



## JQ eNews - 2025.01.16

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.

### Clothing Drive

Hello JQ families,

JQ Divisions 2 and 4 are participating in a clothing drive and care package workshop in collaboration with the Catalyst for Vancouver Foundation.

They are trying to source cold-weather clothes such as winter jackets, warm thermal layers (sweatpants and hoodies), rainpants, toques, and gloves/mittens for the packages.

Specifically, they are looking for:

- winter jackets

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<sup>3</sup><mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

- hoodies or sweatshirts
- sweatpants or thermal pants
- toques or warm winter hats
- gloves or mittens

With every item on this list being ideally adult/older kid-sized, as the care packages are for a shelter.

**Clothing must be cleaned prior to donation and not have any major stains or major rips that impact the functionality of the clothes.**

If you have any available adult-sized clothing to donate, please bring it to M Sankey's room 305 until January 31, 2025.

Thank you!

## Basketball



🔔🔔 A reminder about basketball at JQ.

### 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.

## 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.ca](mailto:vsbkchoiceapply@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>4</sup>.

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

## **Kitsilano Grade 7 Parent Information Evening - Wednesday, Jan 22 at 4:30 pm**

**Grade 7 families**, please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 22 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm** for the Kitsilano Grade 7 Parent Information Evening.

**PARENTS OF CURRENT GRADE 7 FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS:** You are invited to a short presentation of an overview of the grade 8-12 French Immersion program. This will take place

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<sup>4</sup><mailto:vsbkchoiceapply@vsb.bc.ca>



from 4:30 - 4:50 PM in the School Theatre. Please note that this session is in addition to the main Grade 7 Parent Information Session which will take place at 5:00 PM in the Gymnasium.

Families will be able to :

Meet Admin. and Counsellors

Learn about the school and grade 8 program.

Visit the Atrium after the grade 7 sessions to view art displays and demonstrations, edible art as well as music performances.

## 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.

## Dressing for the weather



Please have your child dress appropriately for cold weather, rain, or snow. Students are expected to play outside at recess for fresh air and exercise. Having warm and waterproof clothing, boots, and dry socks at school or in a backpack is very helpful and reduces the need for students to call home for these items to be brought to school by parents. Students are required to keep a pair of "inside" shoes at the school, which are also used for PE.

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

## Lost and Found



The Lost and Found rack is 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.

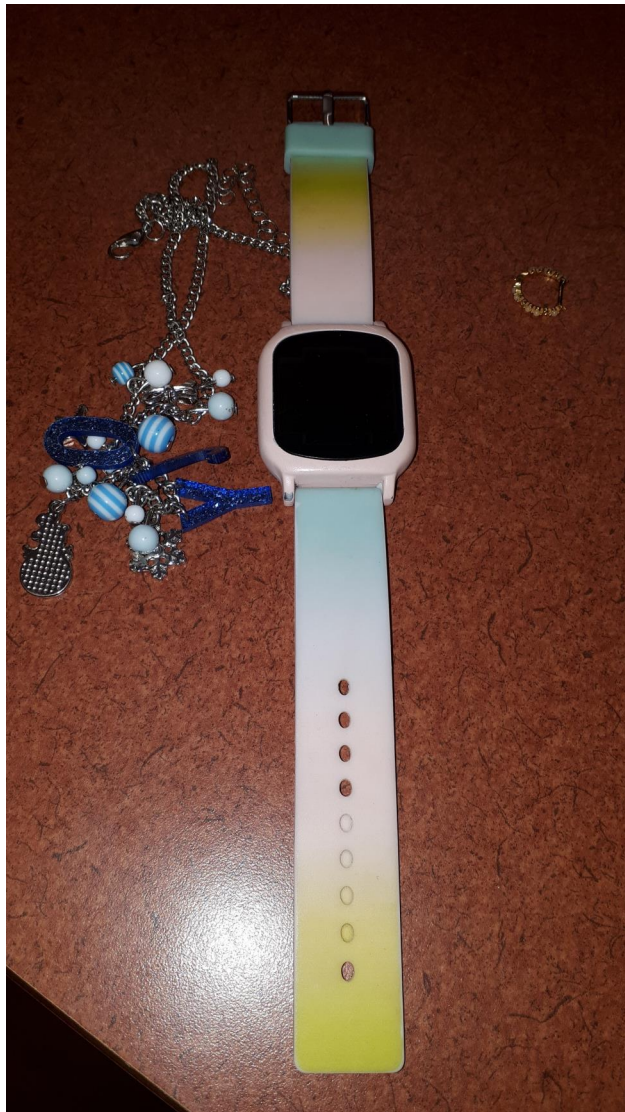
**Swatch** - a student has lost a Swatch with a soccer ball strap. Please return to the office if found.

**Apple AirTag** - a student has lost an AirTag marked "R". Please return to the office if found.

Thank you.







## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website**<sup>9</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>10</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note



**Wednesday, January 22:** Grade 7 Parent Night at Kitsilano Secondary from 4 :30 to 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 22:** PAC Meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**Friday, February 14:** Professional Development Day

**Monday, February 17:** Family Day Statutory Holiday

**Wednesday, February 19:** PAC Meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 26:** Pink Shirt Day

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

<sup>10</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Art in the Hallways













## JQ PAC Updates



### PAC Meeting - Wednesday, January 22

The fourth PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

**When:** Wednesday, Jan 22nd, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Where:** In-person: room 206 on the main floor

**Online:** Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zvt-pzfy-awo>

**Free childcare:** Available for in-person attendees.

Agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting date.

**Submitting questions for the PAC meeting:** We welcome all PAC-related matters for discussion. To have your questions considered, please submit them by Tuesday, January 21st at 11:59pm using this form: [Click here](#)<sup>11</sup>

We hope to see many of you there.

Minutes from the November PAC Meeting can be found at the following link: [November Minutes](#)<sup>12</sup>

### Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates

The next PAC meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 22

Wednesday, February 19

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<sup>11</sup><https://forms.gle/BzxR2ueDLzmWgTDz5>

<sup>12</sup>[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yu8\\_PDbJ50GWQPEGj8U0zdiqXALf1xiK/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108372196858557796589&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yu8_PDbJ50GWQPEGj8U0zdiqXALf1xiK/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108372196858557796589&rtpof=true&sd=true)

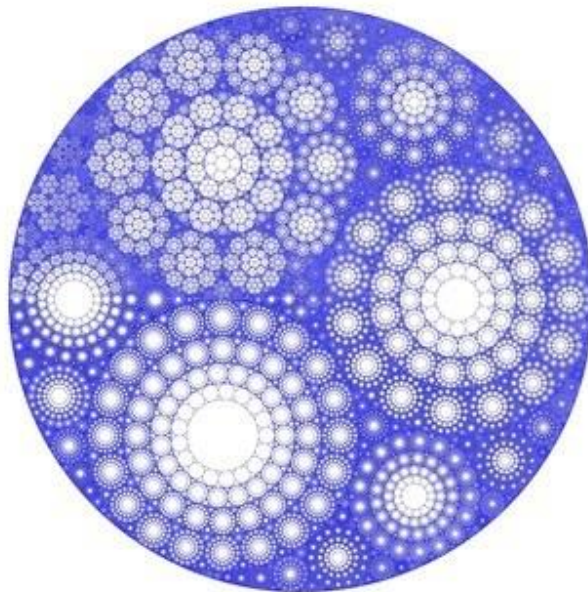
Wednesday, April 23

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.

## 2025 Byng PAC Winter Fair - Thursday, January 23 from 3 to 7 pm



JQ Families are invited to stop by the Byng Winter Fair next week on **Thursday, January 23 from 3 - 7 pm** in Byng Cafeteria. The Fair is organized by Byng PAC and all kinds of things will be on sale.

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

Registration is still open for :



Professor Puffin Challenge Club <sup>13</sup>-- Thursdays - Gr. 1 to 4 - Jan 23 to Mar 13 - 3:00 to 4:10 pm - \$184

Please contact Talia Lemay (parent), Extracurricular Coordinator at [jqextricricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextricricular@gmail.com)<sup>14</sup> 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.

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<sup>13</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

<sup>14</sup><mailto:jqextricricular@gmail.com>

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>15</sup> and the accompanying presentation here<sup>16</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>17</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:

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<sup>15</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e4a06cbc36&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>16</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e847c0982f&e=afa53965a6>

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Ontario Active School Travel Liability Guidelines<sup>18</sup>.

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.com](http://munchalunch.com)<sup>19</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>20</sup>

## **PAC Newsletter**

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

Add us to your address book<sup>21</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>22</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

<sup>22</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

<sup>23</sup><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.ca](mailto:generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca)<sup>24</sup>.*

**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.

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<sup>24</sup><mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca>

Registration is NOW OPEN!

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

**Thank you for reading!**

**Contact Us**



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

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