



JQ eNews - 2025.08.26

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.

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!



Dear Families,

We are excited to welcome back our returning students and extend a special welcome to those joining us for the first time! As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer.

Below is some important information to help you prepare for the **first week of school**:

¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/hastings>

First Week of School



First Day of School: On Tuesday September 2nd, all students in grades 1 - 7 will attend for one hour from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Please line-up in the same spot as last year.

New students to the school and any student who does not recall last year's meeting spot, please wait at the bottom of the main staircase and a staff member will assist you. Most students will be spending the first few days with last year's teacher.

New kindergarten students will not attend school on this day and will follow a gradual entry schedule which begins on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Wednesday, September 3rd: Will be the first regular school day, from 9:00 am to 2:58 pm for students in grades 1 - 7. Students will once again meet at the same spot as Tuesday (and last year).

Please have your child bring a mid-morning snack for recess and a packed lunch and note that we are an allergy-aware school.

Please note that on Wednesday, students in last year's Kindergarten classes - Div 14 (Mme Campbell) and Div 13 (Mme Dana), current grade 1s, will be greeted by Mme Brigitte (Teacher-Librarian) and Mme Erica (Resource Teacher) and will go to the Library and Room 206.

New Kindergarten students should meet Mme Dana and Mme Campbell on the basketball court as per the schedule emailed in early July. Group A will meet at 9:10 am and be dismissed at 10:10 am from the same location. Group B will meet at 10:20 am and be dismissed at 11:20 am.

2025-2026 Classes: As soon as we receive authorization from the District, students will be assigned to their new class for the school year. There will be a number of combination classes and we would like to assure everyone that all of our students will be learning and engaged at their grade level and that there are many benefits to combination classes.

Confirming Attendance and Placement: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance by noon on **Friday, September 5th**, your child's space may be given to another student on the waitlist. Thank you to those parents who have already notified the school of a later return date.

Allergy-Aware: The Vancouver School District and École Jules Quesnel are committed to providing as safe a learning and teaching environment as is practicable for anaphylactic students. In addition to the precautions taken by school staff and the families of allergic children, all JQ families are asked to be 'allergy-aware' and to consider the following strategies to minimize the risk of exposure for allergic children.

- Try to avoid sending your child to school with allergenic foods.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially before and after eating.
- Discourage sharing of food at school.

All VSB schools are also 'air aware', meaning students, staff and visitors are encouraged to use fragrance free and unscented shampoos, hairsprays, deodorants, lotions, and other products, and avoiding application of perfume and cologne.

School Supplies: These are not required for the first two weeks. If supplies are needed, the classroom teacher will provide a list of items in due course.

School Bell Schedule 2025-2026



Please note that the school bells for start, recess and dismissal times are as follows:

08:55 First Bell: Students to line-up to be greeted by classroom teacher

09:00 – 10:30 Class Time

10:30 – 10:50 Recess Time

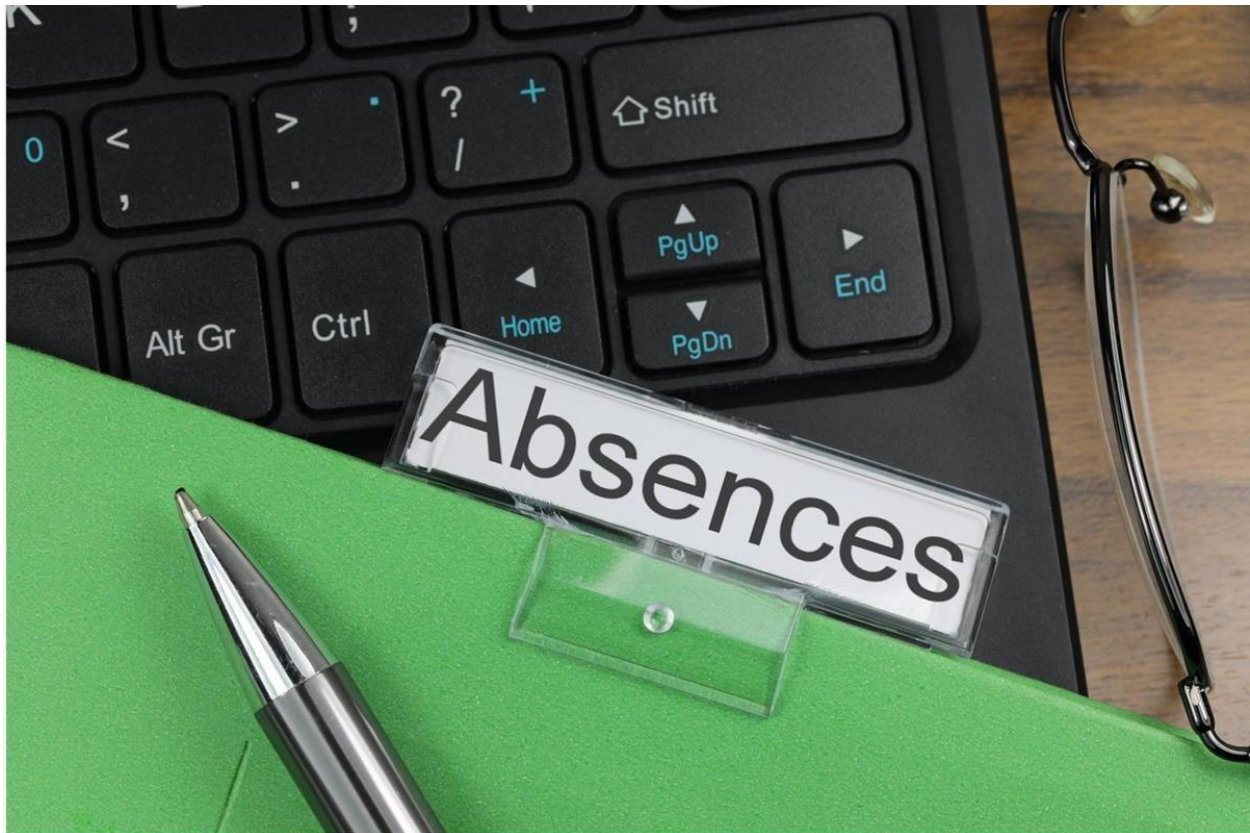
10:50 – 12:10 Class Time

12:10 – 12:55 Lunch

12:55 – 2:55 Class Time

2:58 Last Bell: Dismissal - students to line-up for pick-up by parent, guardian or adult caregiver

Safe Arrival Line and Reporting Student Absences



To report your child's absence, please call **604-713-5159, Ext. 39**, or email **jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca**³ 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.

Please ask your child to check in with the Office if arriving late, this way we know your child is on site. Thank you.

Please remember if your child is late or absent or leaving school early to inform before or after school care and outside of school time programs.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Staffing Updates



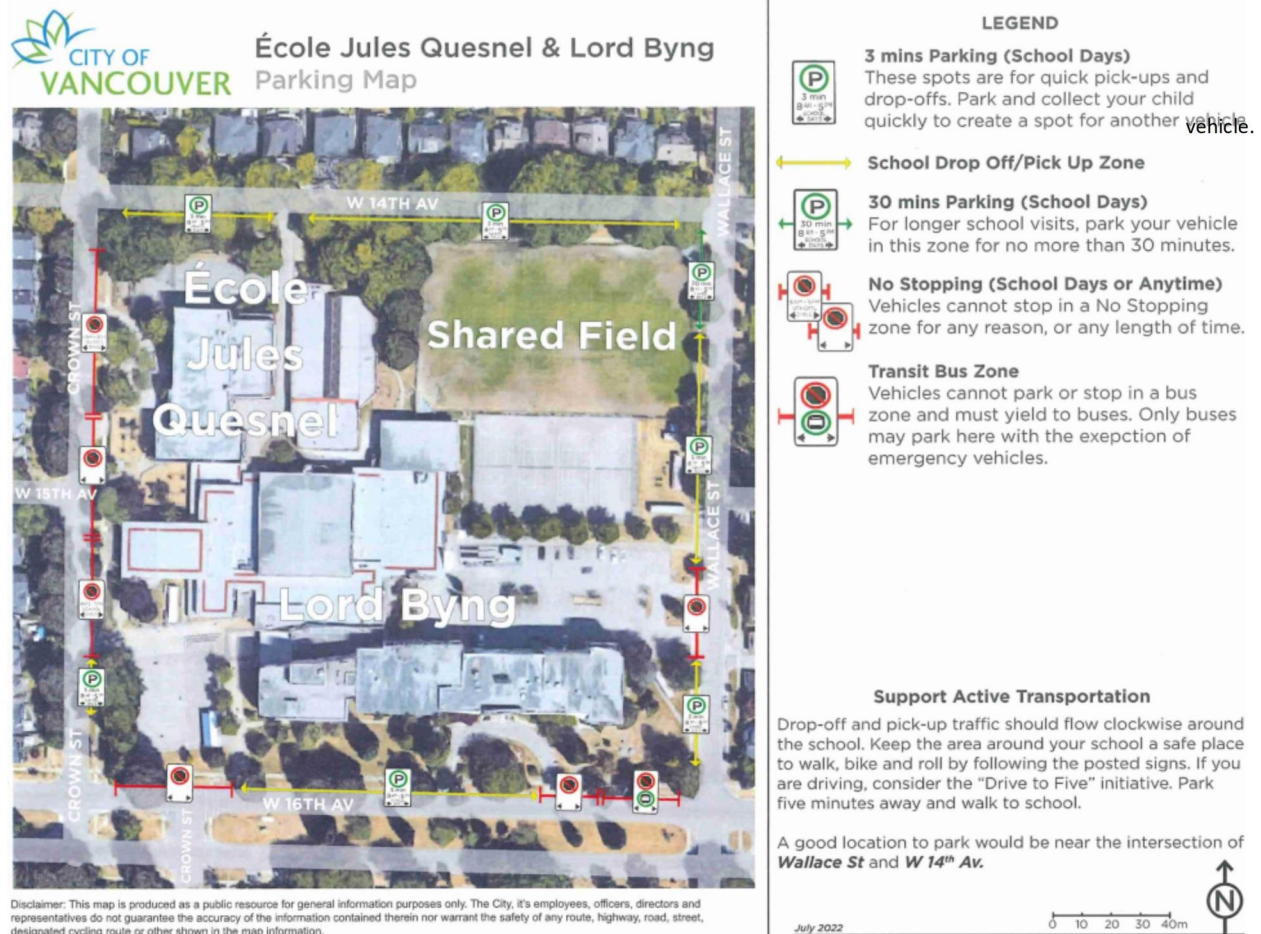
We're happy to welcome back **Mme Camille**, who has returned from leave and will be teaching an intermediate class this year. It's wonderful to have her back with us!

We're also delighted to announce that **Mme Lauren**, who previously taught Kindergarten at Jules Quesnel, is rejoining our school community. She will also be teaching an intermediate class, and we know students and families will be thrilled to reconnect with her.

At the same time, we say farewell to **Monsieur Vaillancourt**, who will not be returning to JQ this year. We thank him for his contributions to our school and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

We also say goodbye to **Mme Dora**, who supported our office on Tuesdays. We're grateful for her time with us and wish her every success in her new role at Laurier.

Traffic flow and safety



Students, families and staff are encouraged to consider active modes of transportation for getting to and from school. There is only limited parking around JQ. If you are driving, consider the "Drive to Five" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school.

Please refer to the image for information regarding parking and traffic flow around JQ. Traffic should flow clockwise around the school.


Please also note that there has been a change to traffic flow at West 16th Avenue and Wallace. Vehicles will no longer be allowed to make a left turn onto West 16th Avenue.

Kindergarten Information Meeting - Wednesday, September 3rd at 6 pm



An information meeting for families of new Kindergarten students will be held on:


 **Wednesday, September 3rd**

 **6:00 PM**

 **Kindergarten Classrooms – Rooms 139 and 101A (Ground Floor)**

We kindly ask that at least **one parent attend** this important meeting.

Please **enter the school through the doors off the parking lot on West 14th Avenue**. Class lists will be posted at the entrance—parents should go directly to the classroom assigned to their child.

 **Please Note:** Paid parking is in effect in the school parking lot. You may wish to consider parking on a nearby street instead.



Parents/Guardians are required to complete the following forms during the first few weeks of the school year online at the following link: My Forms at VSB⁴ (<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>)

1. **Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)**
2. **Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians)**
3. **Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent**
4. **External Media Consent Form**
5. **KF-12 Student AUP (Acceptable Use of Technology)**
6. **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent**
7. **VSB Media Consent**
8. **Yearbook Media Consent**

⁴<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>

The PEN (Personal Education No.) and your child's date of birth are required. A student's PEN can be retrieved at the following: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx>

If possible, with the exception of new Kindergarten students, we would ask that parents sign the Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent (no. 6 on the list) as soon as possible. Next week, teachers may wish to take their students offsite for a walk in the neighbourhood or to Pacific Spirit Park. Your consent would allow for this type of outing. Thank you.

For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click [HERE](#)⁵.

In addition, once classes are established, a paper copy of the following forms will be sent home:

1. **Personal Information Verification Form** (*Will be distributed to students - individualized*) – *Required*
2. **Emergency Reunification Form** – *Required*
3. **Medical Information Sheet** (*Copy will be sent to students with known medical conditions.*) *Please ask the office for the form if your child has a medical condition and the school has not yet been informed.*

Respectful Workplace



⁵<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/67413/myforms>

The Vancouver School Board is committed to fostering safe schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation and social responsibility. There is zero-tolerance for violence, harassment, or disrespectful behaviour in the school community. We strive to make our schools and sites welcoming places for everyone in our community.

As we begin a new school year, we ask that you pause and remember VSB staff are valued community members. Be considerate, and ask, will my actions or words hurt someone?

It is our shared responsibility to ensure interactions are conducted safely and respectfully. Students learn here, and together we can be models for those that are watching.

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan



The Vancouver School Board has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,

- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit Family Accident Reimbursement Plan

District Programs (Mini Schools) Sept 2026



District Programs Information for Grade 7 students

Grade 7 students and families,

For those beginning to wonder about options for their Grade 8 year, click on the link below for information regarding 2025 District Programs (Mini Schools).

Mini-school-programs brochure⁶

⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

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 September:

Thursday, September 18th: Individual Photo Day (there will be a retake on October 22nd for students absent on Sept. 18).

Thursday, September 18th: Meet the Teacher Night / PAC Welcome Back BBQ - details to be provided in due course.

Friday, September 19th: Professional Development Day - no school for students.

Friday, September 26th: Terry Fox Run - tentative (weather dependent).

Tuesday, September 30th: *National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - school closed.*

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

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

JQ PAC Updates



PAC will be hosting a back-to-school coffee for all in the “forest area by the pool” on **Tuesday, September 2nd**, between 9:00 and 10:00 am, please join them if you have time.

For all new Kindergarten families, PAC will be hosting a back-to-school coffee in the “forest area by the pool” on Friday, September 5th, between 9:00 and 10:00 am, please join them if you have time.

REGISTER FOR EXTRACURRICULARS AT JQ

JQ PAC has organized the following after-school, onsite activities. There's no need to pick up students until after the program ends, so you can extend your workday, do a workout, or grab that afternoon coffee!

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 29th

Mondays - LightsUp Musical Theatre⁹ - Grades K to 7 - Sep 22 to Nov 24 - 3 pm to 5:15 pm - \$365

Students will sing, dance, and act in this fall's production of **Beauty and the Beast**. Register early^{10 11} as this program fills up fast!

Tuesdays - Petit Architect¹² - Grades 1 to 5 - Sep 23 to Dec 16 - 3 pm to 4:30 pm - \$385

⁹<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

¹⁰<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

¹¹<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

¹²<https://petitarchitect.com/>

Every week, young architects will explore the incredible worlds of famous architects and design concepts, growing their creativity through the creation of 2D drawings and 3D models. Register here¹³

Wednesdays - Young Rembrandts^{14 15} - Grades 1 to 6 - Sep 24 to Dec 10 - 3 pm to 4:10 pm - \$282

Students can decompress in these calm drawing lessons immediately after dismissal. Sharpen artistic skills with new projects weekly. Register here¹⁶.

Thursdays - more information to come...

Fridays - Pedalheads Soccer¹⁷ - Grades K to 7 - Sep 12 to Dec 12 - 3 to 4 pm - \$215

Pedalheads Soccer is a foundational soccer skills program. Through energetic storytelling and interactive games, they teach essential skills while ensuring maximum ball time and fast, effective learning, in the shelter of the gym!

Please send any questions to jgextracurricular@gmail.com¹⁸ (Talía, parent coordinator) or the program company directly.

Thanks,

Talía

JQ Extracurricular Activities Coordinator + parent

Please contact jgextracurricular@gmail.com¹⁹ with any questions related to the above programs.

¹³<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3673833>

¹⁴<https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

¹⁵<https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

¹⁶<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YoungRembrandtsMetroVancouver#/selectSessions/3687135/filter/session=68021940>

¹⁷<https://pedalheads.com/en/soccer>

¹⁸<mailto:jgextracurricular@gmail.com>

Thank you for reading!

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