



# JOHN OLIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

JO News

17 April 2025



## SCHOOL UPDATES

From last night's PAC meeting ...

### 1. Course outline requests



### and staff introductions.

Following the parent teacher conferences, parents at PAC asked about the possibility of course outlines and teacher introductions. Going forward (starting in September 2025) teachers will be asked to send course outlines and a brief personal biography to primary and secondary contacts identified on our class lists. Students get these outlines as a mandatory part of course and class orientation, and course outlines should be in student subject binders; from next year, we will also email you these course outlines. For this semester, please check in with your child if you would like their course outline ... or please email your child's teacher/s directly for a copy.

### 2. Printing report cards.

I'm just confirming earlier conversations- we will be hardcopy printing the upcoming mid-semester reports! The timeline is:  
Friday 25 April: Mid-semester reports posted to Family MyEd portals (No change to calendar)  
Monday 26 April: District Professional day- Indigenous focus. (No calendar change)  
Tuesday 27 April: Hardcopy reports handed out during PM FIT in homeroom classes.

Ms. Campbell's Lifeskills 1 class joining us in the caf at lunch ... from left to right: Alonza, Vana, Trevour behind Edwin, and Cameron



*On unceded shared territories of the Tsleil Waututh and Musqueam nations*



### 3. Two countries to call home (2C2CH)

We have been developing this initiative at JO to connect students, families and our community: in essence, we aim to celebrate the different countries that students call home while honoring the shared Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam territory that JO is located on. Completed initiatives are the diversity stairs, the Filipino student club murals (in the Cafeteria gallery, see above), and the translation of our school motto from Latin into the student's languages (in the South-East/Gym entrance- pg one). Our learning assistance class (LAC) have completed a fantastic window covering mural which will be mounted in the south stairwell (from the first to second floors, at the gym and music room). But we are looking for more visual celebrations of the different countries we call home. I have attached a document that I am circulating to students, for your interest and information- any encouragement that you can provide is welcome!

### 4. Partnerships make the school tick!

Thanks so much to Rob Nijjar at the Sunset Business Association for his mentorship of students in the mural club; and colleagues in the South Vancouver and Little Mountain Neighborhood House associations- your support for our students and parents is invaluable. Please see, for example, Little

Want to meet friends, build your skills, or try something new?

# Join us at LAUNCH your future

3:15 - 4:00	LAUNCH Workshop
4:00 - 5:00	Homework Help & Support

Every Wednesdays in Room 208

**Topics**

- Creativity (Digital Art) April 30
- University Applications & Scholarships May 14
- Climate Awareness and Advocacy May 28
- Job Readiness and Resume Building June 4
- Community and Celebrations June 11

Have questions? email us at [cyservices@lmnhs.bc.ca](mailto:cyservices@lmnhs.bc.ca)

**LITTLE MOUNTAIN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
NEIGHBOUR HELPING NEIGHBOUR



Mountain's **Launch Program**- an expanded homework support project on **Wednesdays in Room 208 (3:15-5:00pm)**

#### 5. Vaisakhi at JO and Lapu Lapu festival

Two awesome events ... Vaisakhi at JO organized by JO grad and students ... [here](#) is a link on the VSB webpage; **Wednesday 23 April/Auditorium/5:30!** And [here](#) is a link to the Lapu Lapu day celebration ... some excellent music, food, and events!!

John Oliver Sikh Club  
and  
Sikh Heritage Month Vancouver  
Organization

Presents

## ANAND VIRASAT

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Join us for an evening of art, live performances, Sikh heritage, food, and more!

Explore artwork, view a display of Sikh Shastars, Tanti saaj exhibition and Tanti saaj orchestra, check out tractors and motorcycles from Sikh Motorcycle Club, and enjoy a variety of tasty food. A celebration of creativity, culture, and community!

APRIL  
23

JOHN OLIVER  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL  
(Auditorium)

5:30-8:15  
PM

## ABOUT US

At the Sikh Heritage Month Vancouver Organization, we are excited to celebrate Sikh Heritage Month by honouring the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Sikh community. This month long celebration offers a unique opportunity to explore the values that define Sikhi, including equality, service and compassion. Our event brings people of all background together to learn, appreciate and engage with the vibrant traditions, art, music and stories that have shaped Sikh heritage. Sikh Heritage Month Vancouver was started by Taj Singh Johal in 2022. He was sitting with his friends in his classroom at JOSS, thinking about how they can give back to the school. Taj came up with the idea of Sikh Heritage Month as April was coming up and it wasn't officially celebrated at school. They went to their principal, got permission to put up a display and host "Orange and Blue Shirt Day," which spread to other schools. Since then, we've grown incredibly from the number of volunteers to schools. Our goal is to teach everyone about the social, economic and cultural values of Sikh Canadians who have contributed to our province and nation.



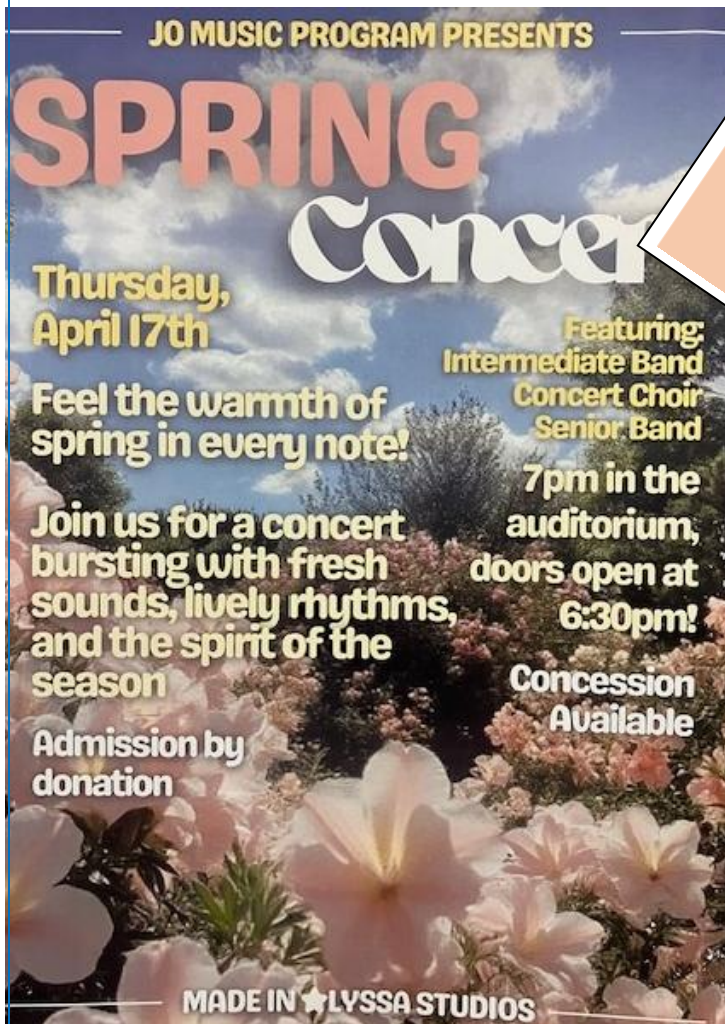
PLEASE SCAN BELOW FOR A FREE TICKET



SCAN ME

Hosted by:





**TONIGHT!  
ONE NIGHT ONLY!!  
BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!  
EXTRAORDINARY!!!!**

Poster design by Alyssa in Grade 9 ...  
Super cool



**JO Cafeteria, 7:51pm, April 10<sup>th</sup> ... Last teacher Standing!!**  
**Mr. Sommerfeld** closes out our **Parent-teacher conference!** Thanks so much to the record turnout of 500 parents, and our on point teachers!



## JO MINI UPDATE:



JO Mini are preparing for our **Spring fieldtrip to Strathcona**, from April 22-25 ... photos in our next JO News. And if you missed this **JO Mini fundraiser**, you still have a couple of hours left to purchase plants for your garden! If interested, check out <https://jomini.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> to see what's offered and order BEFORE April 18th. Pick up will be at JO (probably Joker's Corner) on May 8th.

## PAC UPDATES



Our next **PAC Meeting** is on May 21st at 7:00pm in the library and online!

If you have any questions or would like to connect with your JO PAC, please email us at: [johnoliverpac@gmail.com](mailto:johnoliverpac@gmail.com)

*Are you a maker, baker, crafter, designer, artist or small shop owner offering unique goods?*

The John Oliver PAC is hosting our first **Maker Market** on **Saturday May 24, 2025** and are looking for local vendors to show off and sell their wares.

If interested in learning more about the event, please complete an expression of interest form available here: <https://forms.gle/6s3heehAnB6ViZ1x5> ... or please use the QR code alongside.

## ATHLETICS:

Please follow/check ..... [instagram.com/jokersathletics/](https://www.instagram.com/jokersathletics/) and our blogspot ... <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/jo-athletics/> for weekly updates! Or, from the toptabs on the JO school webpage, navigate to our Athletics and sports updates

## MYED LOGON- STUDENT & FAMILY PORTAL

MyEd login for VSB students and parents are the same - students and parents should share the login information! Some districts in BC use a separate parent portal, but the VSB does not ... **If this is the first-time logging into MyEducationBC website, please use the following login and link:**

username: student number  
password: Dist\$2025

Further information on logging into the student/parent portal can be found [here!](#)

## SCHOOL AND DISTRICT POLICY REMINDER

### Cellphone Policy:

Please note the following policy regarding cellphone use during class time:

- In class Cellphone use is only allowed under/with teacher direction
- Teachers have been provided with a Cell Phone tree/hotel for students to place their phones at the start of the period. Trees are located at the front of classrooms and away from doors.
- If a student is using their phone without teacher authorization and guidance ...
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offence: Warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence: To Grade Admin- same day return; note kept
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offence (and subsequent): To Grade Admin- return to parent; note kept.

Students are free to use their phones during breaks and in common spaces. Due to the widely reported negative effects of social media JO do not have any official social media presence. *Jonathan Haidt explores the possible effects of cellphone use and dependency in his recent [The Anxious Generation](#): [here](#) is an excellent summary.*



Creative Writing anyone?

Orderly, calm, structured **fire drill on Tuesday** – worked like a machine. Except for a single plastic water bottle that was left on the field!

If the water bottle had feelings, how lonely would it feel after 935 students walked by and ignored it?

Write a **love poem, ballad, or rap to the lonely water bottle** and submit your entry to Katerina in the admin office.

No AI generated weirdness.

Perform your piece for bonus!

Prize for the best 3 entrys is a double DQ scoop with chocolate! Bonus prize is another scoop!

Crazy. Deadline: 30 April at 3:30pm