert to supervise students. **Please email your child's teacher if your child will NOT be participating.**
- **Band students (Divisions 1, 2 and 3):** Please arrive at the JQ music room **by 5:30 pm** to unpack instruments before going to the Byng auditorium.
- **All other students:** Please arrive between **5:30 and 5:45 pm** and go to your classroom. Students will wait with school staff in their classrooms until it's their turn to perform. After performing, students will return to their classrooms to wait until the end of the concert.
- **Choir students:** The choir performs after the band so arrival is between **5:30 and 5:45 pm**. Please go to your classroom upon arrival. **Choir students will meet in the Music Room at 6:15 pm.** After performing, they will return to their classroom.

Concert Start and Audience:

- Byng auditorium will open for seating at 5:30 pm so the concert can begin promptly at 6:00 pm.
- Entry for spectators is through the **main auditorium entrance off Crown Street.**
- Due to limited seating capacity in Byng auditorium, audience is limited to immediate family only, 2 spectators per student.
- **Spectators are asked to stay for the entire performance, please.**

Student Dismissal:

- Students will remain with their teachers in their classrooms before and can be picked up after the concert. Families, please exit Byng auditorium and pick up your children.

What to wear:

- As a general and optional guideline, students may wear white tops and black bottoms. Maternelles (Kindergarten students) will be wearing blue and white. This is entirely optional, and all students are welcome to wear whatever they feel most comfortable in.

Thank you to Mme Young for organizing!

Thank you JQ Community!



A heartfelt thank you to the families who generously donated funds to provide gifts for families in need at other schools, helping to spread some holiday cheer. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Today, five beautifully prepared gift bags, each including a generous grocery store gift card, were delivered to another school in the Vancouver School District. Special thanks to parent Sarah for assembling the bags and organizing Movie Night, and to teacher Mme. Lauren for her support.

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!

Kindergarten siblings in September 2026



Please let us know if your child has a younger sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2026. The VSB requires this information next week.

Thank you to families who have already let us know. If you have not yet done so, please send an email to etoone@vsb.bc.ca⁴ **by noon on Tuesday, December 16th**, to inform the school that your child will have a younger sibling starting Kindergarten in September 2026. Thank you for your assistance.

A reminder that the deadline to enroll your child at their English catchment school is January 31st. 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.

⁴<mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca>

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 website⁵.

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 Calendar⁶ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in December



Tuesday, December 16: Winter Concert (evening 6 - 8 pm in Lord Byng Auditorium)

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

⁵<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Monday, January 5: School Reopens after the Winter Break

Lost & Found



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

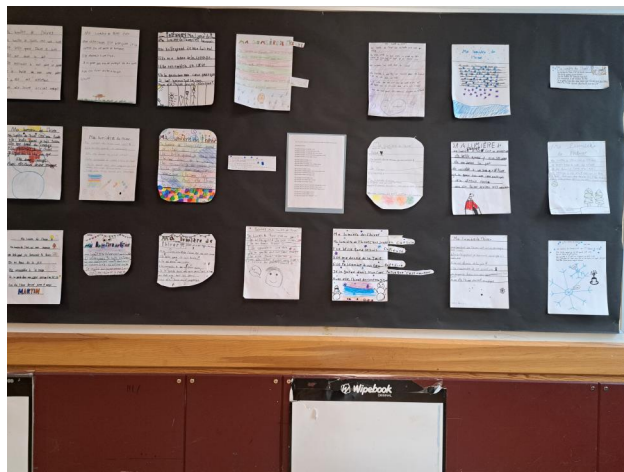
The Lost & Found rack is located on the main floor of the school, at the north end of the corridor by the gym entrance.

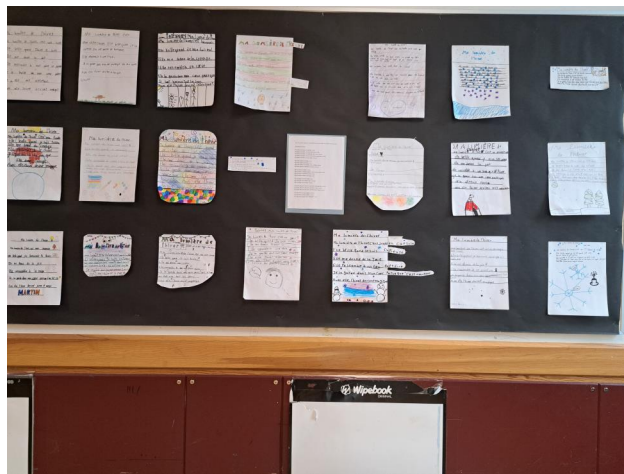
Please remember to pack cutlery!

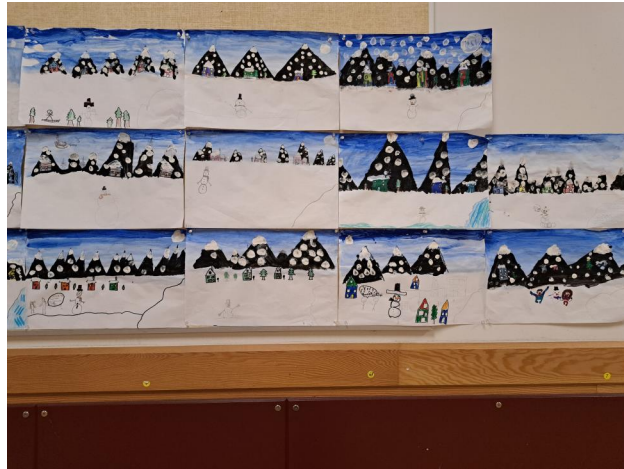


Please ensure your child/ren bring any necessary cutlery for their lunch and snacks. We are gradually phasing out the daily distribution of cutlery due to the high volume of requests. **Also,** a reminder to send cutlery on hot lunch days. Thank you.

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:

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 book⁷

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences⁸ or unsubscribe⁹

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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School Community Links

VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C. schools. The VSB EA Program, operating through Burnaby Community and Continuing Education is a reputable 6-month program designed to prepare you for the role and provide you with the needed diploma.

Our next program opens for applications on January 12, 2026, for classes that begin March 30, 2026.

To register for a free online **Information Session, from 7-8:30 PM**, go to www.burnabyccce.ca¹⁰. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions. We use the ZOOM platform to deliver the session. Sign up for one of the following dates and bring your questions.

- Wednesday, December 17, 2025
- Tuesday, January 26, 2026

⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

¹⁰<http://www.burnabyccce.ca/>

- Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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 questionnaire¹¹ by December 15, 2025.

More information on VSB Voices can be found here¹².

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 page¹³.

¹¹<https://ca.research.net/r/NJZKPST>

¹²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/76454>

Thank you for reading!

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

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

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