

JQ eNews - 2025.12.18

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.



Wishing all of our families a joyful and restful holiday season. May this festive season bring you peace, happiness, and time to connect with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming students back in the new year!

SpacesEDU reporting update

As elementary reporting is shifting to SpacesEdu, with 36 schools onboarded this fall, families did not receive hard copies of learning updates on December 16.

While staff have done an excellent job supporting this transition, we recognize that some families are still experiencing trouble downloading the PDF learning update. We are aware that has caused unintended stress for Grade 7 students who are applying to mini schools, as they need to submit this update as part of the school application process.

To ease this process and provide more time for families to familiarize themselves with the platform, we are pleased to share that

- **The deadline for submitting learning updates for mini school applications will be January 9, 2025 @ 3 pm.**

- Secondary Schools have been asked to update their school website to reflect the new timeline.

Please note the District Registry deadline remains unchanged; December 18, 3 pm.

Thank you for supporting this necessary shift moving forward.

Thank you PAC!



Huge thanks to the Parent Advisory Committee (especially the organizers, parents Lisa and Colleen) for the sweet treats and coffee provided for staff today. It was the perfect pick-me-up at the end of this term and just what was needed to keep us going for one more day!

Friday sing-a-long

Some classes will be participating in a sing-along of French holiday songs in the gym after recess tomorrow.

Students are invited to dress in cozy clothes or pyjamas and are welcome to bring a small blanket.

Vive le vent,
Vive le vent d'hiver
Qui s'en va sifflant,
Dans les grands
sapins verts...

VIVE LE VENT

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VIVE LE VENDREDI!!!:)



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.

Proposed School Calendars for 2026–2029



The Vancouver School Board invites families, students and community members to review the proposed three-year school calendars for 2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029. Here is the link: district website³

Families are invited to share their comments about the proposed calendars to engage@vsb.bc.ca⁴.

³<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/85837/proposed-school-calendars-20262029>

⁴<mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca>

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

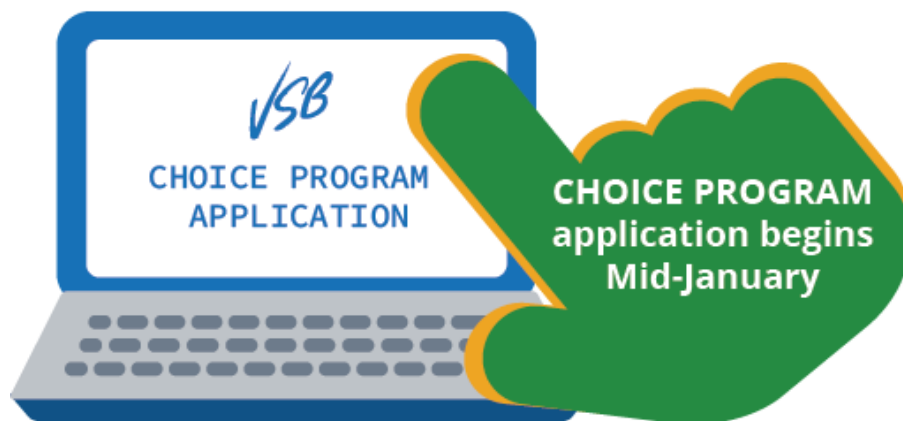
X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca



Information will also be shared on external facing platforms including the District's website and social media.

District Choice Elementary Program Info. Sessions in January 2026



VSBC is proud to offer a wide range of educational options for different types of learners. Our elementary district choice programs include French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Indigenous Focus, Montessori, and Fine Arts. For further details about each program, please visit the VSBC elementary programs webpage⁵. If you'd like to learn more about how these district choice programs are delivered and how they differ from the regular stream, tune in to episode 13 of the VSBC: After the Bellow podcast⁶.

Families seeking an overview of the district choice programs and information about the online info sessions are encouraged to visit the VSB district choice programs webpage⁷.

District Choice Info Session Dates and Meeting Links:

- Tuesday January 6, 2026 @ 6pm – Mandarin and Early Mandarin Bilingual⁸
- Wednesday January 7, 2026 @ 6pm – Fine Arts⁹

⁵<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/26694/elementary-programs>

<https://creators.spotify.com/pod/profile/vsbafterthebell/episodes/Ep--13---After-the-Bell-Breaking-down-district-elementary-choice-programs-and-kindergarten-registration-e2clana/a-aama5he>

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5318/information-sessions>

⁸[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGY0YmQyMGMTYmYyYS00YWlxLTllYWYtOGUxMTdjN2U5ZmZl%40thread.v2/0?context={\"Tid\":\"%3a\"0b8a2e58-7b30-4a08-bab7-d75559e0e3a5\"}%2c\"Oid\"%3a\"daa379af-ee6e-4cfc-aeb3-8c72b29ed\"}](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGY0YmQyMGMTYmYyYS00YWlxLTllYWYtOGUxMTdjN2U5ZmZl%40thread.v2/0?context={\)

- ## Kindergarten siblings in September 2026



¹⁴[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTC0YTgzODctNDI3ZS00OTJlLTk0NzltNWl2ODNhMjhjhYmNh%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_NTC0YTgzODctNDI3ZS00OTJlLTk0NzltNWl2ODNhMjhjhYmNh%40thread.v2/0?context={\)

Please let us know if your child has a younger sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2026 by sending an email to etoone@vsb.bc.ca¹⁵ as soon as possible as the VSB requires this information.

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.

Staffing Update

We say goodbye to Michael, who has been a Supervision Aide at JQ since May. The students will surely miss him! In January, we look forward to welcoming Tomomi, who has accepted the position.

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2025-2026 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website¹⁶.

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 Calendar¹⁷ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

¹⁵<mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca>

¹⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Dates to Note in January



Monday, January 5: School reopens after the Winter Break

Monday, January 12: Professional Development Day

Lost & Found - please check for your child's missing items



Please check out the Lost & Found before the end of the day tomorrow, Friday, December 12. Remaining 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.

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

Family Photo Night

The photos from Family Photo Night have arrived and will be sent home with your child either today or tomorrow. Please be sure to check your child's backpack.

Thank you once again for your support of this fundraiser!

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

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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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.ca²¹. 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
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026

²¹<http://www.burnabyccce.ca/>

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 questionnaire²² by December 15, 2025.

More information on VSB Voices can be found here²³.

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://ca.research.net/r/NJZKPST>

²³<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/76454>

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

Thank you for reading!

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