



ÉCOLE JULES QUESNEL

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JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every two weeks. Please also visit the [VSB website](#) and the [JQ school website](#) for information regarding district and school events.

New Admin Team



Bienvenue/Welcome, École Jules Quesnel students and families from new vice principal, Joti Singh and new principal, Vital Peeters. We're happy to be joining the JQ school community and looking forward to getting to know you!

Staffing Updates



Welcome to the following new and returning staff!

- Kate Gumley - Intermediate
- Maggie Chen - Primary
- Aubry Patrick - Kindergarten
- Erica Sullivan - Resource/Prep
- Emily Klich - Primary

Farewell and all the best to departing staff, Patrick Grace and Alexandra Russell.

First Week of School



Dear families,

We are looking forward to school start-up on Tuesday, September 5th and to seeing returning students as well as welcoming many new students to our school. We are excited to see you all and to begin the new school year.

First Day of School: On Tuesday September 5th, all students in grades 1 - 7 will attend for one hour from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Please line-up in the same spot as last year. Most students will be spending the first few days with last year's teacher if the teacher is still at the school.

Wednesday, September 6th: This will be the first regular school day, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for students in grades 1 - 7. Returning students will once again meet at the same spot as Tuesday (and last year).

Please have your child bring a mid-morning snack for recess and a packed lunch and note that we are an allergy-aware school.

Please note that on Wednesday, students in last year's Kindergarten classes - Div 14 (Mme Gabrielle) and Div 15 (Mme Campbell) will be greeted by Mme Brigitte and Mme Erica and will go to the Library and Room 206.

2023-2024 Classes: As soon as we receive authorization from the District, students will be assigned to their new class for the school year. The District is dealing with an influx of students at the current time. There will be a number of combination classes and we would like to assure everyone that all of our students will be learning and engaged at their grade level and that there are many benefits to combination classes.

Confirming Attendance and Placement: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance by noon on Friday, September 8th, your child's space may be given to another student on the waitlist. Thank you to those parents who have already notified the school of a later return date.

Allergy-Aware: We ask that families avoid including foods that contain potentially life-threatening allergens such as nuts and nut products in lunches or snacks. All VSB schools are also scent-free.

School Supplies: These are not required for the first two weeks. If supplies are needed, the classroom teacher will provide a list of items in due course.

New Students to JQ



On Tuesday, September 5th, all NEW (grades 1-7) students should meet on the **big grass field**. Students will be grouped with peers and attendance will be taken. Students will be shown their pick up spot for the rest of the week.

New Kindergarten students will follow a gradual entry schedule beginning on **Wednesday, September 6th**, please refer to the schedule that was sent to your emails. On Wednesday, please meet Mme. Campbell and Mme. Aubry at the outdoor basketball courts at your start time.

An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 6th at 6 pm** in the kindergarten classrooms on the ground floor, Rooms 139 and Rooms 101A. Please enter the school via the doors off the parking lot on West 14th Avenue. Class lists will be posted and parents should go to the classroom of their child.

Respectful Workplace



The Vancouver School Board is committed to fostering safe schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation and social responsibility. There is zero-tolerance for violence, harassment, or disrespectful behaviour in the school community. We strive to make our schools and sites welcoming places for everyone in our community.

As we begin a new school year, we ask that you pause and remember VSB staff are valued community members. Be considerate, and ask, will my actions or words hurt someone?

It is our shared responsibility to ensure interactions are conducted safely and respectfully. Students learn here, and together we can be models for those that are watching.

Distraction-free Learning



To help maintain a distraction-free, safe and caring learning environment, JQ families are asked not to send children to school with cell phones or other electronic devices.

During the school day, and any time students are in the care of school staff, including field trips and before and after school extracurricular activities, communication between students and families must go through the office or the staff member in charge.

Any electronic device used by students during the school day, including before and after school, recess and lunch, and during field trips and extracurricular activities may only be with teacher or staff permission and direct supervision.

Families that choose to send children to school with a cell phone or other electronic device in case of emergencies during the trip to and from school must ensure their child understands the phone or device may only be used at school with teacher or staff permission and direct supervision. Any personal electronic devices students bring to school must be turned off or put on silent mode and stored in their school bag for the duration of the school day, including before and after school, and during any school sponsored activities.

Students unable to abide by the policy described above will have the phone or device confiscated and turned in to the office. A parent or guardian will be asked to come retrieve the phone or device and be reminded of the policy.

Thank you for helping to ensure a distraction-free, safe and caring learning environment for our students and staff.

Voluntary Student Accident Plans



The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below;

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

District Programs (Mini Schools) Sept 2024



District Programs Information for Grade 7 students

Grade 7 students and families,

For those beginning to wonder about options for their Grade 8 year, click on the link below for information regarding 2024 District Programs (Mini Schools).

[VSB Mini School Brochure.pdf](#)

JQ PAC Updates



PAC will be hosting a back-to-school coffee for all in the “forest area by the pool” on Tuesday, September 5th, between 9:00 and 10:00 am, please join them if you have time.

For all new Kindergarten families, PAC will be hosting a back-to-school coffee in the “forest area by the pool” on Friday, September 8th, between 9:00 and 10:00 am, please join them if you have time.

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar** and other information is available on our [school website](#).

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](#) page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in September:

Tuesday, September 12th - Individual Photo Day

Thursday, September 21st - Meet the Teacher Night / PAC Welcome Back BBQ

Friday, September 22nd - Professional Development Day

Monday, October 2nd - Day in lieu of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Community Info

See below for information regarding community activities, events and programs.

[RBL Basketball Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Programs](#)

FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER

[REGISTER HERE](#)

All players receive a Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal!

Play Fall Saturday & Sunday Mornings, After School Soccer & Free Kick Academy with a World Cup theme & Music. Players will be grouped by age and level to develop fun skills, and play Small-Sided games with Professional Coaches.

See website for details!

www.FreeKickFC.com

Thank you for reading!

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