



JOHN OLIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

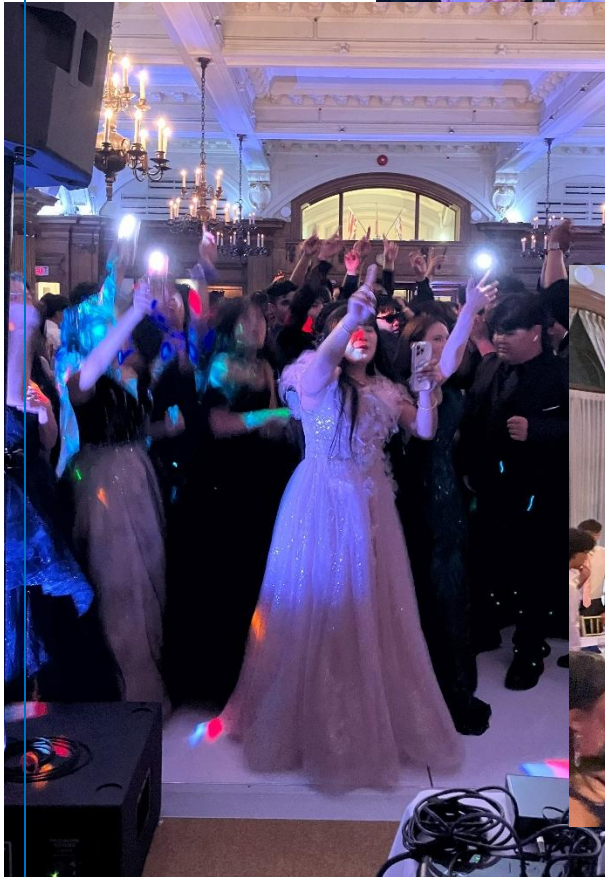
JO News
27 June 2025



Congratulations to the graduates of 2025.

The staff and community of John Oliver Secondary wish you all the very best in the future!

**Prom at the
Vancouver
Club- 19 June**



On unceded shared territories of the Tsleil Waututh and Musqueam nations

School updates ...

1. **Report Cards.** Mid-semester report cards were printed and distributed in late April and posted online. Year-end report cards are only being published online. A primer on online portal access is provided at the end of this JO News.
2. **New school year!** Our First day back is on **Tuesday 2nd September**. **Grade 8 students** should arrive at John Oliver at 12:30 PM. **Grade 9/10/11 and 12 students** should arrive at 9:30AM. Students should report to home rooms to receive timetables and for attendance confirmation. **Wednesday 3rd August school starts at 8:45** with a homeroom before we immediately move into our semester one period one classes.
Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th are also PM Collaboration days, so we do have a slightly earlier dismissal- at 1:45pm. For these two collaboration sessions teachers will be focusing on Provincial Ministry reporting orders and assessment of student learning, unconscious bias, and supporting student attendance.



JO Year End Carnival. The 2024/25 and incoming 2025/26 student councils worked together to present a year end carnival on 11th June. Hot dogs, pop, juice boxes, and crisps were served, clubs held displays and several students sold items that they produce either as part of their Grade 12 Capstone projects, or as part of volunteer fundraising activities. We were also treated to a fantastic performance by the JO Dance club. Thanks to our teacher sponsors Ms Symons, Mr. Lee Chris Lee, Mr. Elfarse, and Mr. Brendan Chan for sponsoring the Dance Club.



JO Mini Year End Potluck. The JO Mini program held their annual year end potluck on Thursday 12 June attended by approximately 400 parents and students. Traditionally, the program's graduating students are presented with their grade 7 applications – below right – by program teachers Ms. Laumen and Mr. Lau. This program could not succeed without the incredible support of parents, and their extensive fundraising efforts: Thank you so much for this support!!



Summer programs fair. Partnerships with the community extend the opportunities available to our students and help enrich our school. In response to the events in the evening of April 26th on 43rd Ave. community agencies and service providers worked together to provide summertime programming and opportunities for our

students. On 11 June partner agencies presented information booths and sign-up tables during lunchtime. JO appreciates the support offered by the South Vancouver, Sunset, and Marpole Community Centers and Neighborhood Houses as well as the many different participating nonprofit organizations.



Drumline at **Year-end Concert**. Following hot on the heels of the incredibly successful Alumni Concert, Mr. Kumar's music students gave a phenomenal year end recital on 5th of June. The concert ended with another stellar performance by our drumline crew. For more information on the John Oliver music program, and photos of the many concerts and April Banff field trip that Mr. Kumar took his students on, please refer to the program's blogspot available here: <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/jomusic/>



Shop class awesomeness ... auto detailing and woodworking ...

Wood shop teacher **Mr. Chris Lee** had another fantastic year with more projects being completed this school year than ever before. At left, he talks with grade 9 **Lily Shechman** about her project.

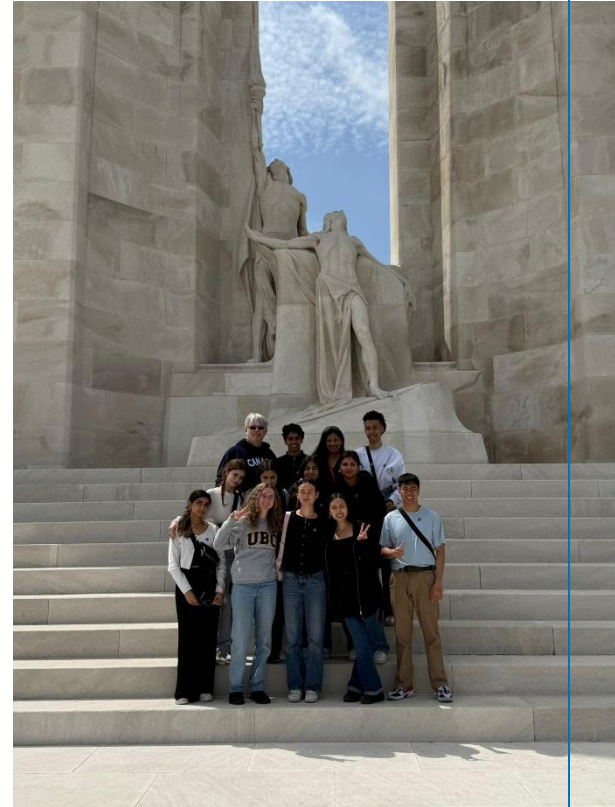
Below, Auto shop teacher, **Ms. Ailin Wong's** students completed a unit on auto detailing with an eye towards opening their own auto detailing small businesses. In the last week of school, as a fundraiser, students worked on teacher's vehicles-scrubbing them down into an acceptable summer condition!



LAC Class Mural. Our LAC class and their English and Socials teacher, **Ms Cathy Kool** recently completed an art project that explored First Nations creation myths. Working collaboratively, the students designed panels that illustrate the Musqueam myth of the 1st beings and the earth's creation. The mural can be seen in the stairwell between the first and second floors at the South (Gym) entrance.



France and Belgium field study. In May, JO partnered with Lord Bing Secondary in a two-week field study to France and Belgium. JO teachers, **Mr. Cameron Phillips** and **Ms. Bal Basi**, (left) along with Bing colleagues supervised 58 students from our two schools for an incredibly enriching experience. The students visited not only the great tourist sites of Paris but also paid their respects to Canada's World War One and World War Two fallen. Students visited Vimy Ridge and were also present for the sounding of the Last Post at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium, where JO students (below, from R to L) **Jaime Wiley, Hugo Fugger and Elyse Flanagan-**



Frank laid a wreath. Both Jaime and Elyse have ancestors who gave their lives during the great battles of World War One - laying a wreath at Menin Gate and visiting their graves made the study of history and global conflict personal for them. The daily Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate has been held every evening since 1928 and pays tribute to the nearly 55,000 Commonwealth soldiers who died around Ypres. Since the First World War an increasing



number of civilians have been killed in acts of war and genocide. What would those war dead say to the soldiers committing atrocities and genocide today?



Mural Club. Thanks so much to **Mr. Rob Nijjar** of the **Sunset on Fraser Business Improvement Association** for their support of John Oliver's mural club. Now in its second year, Mural club students have benefited from the mentorship and support of Mr. Nijjar. The latest series of completed murals are displayed along the fence adjacent to Fraser St., between 41st and 43rd. Avenues.



JO Mini's **Spring fieldtrip to Strathcona**, April 22-25. Students in the John Oliver Mini program had the privilege of travelling to Strathcona provincial park on Vancouver Island, and staying at the Strathcona lodge at the end of April. Students learnt kayaking, canoeing, and field survival skills; senior students kayaked to a nearby island for an overnight camp-out. A heartfelt note of appreciation is given to the JO Mini teachers and parent volunteers who assisted with supervision on this trip.



PAC UPDATE:

Thanks so much to parents who were able to attend our online or F2F PAC meetings during the year! We look forward to reconnecting with you in September- in the meantime have a restful break. In case you missed it, we do have a new **JO PAC website** please bookmark [the link](#). The site has information on PAC and school activities and updates and photos from our recent events (like our recent Walk in the Park).

If needed, please don't hesitate to **e-mail** your thoughts questions or concerns to our mailbox at [this link](#)

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!](#)

SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE: SUMMER PROGRAMS

For your information, below are activities hosted by Sunset Community Center during July and August. For further information please contact the Sunset Community Centre or visit their web page. Please note: These activities are not VSB school sanctioned field studies or activities- participation is voluntary and is at students and families own risk.

Sunset Youth Camp Calendar 2025					
Themes	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Leadership	31 NO CAMP	1 Canada day	2 Welcome Day	3	4 Hillcrest Pool
Social Media Safety	7 DIY Bucket Hats *in centre*	8 Memorial park	9 Pizza Making Dragon Boating	10 Playland	11 7/11 Slurpee Day
Wellness & Self Care	14 Tie-Dye Day *in centre*	15 Bloedel Conservatory	16 Self-care Workshop	17 Skating	18 Kitsilano Beach
Social Responsibility	21 Baking Cookies *in centre*	22 Bowling	23 DIY Tote Bags	24 Granville Island	25 Hillcrest Pool
Celebrating Diversity	28 Clay Creations *in centre*	29 Big Splash	30 Youth Sports Day	31 Skating	1 Water Fight or second beach



Sunset Youth Camp Calendar 2025

August

Themes	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 Healthy Relationships	4 NO CAMP	5 S'mores!  <small>*in centre*</small>	6 Workshop or Volleyball tourney	7 Hillcrest Pool 	8 Skating 
 Personal Development	11 Game Day  <small>*in centre*</small>	12 Taco Tuesday 	13 Boundary Setting Workshop 	14 Egg Drop Challenge 	15 Playland 
 Environmental Awareness	18 Mini Terrariums  <small>*in centre*</small>	19 Stanley Park 	20 DIY Bird Houses 	21 Hillcrest Pool 	22 Deer Lake Kayaking 
 Back To School	25 Plant Pot Painting  <small>*in centre*</small>	26 Movie Day 	27 Back 2 School Workshop 	28 Second Beach 	29 Carnival 