



JQ eNews - 2025.01.24

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.ca**³ 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.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Notice of Construction



January 2025

BCH REFERENCE NO: 453-U07-01170
FTC PROJECT NO: 3864

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION February 6 - February 20, 2025

Dear Neighbour,

We will be working in your area on behalf of BC Hydro and would like to inform you of the upcoming work.

Our work involves installing underground civil infrastructure on public property impacting both sides of Crown St (2900 Block) between W 13th Ave and W 14th Ave.

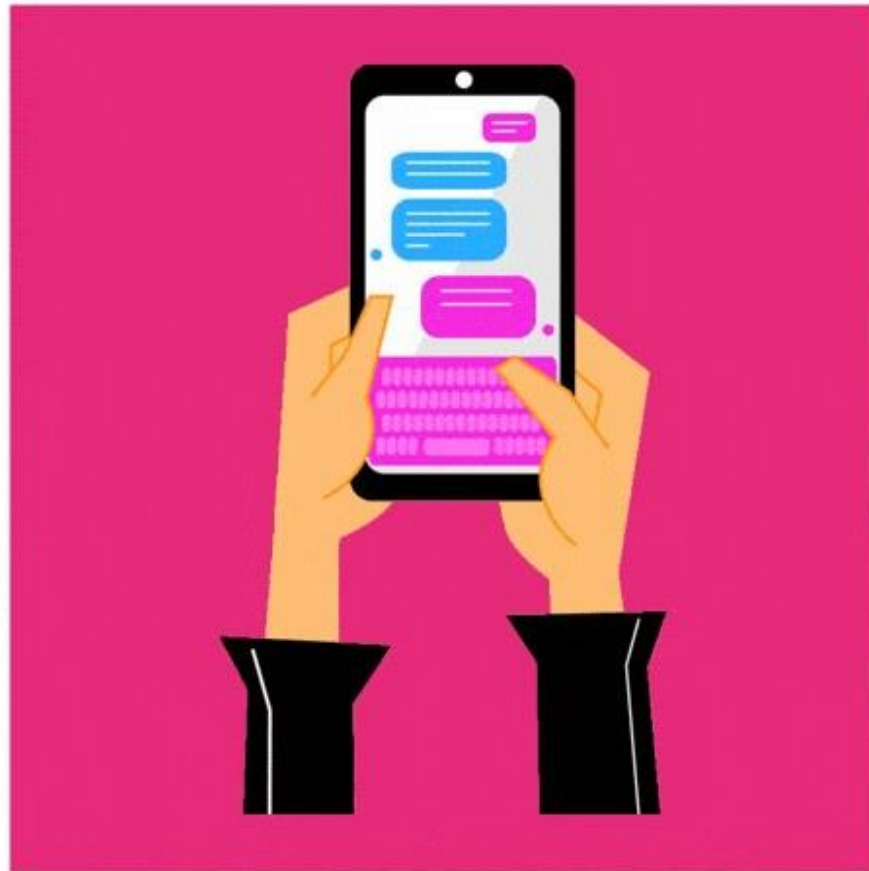
Generally, we will work weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

To ensure the safety of the public and our employees, temporary disruptions to vehicle and pedestrian traffic may be necessary. Lane and road access will be maintained and directed by traffic control personnel.

Should you have any questions about this project, please contact us at: projects@bchydro.com or 604-623-4472.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete this project in an efficient and safe manner.

Personal Digital Device Survey



In July of 2024, as required by the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care, and in order to foster a safe and focused learning environment, the VSB Student Code of Conduct was revised to restrict students' use of personal digital devices (cell phones, tablets, electronic devices).

In elementary schools, students' personal digital devices are to be turned off and out of sight from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In secondary schools the same expectation holds during instructional time. The use of personal digital devices is permitted only for educational purposes, when directed by an educator or as outlined in a student's IEP.

This anonymous survey, open until February 28, 2025, aims to assess the impact of this change on students, classrooms, and learning within our school district.

Students and staff are being asked to complete the survey. To complete the survey with your child, scan the QR code below. You may be prompted to sign in using your child's VSB login credentials.



JQ Parking Lot



The parking lot at Jules Quesnel Elementary School is for the exclusive use of the school from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM on school days.

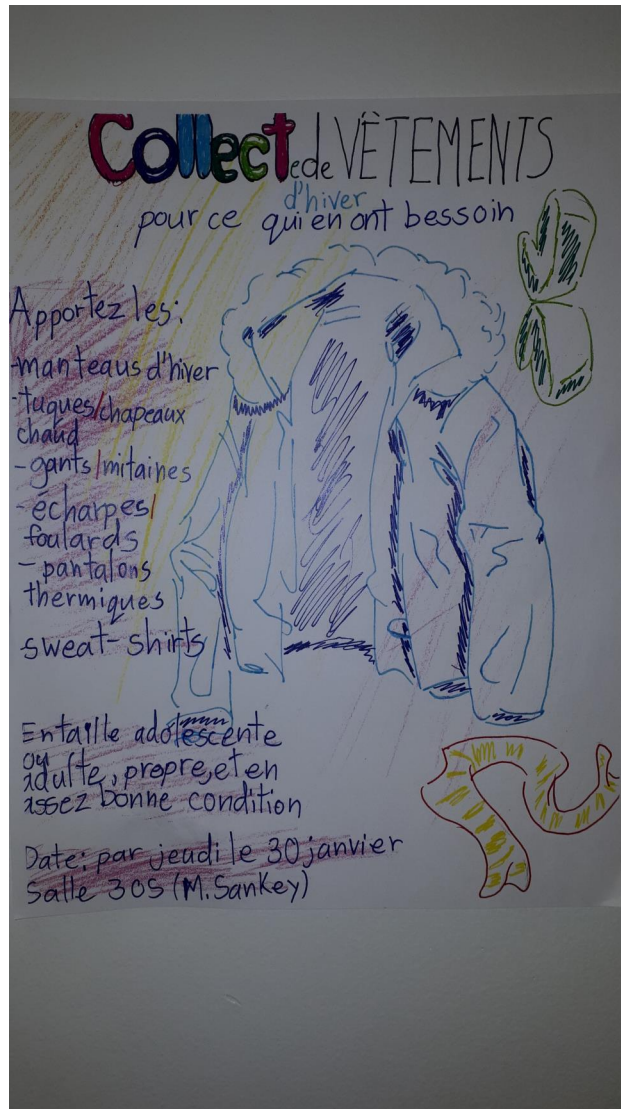
Public pay parking in the JQ lot is available on school days from 4:00 PM until 7:00 AM, and 24 hours a day on non-school days.

No student pick up or drop-off is permitted.

Unauthorized vehicles will be ticketed and towed at owner's expense.

Students, staff and families are encouraged to use active, environmentally responsible modes of transportation to get to and from school.

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 and are specifically looking for:

- Winter jackets
- 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 Schedule



- Boys Team: **Games are on Wednesdays after school, starting January 22.** Practices are on Mondays after school (3:00 to 4:30 pm).

Game location: Jan 29 -JQ, Feb 5 -JQ, **Feb 12-Queen Mary and Feb 19-Carnarvon.**

Senior Boys Basketball schedules are available on the Vancouver Elementary Physical Activity Association website, [HERE](#)⁴.

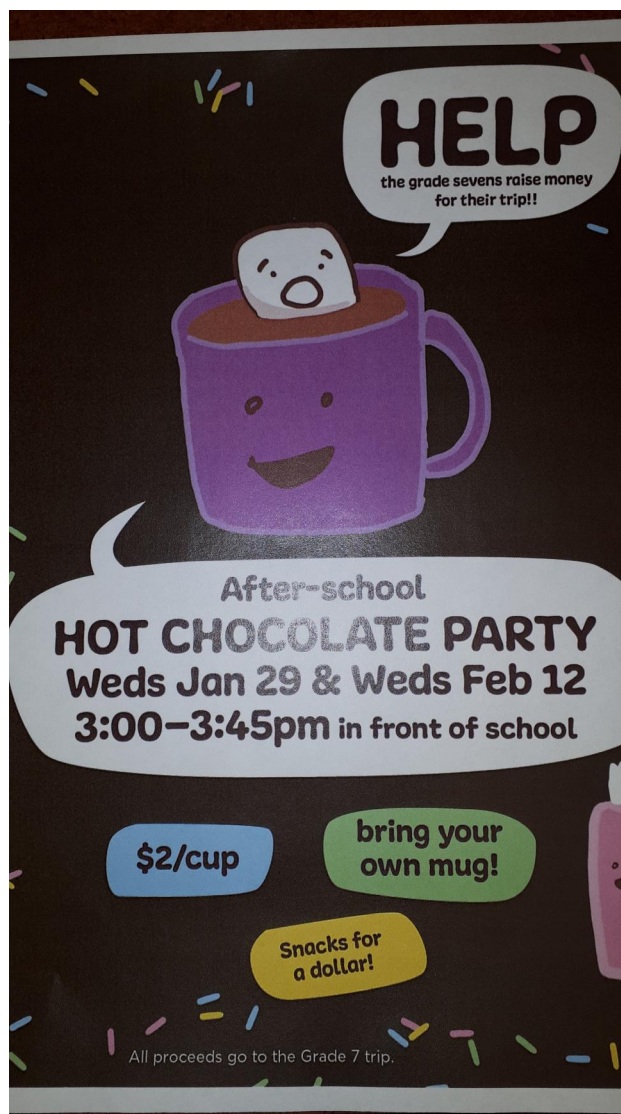
⁴<https://www.vepaa.ca/leagues/schedules.cfm?leagueID=33703&clientID=6948>

- Girls Team: **Games are on Thursdays after school, starting January 23.** Practices will be on Tuesday mornings before school (7:45 to 9:00 am).

Game Location: Jan 30 -JQ, **Feb 2 -Kitchener**, Feb 13 -JQ and **Feb 20-Queen Mary.**

Senior Girls Basketball schedules are available on the Vancouver Elementary Physical Activity Association website, [HERE](#)⁵.

Hot Chocolate Sale - Wed. Jan. 29 & Wed. Feb 12



After-school HOT CHOCOLATE PARTY 2: (Hot, but not 2 hot 2 handle)

⁵<https://www.vepaa.ca/leagues/schedules.cfm?leagueID=33704&clientID=6948>

Wednesdays Jan 29 & Feb 12, 3:00–3:45pm in front of school, \$2/cup.

Snacks for \$1.

Bring your own mug.

All proceeds go to the Grade 7 trip.

Class of 2025 Coffee Fundraiser

GLOBAL COFFEE FUNDRAISING

Our coffees are roasted freshly to order in small batches to ensure you get the perfect cup of coffee.
Organic & ethically sourced. 100% Arabica beans.
Resealable zip-lock bag for freshness.

Order online at www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/julesquesnel

LIGHT ROAST	MEDIUM ROAST	DARK ROAST
 \$19 454g Morning Bell This lighter brew will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.	 \$19 454g Jules Quesnel Brew A carefully crafted blend of beans, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite all day coffee!	 \$19 454g Black Velvet This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.
ESPRESSO ROAST	DECAF	HOT COCOA
 \$19 454g Kick Start Espresso A unique espresso blend with a bold, intense flavor and sweet undertones. This blend makes a superb espresso. Excellent as a drip coffee too!	 \$19 454g Jitterless Java All the flavor of real coffee without the jitter! This decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee.	 \$15 454g Premium Hot Chocolate The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.

Help Support Us!
By purchasing any of the products above, you are helping us reach our goal!

  **JQ Class of 2025 Graduates COFFEE FUNDRAISER**

Global Coffee Fundraising | www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca | Phone: 604.618.6085

We are excited to announce our **Class of 2025 Coffee Fundraiser** to support the grade 7 trip! By purchasing fresh ground premium coffee beans, you're not only getting a delicious brew, but also helping our students achieve their dream of a memorable trip.

Here's how you can help:

1. Choose from a variety of freshly roasted coffee beans, grinds and hot chocolate (perfect for gifts or your morning pick-me-up). <https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/julesquesnel/>
2. Place your order today—every bag sold brings us closer to our goal!
3. Enjoy your coffee knowing you’ve made a difference in our journey.

Let’s make this trip unforgettable—one cup at a time!

Don't forget to share this link with your family and friends.

The fundraiser closes on **February 20th, 2025**. When you are ready to checkout, you can choose the shipping option “Ship with group order to JULES QUESNEL SCHOOL (FREE)” and we will GROUP ship your order to JQ. Be sure to name the Student you are supporting at Checkout. Or you can opt to pay shipping direct to your door. Coffee will be available for pick up at school on **February 28th, 2025**.

Thank you for your support!

Will you be returning to JQ in September 2025?

Dear JQ Families,

The District is currently working to confirm registration numbers for the 2025/2026 school year. To assist the District, we ask that you please inform us by **Friday, February 14, 2025** if you already know that you will moving before September 2025 and are planning to attend another school in the fall. If you are unsure of your future plans or if your situation changes before the end of the school year, please contact the office directly via email to let us know of your updated plans. Thank you.

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.ca⁶.

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

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.

⁶<mailto:vsbkchoiceapply@vsb.bc.ca>

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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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.

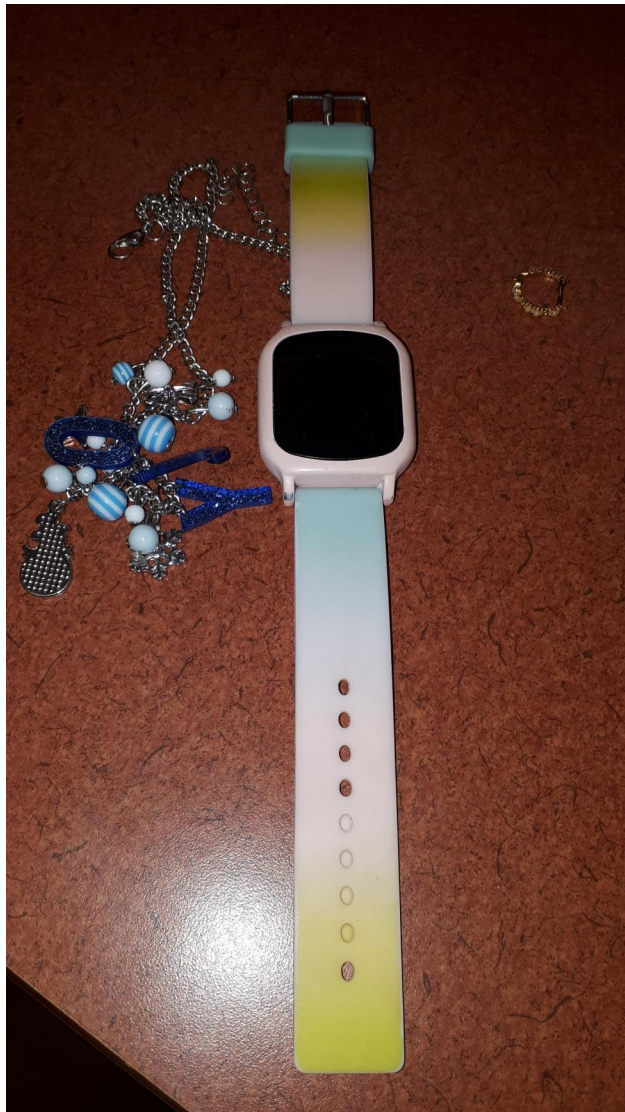
Thank you.

⁸<https://www.instagram.com/vsb39/>

⁹https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author

¹⁰<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>





School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website**¹¹.

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 Calendar¹² page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note



Wednesday, January 29: Hot Chocolate sale after school

Friday, January 31: Deadline to register for Kindergarten at English catchment school for priority placement and before applying for Choice Program

Friday, January 31: Last day to donate warm winter clothing

Tuesday, February 4: Deadline to register for District Choice Program, i.e. French Immersion

Wednesday, February 12: Hot Chocolate sale after school

Friday, February 14: Professional Development Day - no school for students

Monday, February 17: Family Day Statutory Holiday

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

¹¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Friday, February 20: Last day to order coffee for the Grade 7 fundraiser

Wednesday, February 26: Pink Shirt Day

Art in the Hallways











JQ PAC Updates



Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates

The next PAC meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

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!

Registration is still open for :

Professor Puffin Challenge Club ¹³-- 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 jqextracurricular@gmail.com¹⁴ for any questions.

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

¹⁴<mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com>

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 here¹⁵ and the accompanying presentation here¹⁶.

How It Works

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

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

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 community¹⁷

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 Guidelines¹⁸.

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."

¹⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=b18e0e4e23&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cb892685ea&e=afa53965a6>

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.com¹⁹. 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.com²⁰

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book²¹

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences²² or unsubscribe²³

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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¹⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

²⁰<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

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

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

²³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

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.ca²⁴ .

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!

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

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

Thank you for reading!

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