

JQ eNews - 2024.09.13

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.

¹https://www.vsb.bc.ca

²https://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.

JQ Cross Country Program



The JQ cross country program will begin next week. Cross country **practices** will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45am at Camosun Park. Practices will be led by parent and volunteer coaches. M Sankey (bsankey@vsb.bc.ca) is the lead teacher contact for cross country and there will be a rotation of school staff supervisors present at all practices and meets. Students will be accompanied by adults to school once practice is over. Please ensure the cross country consent form is brought to the first practice your child attends. See the staff supervisor for attendance.

Mini meets with neighbouring schools will take place at Camosun Park after school. The mini meet schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday October 1, 3:15-4:45 PM, Grades K-3 only
- Thursday October 3, 3:15-4:45 PM, Grade 4-7 only
- Wednesday October 9, 3:15-4:45 PM, All grades

The district finals will take place at Trout Lake on October 22nd.

This year, there will be a new format for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 in the cross country meets. All K-3 students will now run with their peers in the same grade, without differentiating their gender. They will be racing based on their grade and heat number according to school name*. This change supports our Education Plan and our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. Additionally, every student participating in these races will receive a participation ribbon to celebrate their effort and enthusiasm.

Heat A: Bayview to Maquinna

Heat B: McBride to xpey

In addition, ALL volunteers must read and sign the Volunteer Conduct Agreement.³

Thank you,

M Sankey and JQXC

Meet the Teacher & PAC Welcome Back Pizza



Please save the date for JQ's Meet the Teacher evening Thursday, September 19!

Families are invited to come do a child-guided visit of the school any time between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. A paperless, online scavenger hunt will be available at the main entrance to the school for students and families to follow. Please bring an internet-enabled device with a camera to scan a QR code to access the scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt should take about 20-30 minutes, so families don't have to arrive right at 5:00 PM.

Some teachers may choose to do a variation on this format and will be in contact with their families to let them know.

³https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_490_zappendixa_volunteer-guidelines.19e3f620696.pdf

The classrooms of Kindergarten students will not be open as Mme Dana and Mme Campbell held a presentation during the first week of school. Kindergarten families are still welcome to come do the scavenger hunt as well as participate in the PAC pizza event.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!

PAC Welcome Back Pizza event is happening along with the Meet the Teacher on **Thursday, September 19, starting at 5:00 PM**. More details on how to order pizzas will be shared by PAC soon so stay tuned for JQ PAC Newsletters. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Teaching Staff and Divisions

Please find below a list of staff and divisions:

Div 1	Monsieur D	Gr 6/7	Rm 107
Div 2	Monsieur Sankey	Gr 6/7	Rm 305
Div 3	Mme Gumley	Gr 5/6	Rm 103
Div 4	Mme Alexis	Gr 5	Rm 306
Div 5	Mme Halena	Gr 4	Rm 308
Div 6	Mme Steph	Gr 4	Rm 205
Div 7	Mme Sevie	Gr 3	Rm 302
Div 8	Monsieur V	Gr 2/3	Rm 300
Div 9	Mme Elisabeth	Gr 2/3	Rm 304
Div 10	Mme Emily	Gr 2	Rm 208
Div 11	Mme Chen	Gr 1/2	Rm 200A
Div 12	Mme S	Gr 1	Rm 209
Div 13	Mme Dana	KF	Rm 139
Div 14	Mme Campbell	KF	Rm 101A

Primary & Intermediate Resource - Mme Erica, Rm 303

Teacher Librarian - Mme Brigitte - Library

Music Prep Coverage - Mme Young

Area Counsellor - Jackie

Speech Language Pathologist: Mme Malone

School Grounds and Student Pick up/Drop off



Please note that the front playground will be supervised from 8:40 to 8:55 am and from 2:58 to 3:13 pm. At the beginning of each day (9:00 am), classroom teachers will meet students at a designated spot and escort them into the school. At the end of the day (2:58 pm), students will return to the same spot for pick-up by parents. Students not picked up by 3:13 pm will be taken to the office and a parent contacted. Thank you for picking up your child promptly at dismissal.



School Fees 2024-2025



School fees for all students have now been posted on School Cash Online

(https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/). The school also accepts cheques and/or cash but would prefer online payment.

Any families experiencing financial hardship may ask that these fees be waived by contacting the school Principal, Vital Peeters, (vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca). All requests will be treated confidentially.

The following fees are posted:

Annual basic school supplies: \$35.00

Performance/Activity Fee: \$10.00

Student Agendas (Divisions 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 13): \$6.00

Visual Journal \$10.65 (Div F13K)

Library Book Bag (new Kindergarten students): \$10.00

Student Password Reset

Students are required to change their passwords on any device (VSB machine or from a personal device) at the start of each school year. This can be done at school or at home.

https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca (any student from anywhere but need PEN and DOB)

Punctuality

It is important to be on time.

Being on time prevents disruption to your child's learning and that of others. Some activities start promptly at 9:00 am. In addition, it shows respect for your child's teacher and other educators.

A welcome bell rings at 8:55 am and this is the time for students to line up and be met by the teacher. The beginning of learning day bell rings at 9:00 am and hopefully all students are present and ready to head to the classroom.

Dismissal this year is at 2:58 pm. We also request that students be picked up on time, this is especially important for younger children who may become upset when a parent is late.

Thank you for your consideration.

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 VSB⁴ (https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/)

1. Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)

⁴https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/

- 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

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 HERE⁵.

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.

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

Personal Digital Devices during school hours



As you may know, in January 2024, the Province of B.C. mandated all school boards to update their Codes of Conduct to limit students' use of personal digital devices during school hours.

Elementary

Personal digital devices are now restricted throughout the instructional day (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). This includes class time, recess and lunch. Devices must be turned off or set to silent mode and kept out of sight for the entire school day.



Orange Shirt Day



Staff and students will be invited to wear orange shirts to recognize survivors of residential schools on **Friday, September 27th**.

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.pdf⁷

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website8.

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

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 Calendar⁹ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in September/October



Tuesday, September 10th: Individual Photo Day (there will be a retake on October 23rd for students absent on Sept. 10)

Thursday, September 19th: Meet the Teacher Night

Friday, September 20th: Professional Development Day

Monday, September 30th: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving

Friday, October 25: Professional Development Day

Tuesday, October 29: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences

Wednesday, October 30: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences

⁸https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel

⁹https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview

JQ PAC Updates



Meet the Teacher Night - pizza orders, freezies, drinks and jersey sales

Parents can now order pizza at Munchalunch for the get together on Thursday's Meet the Teacher evening. Here is the link: munchalunch¹⁰

In addition, there will be a sale of drinks and freezies, available for cash purchase, as well as a table selling JQ jerseys and sweatshirts at the following prices:

Jerseys \$32.00

Grey hoodies \$37.50

Red youth hoodies \$46.25

Red adult hoodies \$54.25

Look forward to seeing you there.

PAC Executive 2024-2025

• DPAC Representative: Paul Zaremba

• Secretary: Shannon Beebe

• Funding Policy Coordinators: Sylvia LeRoy and Irena Bandu

Treasurer: Tiffany Hamilton

• Chair: Rajesh Vijayaraghavan

Hot Lunch Program

Hello JQ families,

Welcome back to a new school year of hot lunch at JQ! As many of you know, hot lunch is a fundraiser for the Jules Quesnel PAC, which benefits the school's student population.

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

For the 2024-2025 school year, hot lunch will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with pizza lunch on Fridays. Please note that the first hot lunch day will be on **Tuesday**, **September 24th**. Ordering is now open at munchalunch.com¹¹. 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 9am for the following day's hot lunch meal.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch & pizza lunch coordinators (Helene, Kate & Sristy) at jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com¹²

PAC Extra-Curricular Programs

Still thinking about joining an afterschool program? There's still time to register!

Mondays - Lights Up Theatre¹³ - Grades K thru 7 - Sep 23 to Dec 9 - 3pm to 5:15pm - \$365

Students sing, dance, and act in the musical theatre **Scooby Doo!** Performance for friends and family on the last day of classes! Join the Mystery Inc. Gang and solve the mystery of the spooky theme park. Register here¹⁴ and you'll be invited to attend your student's performance in December.

Tuesdays - MiniMakers¹⁵ ¹⁶- Grades K thru 7 - 3 cohorts - 3pm to 4:30pm - Pricing varies per cohort.

Students apply STEAM to projects that they get to take home. Each week, students will work hands-on completing projects that follow seasonal themes and current events. No two weeks will ever be the same and as their skills progress, so do the challenges in the projects they undertake. Register for one or more cohorts!¹⁷

MiniMakers is planning to begin on October 1st. If you have signed up for previous sessions, you will receive an email directly from MiniMakers regarding a refund or credit.

Wednesdays - Young Rembrandts¹⁸ - Grades 1 thru 6 - Classes have begun

Missed the first class but want to register for remaining sessions? Register for Fall classes now¹⁹ and use promo code MINUS1 for the adjusted fee.

manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6

¹¹https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

¹²mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com

¹³https://lightsuptheatre.ca/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwoJa2BhBPEiwA0l0ImPY2BYq9qwP5OqkB7xdBdt33b0HbDNb5Qhzqs62VTGVLujDF5SKbHBoCNoUQAvD_BwE

¹⁴https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/

¹⁵https://minimakers.ca/

¹⁶https://minimakers.ca/

¹⁷https://minimakers.ca/ecole-jules-quesnel/

¹⁸https://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/

Thursdays - Yoga Buggy ²⁰- Grades K thru 7 - Starts in October

More information coming from the Community Schools Coordinator, via future newsletters.

Fridays - Happy Feet Soccer²¹ - Grades K thru 7 - 3:05 - 4:05pm

There's still time to register students and participate for the remainder of the fall season. Pricing will be adjusted to account for missed sessions on the site. Register here²².

Please contact jqexcurricular@gmail.com²³ 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 book²⁴

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences²⁵ or unsubscribe²⁶

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 $^{^{19}} https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YoungRembrandtsMetroVancouver?e4q=1844f029-97c4-4893-b06a-0d053b6dd90c\&e4p=2ec97589-9f9f-43ba-a9ef-$

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²⁰https://www.yogabuggy.com/

²¹https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/

²²https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/jules-guesnel

²³mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com

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

²⁵https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

²⁶https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

Community Links

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

YMCA Fall Generation Health Program

Generation Health is a **FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through YMCA BC and in partnership with the Childhood Healthy Living Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually or in person to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more!

We have 4 program days to choose from: Starting in October Tuesdays in person at the Tong Louie YMCA from 6:30pm-8:30pm or Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays Virtually from 6:30pm-8:30 pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca 27 .

Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.

RBL Basketball Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Programs²⁸

FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER

REGISTER HERE²⁹

All players receive a Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal!

Play Fall Saturday & Sunday Mornings, After School Soccer & Free Kick Academy with a World Cup theme & Music. Players will be grouped by age and level to develop fun skills, and play Small-Sided games with Professional Coaches.

See website for details!

www.FreeKickFC.com30

²⁷mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca

²⁸https://rblbasketball.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/RBL-Fall-2023-Winter-2024.pdf

²⁹https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?clientid=6949

³⁰http://www.freekickfc.com/

Thank you for reading!

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