



JQ eNews - 2025.01.09

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.

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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**, or email jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca³ 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.

Professional Development Day - Wed. Jan. 15

Please note that there will be a Pro-D Day on Wednesday, January 15th for staff and there will be no school for students. Note that this is not a District-wide Pro-D and the date has been chosen by the school.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Basketball



🚨🚨 A reminder about basketball at JQ. We are looking for volunteer coaches to help lead our Grade 7 boys, and Grade 6/7 girls basketball teams. Without volunteers, we will not be able to run basketball effectively.

Team Details:

- Boys Team: **Games are on Wednesdays after school, starting January 22.** Practices are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday mornings in the gym, but this could change based on coach and player availability.
- Girls Team: **Games are on Thursdays after school, starting January 23.** Practices could take place on Wednesday mornings, with flexibility based on availability.

What does being a coach involve?

- Running practices for the team.
- Refereeing games and managing the team during matches. To make this basketball season a success, we are in need of volunteers. Your time and support will make a big difference for our students. If you are available to coach or want more information, please contact M. Ben Sankey at bsankey@vsb.bc.ca⁴

Kindergarten Choice Program Registration

It is time for the last step in the Kindergarten Choice Program Registration.

The online District Choice Program is now open and will close on **February 4, 2025**.

To guarantee sibling priority, please ensure that your child entering Kindergarten in September 2025 is registered online for the Choice Program before February 4. Here is the link: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/>

To date, 21 families have informed us of a younger sibling starting Kindergarten in September.

Once the VSB lottery has taken place, an email will be sent to families (mid to late February) to confirm your child's spot or of an applicant's status on the waitlist (non-siblings).

Obtaining Kindergarten PENs and Sibling PENs

There are three ways for parents to access their child's PEN which is required for the online K-choice Application Process:

1. **Parents can retrieve their child's PEN as well as the PEN for an older sibling during the online application process** – using the available PEN retrieval function on the KChoice application site (families can access it during the registration window).
2. Contact the school where the child is registered – schools are encouraged to provide PENs upon parent request provided the identity of the parent can be verified.
3. During the application window – Tuesday Jan 7 to Tues February 4 – there will be telephone support available M-F between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm at Tel: 604-713-5688. Parents also have the option of e-mailing : vsbkchoiceapply@vsb.bc.ca⁵.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or require any assistance.

⁴<mailto:bsankey@vsb.bc.ca>

⁵<mailto:vsbkchoiceapply@vsb.bc.ca>

Early French Immersion - District Choice Program Information Session

Please join us online on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 6-7 PM** for an information session to learn more about the Early French Immersion District Choice Program.

Information will be shared about the program and registration procedures and there will be an opportunity for questions.

General information as well as program registration information is posted to the VSB website.

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 275 864 860 494

Passcode: PA9Gf2MP

Dial in by phone

+1 604-713-5939,,716075159# Canada, Vancouver

Find a local number⁶

Phone conference ID: 716 075 159#

Preparing for Grade 8 & Kitsilano Grade 7 Parent Information Evening

We are pleased to share the launch of the new Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year⁷ page on the VSB website.

Grade 7 families, please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 22 from 4 - 7 pm** for the Kitsilano Grade 7 Parent Information Evening. We will provide more information next week as well as distribute the Kitsilano Enrollment Forms to students.

⁶<https://dialin.teams.microsoft.com/c5f0ae26-2084-4d0f-953d-62d61e65a5a0?id=716075159>

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

Yoga Buggy Interest Form



Yoga Buggy Interest Form

Please see below. Two more students are required to run the program. Please fill out the form if your child is interested.

Building body positivity, confidence, strength, flexibility, balance, resilience, and social-emotional awareness through yoga

Location: Jules Quesnel Elementary School

When: Thursdays January 16 – March 13, 3:00PM- 4:30PM

Grades K-1

Cost: \$187 (9 Classes)

Location: Room 206

Limited Spaces

Please fill out the online form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/r/sfZpnGFxZi>. (Filling out forms does not guarantee a spot)

Please reach out to the office or Travis 604 250 6039 for a hard copy form if needed.

Questions? Contact Community Schools Coordinator, Travis Klimko at: tklimko@vsb.bc.ca⁸

⁸<mailto:tklimko@vsb.bc.ca>

The collection and retention of information requested on this form is authorized and governed by the British Columbia School Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Extra clothing and cutlery

A reminder to families to ensure your child/ren (younger grades especially) have an extra set of clothing in the classroom in case of slips and falls on rainy days. Extra socks and pants are recommended. Thank you.

We also encourage families to send reusable cutlery with their child/ren's lunch and snacks as we try to cut down on the number of bamboo forks and spoons handed out daily. Thank you for your consideration.

Be in the know, winter is coming!



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 ⁹

Instagram: @vsb39¹⁰

X: @VSB39 ¹¹

⁹<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverSchoolBoard/>

¹⁰<https://www.instagram.com/vsb39/>

VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/)¹²

Lost and Found



The Lost and Found rack is already filling up with hoodies and a few winter jackets. If your child is missing any clothing items, please check the rack located at the north entrance to the gym on the main floor of the school.

Thank you.

¹¹https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author

¹²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website¹³.

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 Calendar¹⁴ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note



¹³<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹⁴<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Friday, January 10: Active First Friday. Walk, wheel or bike to school

Tuesday, January 14: Early French Immersion Information session (6 to 7 pm) for families new to French Immersion and applying to Kindergarten for September 2025

Wednesday, January 15: Professional Development Day

Wednesday, January 22: Grade 7 Parent Night at Kitsilano Secondary from 4 - 7 pm

Friday, February 14: Professional Development Day

Monday, February 17: Family Day Statutory Holiday

JQ PAC Updates



Active First Fridays

This **Friday, January 10th**, is our first Active First Friday of 2025! We are ready to start the year on the right foot (or pedal)! Whether you bike, walk, scooter, or hop on the bus, it is a great way to reduce congestion, get some fresh air, and energize your morning routine.

We will have music 🎵 and hot chocolate ☕ waiting by the bike racks on 14th Avenue. Let us aim to fill those bike racks. Join us for a little exercise, a lot of smiles, and a strong sense of community. See you there!

Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates

The next PAC meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 22

Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday, May 21 (AGM)

The meetings are scheduled to run between 7pm to 8pm. We will continue to have free child care for in person attendees.

Meeting will be in hybrid form and a link will be sent closer to the date and time. For those wishing to attend in person, the meetings will take place in Room 206.

Winter 2025 Extracurricular - REGISTRATION is still open for some programs!

A few spots are still available in the extra-curricular classes. See information below.

Yoga Buggy¹⁵ - Thursdays - Gr. K and 1 only - Jan 16 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$187

2 spots available! Sign up your student today: <https://forms.office.com/r/sfZpnGFxZi>

Lights Up Musical Theatre¹⁶ - Mondays - Gr. K to 7 - Jan 6 to Mar 10 - 3 to 5:15pm - \$365

Professor Puffin Challenge Club¹⁷ - Thursdays - Gr. 1 to 4 - Jan 23 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:10pm - \$184

SmashVolley¹⁸ - Fridays - Gr. 4 to 7 - Jan 10 to Mar 14 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$295

Code Ninjas- **CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF REGISTRATION. PARENTS WILL BE REFUNDED.**

If students are still interested in exploring coding opportunities, you can visit Code Ninjas Vancouver West, located at 3534 W 41st Ave¹⁹.

¹⁵<https://www.yogabuggy.com/>

¹⁶<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

¹⁷<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

¹⁸<https://www.smashvball.com/after-school-programs/>

¹⁹<https://www.google.com/maps/search/3534+W+41st+Ave?entry=gmail&source=g>

Please contact Talia Lemay (parent), Extracurricular Coordinator at [jqextriccular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextricricular@gmail.com)²⁰ for any questions.

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

²⁰<mailto:jqextriccular@gmail.com>

concerns. For more details, you can review the meeting minutes here²¹ and the accompanying presentation here²².

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 community²³

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 Guidelines²⁴.

²¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e4a06cbc36&e=afa53965a6>

²²<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e847c0982f&e=afa53965a6>

²³<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

Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pizza lunch on Fridays. Ordering is now open at munchalunch.com²⁵. 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.com²⁶

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book²⁷

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences²⁸ or unsubscribe²⁹

²⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cb892685ea&e=afa53965a6>

²⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

²⁶<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

²⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

²⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

²⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&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/>

YMCA Generation Health Program

Free Winter Program for Families

*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 February- Tuesdays (In Person at the Tong Louie YMCA) or Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays Virtually from 6:30-8:30 pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca³⁰.

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

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!

³⁰<mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca>

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

Thank you for reading!

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