



## JQ eNews - 2024.12.12

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**, or email **[jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca)**<sup>3</sup> 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.

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## Winter Concert - Tuesday, December 17



**Tuesday December 17, 2024, from 6:00-7:30 pm**, for a winter concert. Please read on for details.

- The concert will take place in Byng's auditorium. Students will have the opportunity to see each other perform during a dress rehearsal during school hours the afternoon of December 17.
- School staff have kindly agreed to make themselves available from 5:30 pm until the end of the concert to supervise students. **Please let your child's teacher know by email if your child will NOT be participating in the concert.**
- Band students (Divisions 1, 2 and 3) must arrive at the JQ music room from 5:15 pm to no later than 5:30 pm to unpack instruments and go to Byng auditorium.
- All other students can arrive and go to their classrooms between 5:30 and 5:45 pm. Please be on time. Students will wait with school staff in their classrooms until it's their time to perform. After their performance, students will return to their classrooms to wait for the end of the concert.
- The Choir will perform after the band so are not required to arrive early and should arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 pm and go to their classroom.



## Grade 7 Hot Chocolate Fundraiser



The Grade 7s will be selling hot chocolate (and yuzu tea) **after school on Friday, December 13 and Thursday, December 19 from 3:00 to 3:45 pm**. Bring your own mug and some loonies and toonies. Drinks for \$2, snacks for \$1.

## Choir Practice - Tuesday, December 17th

To allow for one more practice before the music concert next Tuesday, please note that practice next week will be held on the morning of **Tuesday, December 17th at 8:15 am** and that there will be **no practice** on the morning of Wednesday, December 18th.

## Book Fair - Wednesday, December 18



Divisions 1 and 2 will be holding a book fair on the afternoon of **Wednesday, December 18th**. Books donated by JQ PAC will be re-sold to JQ students in order to recycle books and to raise funds for the grade 7 trip.

Parents may wish to consider sending their child(ren) to school with a small amount of cash to purchase a book or two at the Fair.

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VSB website: vsb.bc.ca<sup>9</sup>

## Preparing for Grade 8

We are pleased to share the launch of the new Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year<sup>10</sup> page on the VSB website.

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<sup>6</sup><https://www.facebook.com/VancouverSchoolBoard/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.instagram.com/vsb39/>

<sup>8</sup>[https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref\\_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author](https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author)

<sup>9</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

<sup>10</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/77517/preparing-for-grade-8-what-to-know-during-the-grade-7-year>

## VSB Mini-school registration



Registration for mini-school opens on **Tuesday, November 12th**.

Registry closes: **December 19, 2024**

School Applications due: **December 19, 2024**.

The registration link will appear on the VSB website next week. VSB Mini-schools information page<sup>11</sup>

There is no District-wide Assessment/Test for Grade 7 students as part of the Mini School Programs application process.

There are 2 steps:

1. Complete the District Registry process.
2. Apply to each Mini School program individually through the program websites.

VSB Mini School Brochure.pdf<sup>12</sup>

## Kindergarten registration and sibling priority

As you may know Kindergarten 2025 registration started November 1. The online District Choice Program application process is open from January 7 to February 4 2025.

**If you currently have a child attending Ecole Jules Quesnel (K-6) and have a younger child you are intending to register in kindergarten for September 2025, if you have not already done so,**

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<sup>11</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

<sup>12</sup><https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

please send an email to Liz at: [etoone@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca) with your children's names. Thank you to the 18 families who have already provided this information.

This question is being asked to gauge the number of siblings entering the District Choice Programs for Kindergarten in September 2025. To register your child, you MUST:

- register your child at their neighbourhood catchment school before January 31

AND

- apply online to the ApplyNow<sup>13</sup> Kindergarten District Choice Program between January 7 and February 4, 2025 indicating the child is the sibling of a current student in the District Choice Program.

The school will send a reminder to register for the Choice Program in January.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

## Lost and Found



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<sup>13</sup><https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca/>





Please visit the Lost & Found by the north entrance to the gym on the main floor of the school.

There are a few jewelry items, small toys and keys in the display cabinet next to the office. Please let the Office know if any item belongs to your child and it will be returned.

**Please take a look this week as all unclaimed items will be donated at the end of this term.**

Thank you.

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



**The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website<sup>14</sup>.**

Please visit the school website regularly for the most up to date information regarding JQ activities and events.

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<sup>14</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

Upcoming events are listed on the school website homepage and on the Calendar<sup>15</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note



**Friday, December 13:** Hot chocolate and snack sale after school.

**Monday, December 16:** Communication of Student Learning Written Reports go home.

**Tuesday, December 17:** Winter Concert at 6 pm in the Lord Byng Auditorium.

**Wednesday, December 18:** Book Fair fundraiser for grade 7 trip.

**Thursday, December 19:** Hot chocolate and snack sale after school.

**Friday, December 20:** Last Day of School before the Winter Break (regular school day hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm).

**Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3:** Winter Holiday.

**Monday, January 6:** School reopens after the winter break.

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<sup>15</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

# Art in the Hallways









## JQ PAC Updates



### JQ Salmon Stream - walking school bus

We are excited to announce the launch of our Walking School Bus (WSB) initiative, also known as the JQ Salmon Stream! (Thank you to Barend for coming up with this great name at our PAC meeting!) This program aims to encourage active and safe transportation to school while fostering a sense of community and fun among our students and families.

The idea for the Walking School Bus was discussed during a PAC meeting last year, with representatives from the Society for Children and Youth of BC present to address questions and

concerns. For more details, you can review the meeting minutes here<sup>16</sup> and the accompanying presentation here<sup>17</sup>.

## How It Works

We aim to kickstart the JQ Salmon Stream with all participants walking together, which helps to build community spirit while promoting active and safe transportation to school. Currently, two parents **Valerie Balaski and Nafisa Fera**, both parents of Grade 4 and Grade 2 students have volunteered to lead the initial routes. Each leader will walk one morning a week starting at a designated meeting point. **Over time, we hope more parents will volunteer to expand the number of walking routes and days.**

## Current Routes

1. **Nafisa's Route:** Meeting at the bus stop at 10th and Trimble (Shell station) at 8:30 am every Thursday. This route will proceed along 11th to 15th Avenue, with opportunities to meet families along the way.
2. **Valerie's Route:** Meeting at 10th and Blenheim St. at 8:25 am every Friday. This route will proceed along 10th Ave., Alma St, 12th Ave., Wallace St. JQ along 14th Ave.

## Joining and Communication

Families interested in joining the JQ Salmon Stream can connect via this dedicated WhatsApp community:

WhatsApp community<sup>18</sup>

The group features subgroups for each route, allowing for streamlined communication and updates on meeting times and routes.

## Liability and Safety

The program follows best practices outlined in active school travel initiatives. Volunteers accompanying children are not assuming additional liability, provided they act responsibly. For more details, we encourage you to review this document, which addresses common concerns:

Ontario Active School Travel Liability Guidelines<sup>19</sup>.

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<sup>16</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e4a06cbc36&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>17</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e847c0982f&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>18</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=b18e0e4e23&e=afa53965a6>

Key excerpt:

"By volunteering to accompany children on their walk to and from school, parents are not assuming responsibility for anything that may happen during the trip. Parents are expected to act responsibly... Unless they have acted in a negligent manner and that negligence caused the injury, they have nothing to fear."

### **Get Involved!**

We look forward to seeing our community come together to support the JQ Salmon Stream! If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please let us know. Together, we can make this a successful and enjoyable initiative for our students

## **Class Parent/Guardian**

The PAC would like to remind parents and guardians about the opportunity to volunteer as a class parent/guardian. Few divisions currently do not have a class parent listed, and we kindly invite parents or guardians to consider volunteering for this role to help support their classroom community. This role typically involves the following tasks:

1. Collects funds, organizes, and presents thank-you gifts for the teacher at winter break and the end of the school year.
2. Acts as a liaison between the class teacher and parents/guardians.
3. Serves as a connection between the PAC and the class community.

The class parent/guardian plays a crucial role in the classroom in building a strong community, and does not require a big time commitment.

If this role is of interest to you, please fill this form<sup>20</sup> to volunteer; and mention of your interest to your child's teacher.

## **PAC Meeting Notes**

Thank you all for attending the PAC meeting last week. The minutes will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Highlights:

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<sup>19</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cb892685ea&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>20</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=1749b6f08a&e=afa53965a6>



- 1) Revised Budget Proposal (2024-25) was passed: Refer to the PDF<sup>21</sup> for budget details.
- 2) Discussed launching of new Initiative on active transportation – "Walking School Bus".
- 3) Active First Friday at JQ.

🎉 Special thanks to our incredible volunteers for your time, effort, and dedication. It makes a huge difference to our school community!

Stay tuned by reading our newsletter and school eNews for more updates! 📰 ✨

## Winter 2025 Extracurricular - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - Programs are filling up

### NEW Kindergarten and Grade 1 program!

Yoga<sup>22</sup> Buggy<sup>23</sup> is returning for the littlest students at JQ

Thursdays - Gr. K and 1 only - Jan 16 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$187

Please fill out the online form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/r/sfZpnGFxZi> before **December 23rd, 2024**. (Filling out forms does not guarantee a spot)

Limited spots available.

Lights Up Musical<sup>24</sup> Theatre<sup>25</sup> - Mondays - Gr. K to 7 - Jan 6 to Mar 10 - 3 to 5:15pm - \$365

Petit<sup>26</sup> Architect<sup>27</sup> - Tuesdays - Waitlist Only!

Code<sup>28</sup> Ninjas<sup>29</sup> - Wednesdays - Gr. 3 to 7 - Jan 22 to Mar 12 - 3 to 5pm - \$319

Professor<sup>30</sup> Puffin Challenge Club<sup>31</sup> - Thursdays - Gr. 1 to 4 - Jan 23 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:10pm - \$184

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<sup>21</sup><https://drive.google.com/file/d/15knN7kLkLSwsh5fx9yELIOTINy9u6DVY/view>

<sup>22</sup><https://www.yogabuggy.com/>

<sup>23</sup><https://www.yogabuggy.com/>

<sup>24</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

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<sup>26</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3550631/filter/session=64447637>

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<sup>28</sup><https://cn.mystudio.io/m/?=Vancouverwest/489/4170//1731633659>

<sup>29</sup><https://cn.mystudio.io/m/?=Vancouverwest/489/4170//1731633659>

SmashVolley<sup>32</sup> - Fridays - Gr. 4 to 7 - Jan 10 to Mar 14 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$295

Please contact Talia Lemay (parent), Extracurricular Coordinator at [jqextracurricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com)<sup>33</sup> for any questions.

**Happy Feet:** Our friends at **Happy Feet** want you to know they will be at Lord Byng on Saturdays from January to March. A variety of classes are available for kiddos aged 2 to 8 between 9am-1pm. Sign Up here<sup>34</sup>

## Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pizza lunch on Fridays. Ordering is now open at [munchalunch.com](http://munchalunch.com)<sup>35</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 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 & Annie) at [jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com](mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com)<sup>36</sup>

## PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book<sup>37</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>38</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>30</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

<sup>31</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

<sup>32</sup><https://www.smashvball.com/after-school-programs/>

<sup>33</sup><mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com>

<sup>34</sup>[https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/lord-byng?utm\\_campaign=b6047199-09bd-461d-a141-d0225d8e2f7e&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=415bb9bc-945c-4967-b42c-c3e62ce6a40b](https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/lord-byng?utm_campaign=b6047199-09bd-461d-a141-d0225d8e2f7e&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=415bb9bc-945c-4967-b42c-c3e62ce6a40b)

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<sup>36</sup><mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

<sup>37</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

<sup>38</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

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## Community Links

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

### RBL 2025 Winter Basketball Programs

<https://rblbasketball.com/>

### Free French Concert for Kids and Families

**WHEN: December 14, 2pm to 3pm**

**WHERE: The Ukrainian Cultural Center, 805 East Pender Street**

The Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French is excited to invite kids (and parents) learning French to a fun-filled event. Bilingual Children's Entertainer, Mike Bryden will delight the whole family with his live drawings, silly props and his catchy story-based songs.

The concert is FREE, however a small donation to our chapter can help us bring more events like this to our French Immersion community.

LINK TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS:

<https://CPF-FrenchConcert.eventbrite.ca><sup>40</sup>

Capacity is limited to reserve your tickets today!

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<sup>39</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

<sup>40</sup><https://cpf-frenchconcert.eventbrite.ca/>

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH PRESENTS



# FREE FRENCH CONCERT FOR KIDS

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## MIKE BRYDEN

SATURDAY DEC 14, 2PM  
UKRANIAN HALL  
805 EAST PENDER ST



Join us for an afternoon of songs and stories.  
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# Information for kindergarten families from Canadian Parents for French

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH - VANCOUVER CHAPTER

## WELCOME TO MATERNELLE




### Your French Immersion adventure begins.

Bonjour les parents and welcome to the start of something very special for your child. Having enrolled in French Immersion, you have just made one of the most important decisions regarding your child's education. There are so many benefits to being bilingual. As exciting as these early days may be, you likely have many questions. Don't worry, you're not alone.

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are the Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French (CPF), a national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

CPF works with parents to fund and organize a range of events, from French summer camps to public-speaking competitions with thousands of dollars in prizes, film festivals, concerts and parent workshops. We also offer bursaries to students interested in teaching French in BC or Yukon. We monitor how federal and provincial educational dollars are invested in French programs in your community. We help raise awareness about the benefits of second-language learning for all children.

### Now you can Join CPF for Free!

CPF Canada is currently waiving the membership fee. Join today and gain access to a network of parents just like you. By joining you would also be supporting us and our initiatives as our provincial funding is conditional to the number of members we have.

**To Join visit:** <https://cpf.ca/en/join-cpf/>

If you would like to learn more about our organization and ways to support your child in their FL education please visit any of the following links:

**CPF VANCOUVER FACEBOOK:**  
[www.facebook.com/CPFVancouver](http://www.facebook.com/CPFVancouver)

**CPF VANCOUVER CHAPTER EMAIL:**  
[cpfvancoeur@gmail.com](mailto:cpfvancoeur@gmail.com)

**CPF BC/YUKON:** [www.bc-yk.cpf.ca](http://www.bc-yk.cpf.ca)

**CPF CANADA:** [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)



Canadian Parents for French furthers bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for youth to learn and use French.

## TIPS for supporting your child's French education.

Most French immersion parents have either a limited knowledge of French or cannot speak the language at all. If you don't speak French yourself, it is not suggested you read to your child in French now. However, any reading that you do in your first language is recommended and the reading skills that are learned, such as vocabulary development and reading from left to right, can be transferred to French.

Being able to read words and sound out letters are important aspects of learning to read but true reading involves reading for meaning and making connections with our own personal experiences. Children should be encouraged to clarify what they read through pictures, questions and discussion and retelling the story. This leads to greater understanding and comprehension.

### Here are some simple suggestions for children in primary immersion:

- Be enthusiastic and positive.
- Read often to your child in English (or your first language).
- Provide French resources eg. French dictionaries, DVDs, CDs, books, comic books.
- Consider putting them into a French language summer day camp.
- Discover French internet web sites.
- Join the local chapter of your Canadian Parents for French to network with other immersion parents, access services and to keep informed about developments in French second language education.
- Sign up for an adult French course geared to French immersion parents.
- Listen to French radio and watch French shows or movies.
- Hire a tutor or babysitter who speaks French to play with your child.

Try to develop the best relationship possible between you and your child's teacher, making teamwork the main theme. Asking about your children's homework and praising them for its completion as well as allowing them to tell you about their day will help create a more positive environment about school in general.



### RAZ KIDS A-Z READING

RAZ KIDS is an online reading library offered to our members at a discounted price.

The \$15 annual subscription provides access to their entire French library of 2000+ digital levelled books, suitable for primary level learning (K to Grade 4). The app will even read to you and help with pronunciation.

Visit RAZ KIDS to learn more:  
<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

SUBSCRIBE HERE:  
<https://forms.gle/9Y9j0Nt0rGHU7Y96>

OR email us for more info: [cpfvancoeur@gmail.com](mailto:cpfvancoeur@gmail.com)

### BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S CONCERT COMING THIS FALL

CPF Vancouver will be presenting an exciting event this fall that is perfect for families starting in French Immersion. Family Entertainer, Mike Bryden will take the stage for a fun-filled bilingual show, complete with live music, stories and live drawings. This is a members only event, so join today and come sing with us!

## Dunbar Little League

Dunbar Little League has been the focal point of the Dunbar community by providing baseball for girls and boys ages 4-12. The season runs from April to June and all games are played at Memorial Park West and Balaclava Park.

Registration is NOW OPEN!

<https://dunbarbaseball.ca/registration/>

## Youth Basketball Camp

Soar Youth Sports New Year Youth Basketball Camp on January 2nd and 3rd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Ages 9-13.

Cost: \$84.00 - funding assistance available.

Location: Grandview Elementary, 2055 Woodland Dr., Vancouver

[www.soaryouthsports.com](http://www.soaryouthsports.com)<sup>41</sup>

Tel: 778-229-5551

**Thank you for reading!**

## Contact Us



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