

## JQ eNews - 2025.09.18

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.

# Pedestrian Improvements - Wallace & W 16th Ave



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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September 5, 2025

Dear Resident,

**RE: Pedestrian Improvements at the Intersection of Wallace St & W 16<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Lord Byng Secondary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School**

The City of Vancouver is planning pedestrian and cycling improvements at the intersection of Wallace St & W 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. These improvements will support pedestrian access to Lord Byng Secondary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School.

The intersection of Wallace St & W 16<sup>th</sup> Ave will be upgraded with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), drop ramps, median improvements, and curb bulges with protected bike lanes (see image on page 2). These additions will reduce vehicle speeds, provide shorter crossing distances, and increase the visibility and comfort of pedestrians and cyclists. These changes are expected to be implemented in Fall 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please call 3-1-1 or email us at [SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca](mailto:SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca)

Sincerely,

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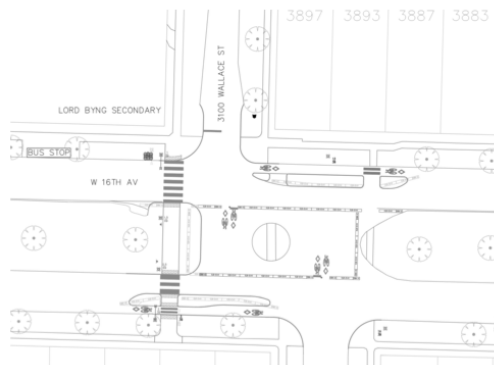


Figure 1: Location of pedestrian and cycling improvements at Wallace St & W 16<sup>th</sup> Ave

## Meet the Teacher and PAC Welcome Back - Pizza Social - TODAY - Thursday, September 18

A reminder that this event is taking place this evening, Thursday, September 18th, and details have been shared via classroom teachers and through PAC.

## Professional Development Day - Friday, September 19

A reminder that there is no school for students tomorrow, **Friday, September 19th**. Staff will be participating in a Professional Development workshop on-site.

## School Playground Guidelines

[QuintDaily.com](http://QuintDaily.com)



We kindly ask that parents drop off their child(ren) at the school gates in the morning and allow them to walk independently to their classroom line-up. Teachers are outside ready to greet and welcome the class. At the end of the day, we request that parents wait outside the gates or along the fence to greet their child(ren).

This practice not only fosters the development of independence in our students but also helps staff maintain clear lines of sight while supervising the school grounds.



We would also like to remind families that **dogs are not permitted on school grounds before 5:00 PM**, even if on a leash. Additionally, we have designated areas for bicycles to be securely locked.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Respectful Workplace

The Vancouver School District is committed to providing a respectful work and learning environment in which all individuals who work for the District, are treated with respect and in a manner which is free from discriminatory harassment, bullying and harassment, and retaliation.



## Jules Quesnel Cross-Country Running Program

Thank you to everyone who came out to run and volunteer on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Thank you to volunteer parent, Dave Moloney, for running the program and to teacher Monsieur Sankey for his support.

If your child is participating in this year's Cross-Country program, please ensure that you have signed a Permission Form and returned it to school, or give it to Monsieur Sankey at one of the practices.

Practices are taking place on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00–8:45 am** at **Camosun Park** (next to Queen Elizabeth Elementary, at West 16th & Camosun).

After practice, students are accompanied back to school by adults.

The first **Mini-Meet** will be held next week for the younger grades and parents should accompany grades K to 3 to the Meet.

**Mini-Meets at Camosun Park (3:15–4:45 pm):**

- **Tuesday, Sept. 23:** Kindergarten – Grade 3
- **Monday, Sept. 29:** Grades 4 – 7
- **Thursday, Oct. 9:** All Grades



**District Final Meet:**

- **Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 1:00 PM** at **Trout Lake**

Let's cheer on our young runners as they build endurance, teamwork, and school spirit!

## **JQ Staff**

Please visit the Our Staff<sup>3</sup> page on the JQ website for a list of this year's staff.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2256/our-staff>

## School Forms



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 VSB<sup>4</sup> (<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**

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>

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<sup>4</sup><https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>

If possible, we kindly ask parents to complete the **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent Form** (Consent No. 6 on the list) **as soon as possible**, with the exception of new Kindergarten families.

This consent allows teachers to take students on local walks within the neighbourhood or to nearby areas such as **Pacific Spirit Park** as part of their learning activities. Thank you.

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

In addition, a paper copy of the following forms will be sent home soon:

- 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.*

## School Fees 2025-2026



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



School fees for all students have now been posted on **School Cash Online**: <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. While the school continues to accept cheques and/or cash, **online payment is preferred** for convenience and efficiency.

**Posted optional fees include:**

- **Annual Basic School Supplies:** \$35.00 (all students)
- **Student Agendas** (Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11): \$6.00
- **Communication Pouches** (Divisions 2–12): \$7.00
- **Visual Journal** (Division F13K only): \$10.00
- **Library Book Bags** (Divisions F13K and F14K): \$10.00

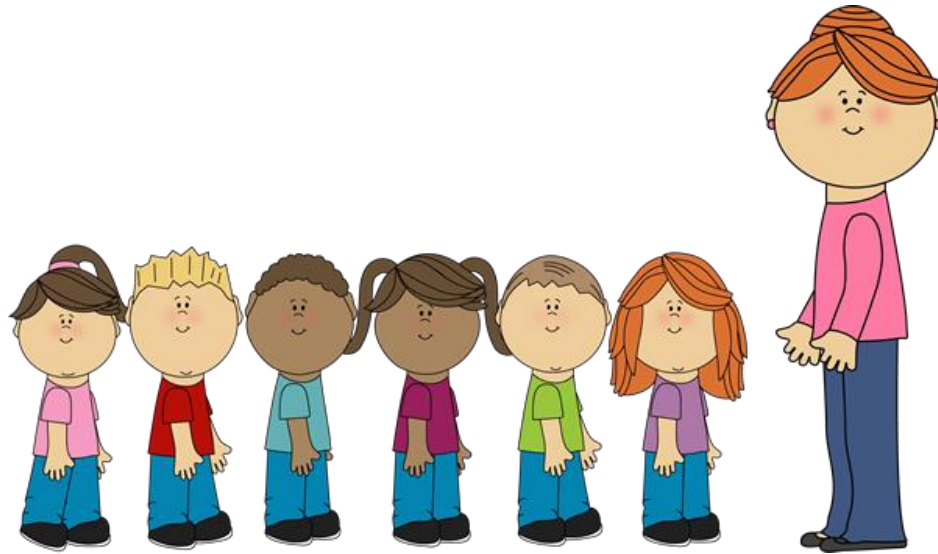
In addition to the above fees:

- The school will be participating in **swimming sessions at Lord Byng Pool**, for which a separate fee may be charged. Details will be shared closer to the swim dates.
- **Additional field trip fees** may also be posted throughout the school year, depending on class activities and excursions.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship, you may request that these fees be waived. Please contact the school principal, Vital Peeters, at [vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca). All requests will be handled confidentially.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Before and After School Playground Supervision

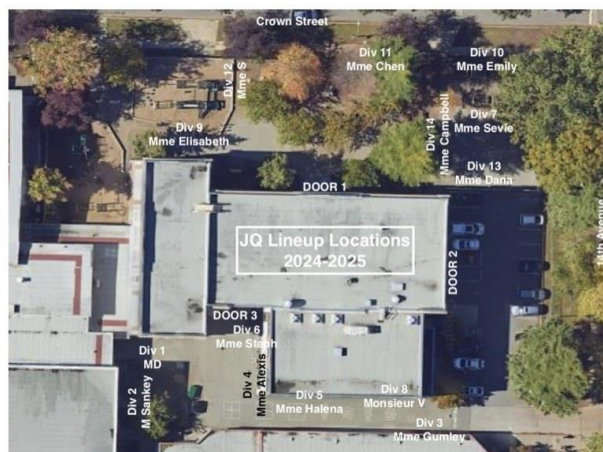


Please note that the front playground is supervised from **8:40 to 8:55 a.m.** and again from **2:58 to 3:13 p.m.**

At the start of the school day (**9:00 a.m.**), classroom teachers will meet students at their designated meeting spots and escort them into the school. At dismissal (**2:58 p.m.**), students will return to the same locations for parent pick-up.

For safety reasons, students not picked up by 3:13 p.m. will be brought to the office, and a parent or guardian will be contacted.

Thank you for ensuring your child is picked up promptly at the end of the day.



## **Appointment for students during the school day**

If your child has an appointment during school hours, please notify both the classroom teacher and the school office at least one day in advance, if possible. This helps us plan accordingly, especially if a neighbourhood walk or other off-site activity is scheduled.

When picking up your child, please come to the school office to sign them out.

## **Personal Digital Devices during school hours**



In accordance with the school and District Codes of Conduct, personal digital devices in elementary schools are restricted for the instructional day. This includes class time, recess and lunch during school hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode and out of sight for the entire school day.

For more information, please visit the Digital Citizenship<sup>6</sup> page on the JQ website.

## 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.

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<sup>6</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2250/digital-citizenship>

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. If your child has an appointment during the school day, please give both the teacher and school office sufficient notice of the pick-up time, at least a day, if possible, in case the teacher has a neighbourhood walk planned. Parents may come to the school office to collect and sign-out their child.

## Active travel to and from school



### **Walk+Bike+Roll** **Getting Around the** **Vancouver Way**

Walking, biking, rolling, and taking transit are fun and healthy ways to get around. Help your child start with just one day a week and see the positive difference it can make!

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. Please refer to the image below for information regarding parking and traffic flow around JQ.

**Go By Bike Week is Monday, September 29 to Friday, October 3rd** and students are encouraged to walk, ride or wheel to school.





Disclaimer: This map is produced as a public resource for general information purposes only. The City, its employees, officers, directors and representatives do not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained hereon or warrant the safety of any roads, highways, trails, streets, designated cycling routes or other shown in the map information.

**LEGEND**

-  **3 mins Parking (School Days)**  
These spots are for quick pick-ups and drop-offs. Park and collect your child quickly to create a spot for another vehicle.
-  **School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone**
-  **30 mins Parking (School Days)**  
For longer school visits, park your vehicle in this zone for no more than 30 minutes.
-  **No Stopping (School Days or Anytime)**  
Vehicles cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for any reason, or any length of time.
-  **Transit Bus Zone**  
Vehicles cannot park or stop in a bus zone and must yield to buses. Only buses may park here with the exception of emergency vehicles.

**Support Active Transportation**

Drop-off and pick-up traffic should flow clockwise around the school. Keep the area around your school a safe place to walk, bike and roll by following the posted signs. If you are driving, consider the "Drive to Five" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school.

A good location to park would be near the intersection of **Wallace St and W 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.**



# Orange Shirt Day



Staff and students will be invited to wear orange shirts to remember survivors of residential schools on **Monday, September 29th**.

## District Programs (Mini Schools) Sept 2025



### 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).

VSB Mini School Brochure.pdf<sup>7</sup>

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



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<sup>7</sup><https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

**The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website<sup>8</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>9</sup> 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 Pizza Social from 5 - 7 pm.

**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.

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-guesnel>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-guesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>



**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.

## **JQ PAC Updates**



## **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.com](https://munchalunch.com)<sup>10</sup>. 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.**

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<sup>10</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

**Hot lunch is a fundraiser for the Jules Quesnel PAC, which benefits the school's student population.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch coordinators (Kate & Helene) at [jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com](mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com)<sup>11</sup>

## **PAC Extra-Curricular Programs**

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 Theatre<sup>12</sup> - 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<sup>13 14</sup> as this program fills up fast!

**Tuesdays - Petit Architect<sup>15</sup> - Grades 1 to 5 - Sep 23 to Dec 16 - 3 pm to 4:30 pm - \$385**

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 here<sup>16</sup>

**Wednesdays - Young Rembrandts<sup>17 18</sup> - Grades 1 to 6 - Sep 24 to Dec 10 - 3 pm to 4:10 pm - \$282**

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<sup>11</sup><mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

<sup>12</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

<sup>13</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

<sup>14</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

<sup>15</sup><https://petitarchitect.com/>

<sup>16</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3673833>

<sup>17</sup><https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

<sup>18</sup><https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

Students can decompress in these calm drawing lessons immediately after dismissal. Sharpen artistic skills with new projects weekly. Register here<sup>19</sup>.

**Thursdays - more information to come...**

**Fridays - Pedalheads Soccer<sup>20</sup> - 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! Register here<sup>21</sup>

**Please send any questions to [jqexcurricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com)<sup>22</sup> (Talía, parent coordinator) or the program company directly.**

Thanks,

Talía

JQ Extracurricular Activities Coordinator + parent

Please contact [jqexcurricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com)<sup>23</sup> with any questions related to the above programs.

## PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book<sup>24</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>25</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>19</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YoungRembrandtsMetroVancouver#/selectSessions/3687135/filter/session=68021940>

<sup>20</sup><https://pedalheads.com/en/soccer>

<sup>21</sup>[https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1&cities=3&locationName=\[{"name"%3A"Point+Grey+-+Jules+Quesnel+Elementary"%2C"locationIds"%3A\["1723"\]}\]}&programs=1012&ph\\_search=true#camp-list](https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1&cities=3&locationName=[{)

<sup>22</sup><mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com>

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<sup>24</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

<sup>25</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

JQ Parent Advisory Council

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**Thank you for reading!**

## Community Links

See below for information regarding community activities, events and programs.

## VSB After the Bell series



The season premiere of After the Bell is now live!

In this episode, we explore how families can help support student success at home.

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<sup>26</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

Below is the link:

Ep. 37 - After the Bell: Supporting Student Success at Home<sup>27</sup>

## RBL Basketball

Here is the link to RBL Basketball Fall season: RBL Basketball – Youth Basketball in Vancouver since 1997<sup>28</sup>

## Contact Us



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

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<sup>27</sup><https://creators.spotify.com/pod/profile/vsbafterthebell/episodes/Ep--37---After-the-Bell-Supporting-Student-Success-at-Home-e38adib/a-ac5lh2l>

<sup>28</sup><https://rblbasketball.com/>

<sup>29</sup><mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>