



JQ eNews - 2023.10.06

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

Safe Arrival and Reporting Student Absences



To report your child's absence, please call **604-713-5159, Ext. 39**, 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.

School Phone not working

The school continues to have issues with the telephone and Telus are working on a solution. In the meantime, parents can only leave a message on 604-713-4457 as the phone does not ring. We will check messages regularly. For more immediate assistance, parents can email: etoone@vsb.bc.ca

Thank you for your patience.

Thanksgiving Day Monday October 9 - No School for Students



JQ families, please remember schools will be closed **Monday, October 9** for Thanksgiving Day.

School will resume Tuesday October 10.

Only 2 weeks left to order Fresh to You Fundraiser fruits and veggies!



We love to eat fresh fruits and vegetables!

JQ is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.

Help us:

- meet our school's fundraising goals
- support healthy choices
- support local growers and producers

2 vegetable bundle options are available for purchase until October 20 via School Cash Online. 40% of sales go to the school.

Here's what's in the bundles:

Bundle 1 - \$25

5 lb Red Beets

5 lb Pacific Premium Potatoes - Smalls

3 lb Carrots

3 lb Onions - Yellow

Bundle 2 - \$30

5 lb Pacific Premium Potatoes - Smalls

5 lb Red Beets

1 lb Parsnips

283g Shallots

Click [HERE](#) and sign in to School Cash Online to order.

Vegetables will be delivered to the school and bundles will be available for pick up between November 15 and 25. Look for an email from the school letting families know when bundles are ready.



The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to fundraise with healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

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Fundraising Dates: until October 20, 2023

Fundraising Coordinator: studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca

October CSL Conferences

All JQ students will be **dismissed early at 2pm Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26** to give more time for October Communicating Student Learning (CSL) conferences.

Look for a message from your child's teacher regarding conference booking. Some teachers may choose to spread their conferences out over more than the two early dismissal days.

October conferences are an informal learning update prior to Written Learning Update #1 which will be sent home December 1. Conferences are an opportunity for students, families and teachers to consider 3 questions about students' learning:

1. Where am I now?
2. Where am I going?
3. How do I get there?

Resource teachers may join conferences for students they support. Prep teachers will also be available to meet with students and families.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)



In the coming weeks, students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA). These assessments focus on students' literacy and numeracy development. As mentioned earlier this week in a message from our superintendent to families of students in grades 4 and 7, the FSAs provide valuable information about how students in Vancouver schools are doing. Individual classroom teachers can use assessment results as one measure of how students in their classrooms are doing and where they need more support. As a school district, FSA results are used to help make evidence-informed decisions about where we need to focus resources and supports to enhance student learning.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has more information about FSAs – available in a variety of languages. Here are links to that information.

- [Foundation Skills Assessment for Parents and Caregivers \(English\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [French \(Français\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified Chinese – 简体中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Traditional Chinese – 繁體中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Farsi \(فارسی\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tagalog \(PDF\)](#)
- [Urdu \(اردو\) \(PDF\)](#)

VSΒ: After the Bell, podcast season 2 dropped last week!



Kicking off season 2 of [VSΒ: After the Bell](#), we take a deep dive into VSΒ's first Literacy Framework – what literacy is, what the framework does and what it means for student learning. In our matter-of-the-month segment, we turn our attention to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in the wake of recent anti-SOGI protests and talk about why SOGI education is still important today. Podcast episodes are released at the end of every month. Subscribe to **VSΒ: After the Bell** on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts!

Coughs and Colds



Respiratory illnesses are beginning to circulate within the community. The latest guidance from Vancouver Coastal Health is:

Students who are exhibiting symptoms of illness, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illness, should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Those who are vomiting or have diarrhea should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

If a member of the household is sick, children can continue to attend school and masking is not required.

School staff will continue to encourage regular hand washing. Masks are available in the school office should a student wish to request one at any time.

Dress for cold and rainy weather

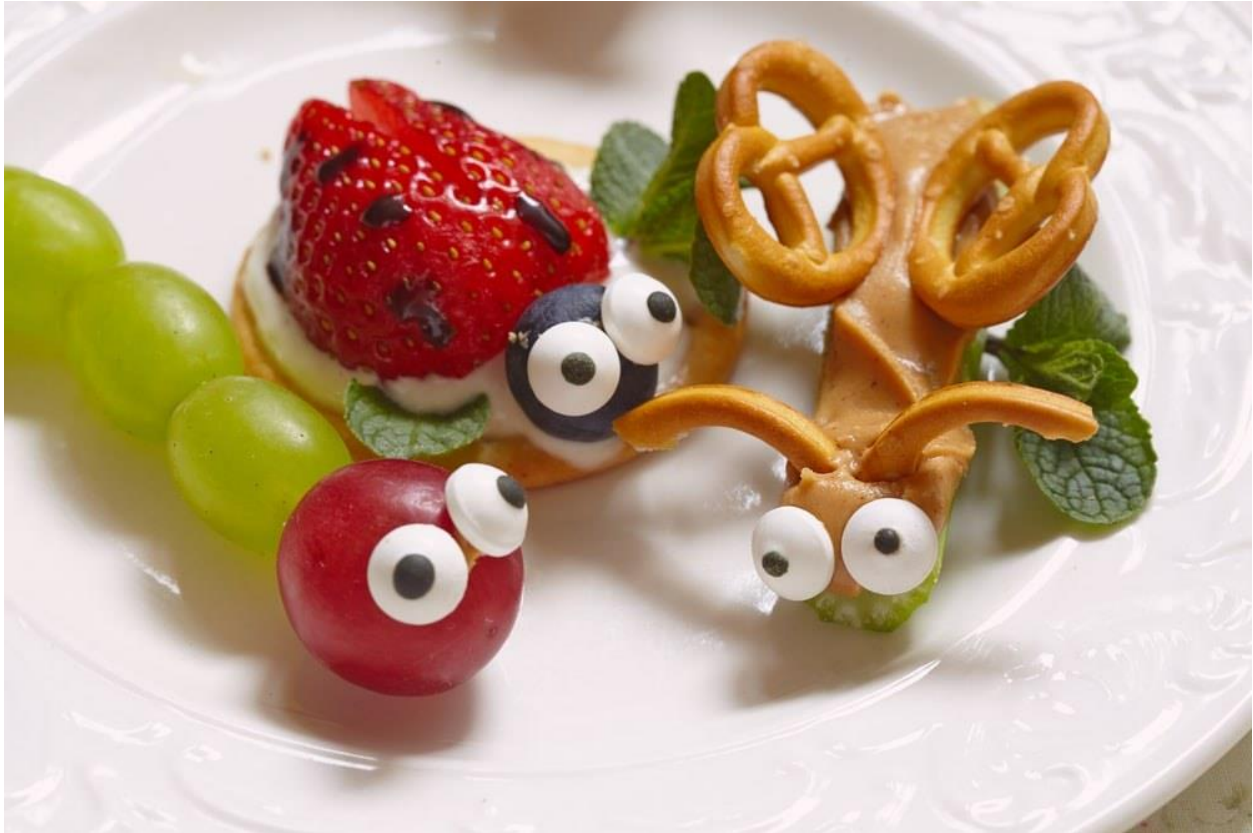


The rainy season is upon us, please dress your child for the cold and wet rainy weather. Appropriate outdoor shoes for wet weather are recommended as students will go outside rain or shine.

Drainage work and access to school grounds at the front

VSB Grounds staff will be working on removing roots from the drains on the southwest corner of the schoolyard. The entrance to the schoolyard next to Byng will be fenced off for the next week or two.

Snacks for hot lunch days



A reminder to send a small snack or piece of fruit for your child to eat at mid-morning recess break on hot lunch days.

School Fees 2023-2024



School fees for all students have now been posted on School Cash Online (<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>). The school also accepts cheques and/or cash but would prefer online payment.

Any families experiencing financial hardship may ask that these fees be waived by contacting the school Principal, Vital Peeters, (vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca). All requests will be treated confidentially.

The following two fees are posted:

Annual basic school supplies: \$35.00

Performance/Activity Fee: \$10.00

This year, parents will not be required to pay for agendas, library book bags, white boards and pens as these will be covered by the school.

MyForms



Parents/Guardians are required to complete the following forms during the first few weeks of the school year and many can be completed online at the following link:

The following forms can be completed online at: <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>

1. Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students) - parents can disregard
2. Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians) - parents can disregard
3. **CASL Consent Form 2023-2024 (for parents and guardians)**
4. **External Media Consent Form 2023-2024**
5. **G4-12 Student AUP (Acceptable Use of Technology)**

6. **K-3 Student AUP (Acceptable Use of Technology)**
7. **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent**
8. **VSB Media Consent 2023-2024**

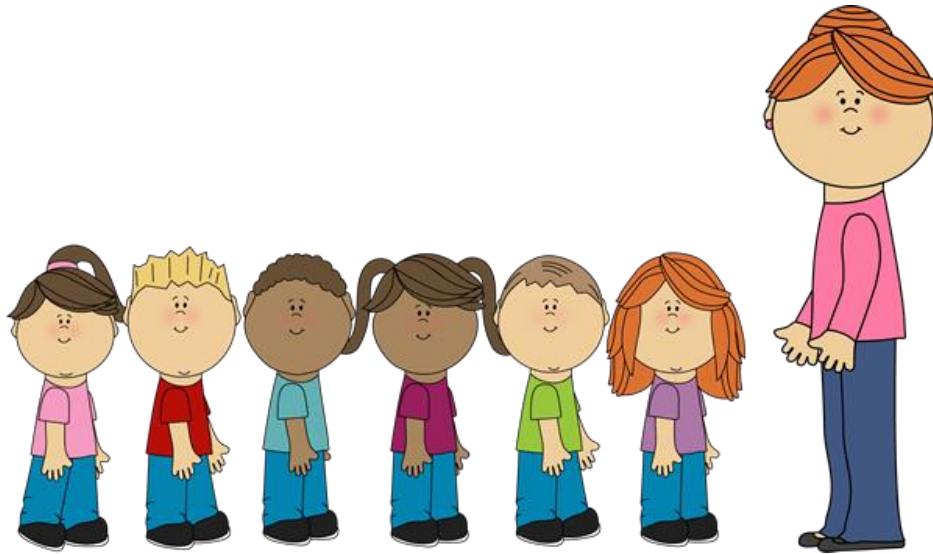
The PEN (Personal Education No.) and your child's date of birth are required. A student's PEN can be retrieved at the following: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx>

For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click [HERE](#).

In addition, a paper copy of the following forms will be sent home:

- 1. Personal Information Verification Form** (*Will be distributed to students - individualized*) – Required
- 2. Reunification Form** (*Will be distributed to new students who do not have an older sibling at the school*) – Required
- 3. Medical Information Sheet** (*Copy will be sent to students with known medical conditions.*) **Please ask the office for the form if your child has a medical condition and the school has not yet been informed.**

School Grounds and Student Pick up/Drop off



Please note that the front playground will be supervised from 8:40 to 9:00 am and from 3:03 to 3:18 pm. At the beginning of each day (9:00 am), classroom teachers will meet students at a designated spot and escort them into the school. At the end of the day (3:03 pm), students will return to the same spot for pick-up by parents. Students not picked up by 3:18 pm will be taken to the office and a parent contacted. Thank you for picking up your child promptly at dismissal.

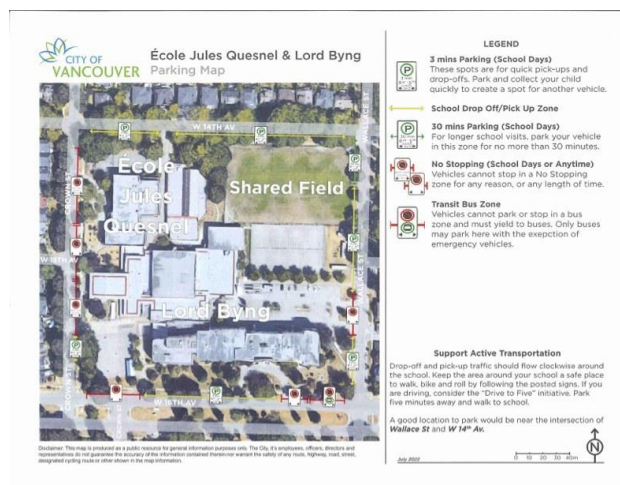
At this time we continue to ask that after pick up/drop off, parents remain off school grounds until 3:18 pm as this allows for easier identification of students who have not yet been picked up by a parent or guardian.

When waiting to pick children up at the end of the school day, parents and caregivers are asked not to crowd around the main entrance to the schoolyard off Crown Street, but to spread out along the sidewalk outside the fence.



Please Note that there have been safety concerns regarding cars and traffic on 14th and Crown street. Students, families and staff are encouraged to consider active modes of transportation for getting to and from school. There is only limited parking around JQ. Families can also consider parking a few blocks away from the school and walking with their child to the entrance.

Please refer to the image below for information regarding parking and traffic flow around JQ.



Donations to Terry Fox Foundation



The school will continue to accept donations until Friday, October 27th. Donations can also be made online by clicking [HERE](#). All donations are voluntary. Thank you.

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.

Allergy aware school

Allergy Aware School



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 Air Aware, meaning students, staff and visitors are encouraged to use fragrance free and unscented shampoos, hairsprays, deodorants, lotions, and other products, and avoiding application of perfume and cologne.

JQ PAC Updates



Class Parent/Guardian Volunteers

The PAC would like our families to consider a volunteer opportunity: the role of class parent/guardian.

Each division requires a class parent/guardian for a few key tasks:

1. Liaison between the class teacher and parents/guardians
2. Liaison between the PAC and class parents/guardians
3. Collecting funds, organizing, and presenting a thank you gift for the teacher at winter break, and at the end of the school year

The class parent/guardian plays a crucial role in the classroom community, and does not require a big time commitment.

If this role is of interest to you, please fill [this form](#) to volunteer; and mention your interest to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, write to jqpacexec@gmail.com.

All volunteers must read the VBE Guidelines for Adults Interacting with Students and sign and submit a VBE Volunteer Conduct Agreement to their child's teacher or the office. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Next PAC Meeting - TBD

Submitting questions for the PAC meeting: We will follow the same format as our meetings from last year. To ensure your questions, including related to new business, are possibly considered for discussion we highly encourage you to submit them prior to our meeting. Please submit questions by Saturday, October 21st at 11:59pm by using this form <https://forms.gle/WaV7tt5sATSHofDD7>

Thank you to everyone who joined the September PAC meeting. We had a wonderful meeting with a lot of discussion. Please find [here](#) the meeting minutes for your perusal. We are looking to continue the hybrid format for the rest of the meetings this school year.

Hot Lunch Program & Pizza Day News

Dear JQ families - we are pleased to announce that our Hot Lunch and Pizza Day program for this Fall is OPEN for ordering!

TO ORDER: Log in to munchalunch.com if you already have an account from last year. You will be asked to update your child(ren)'s class/division prior to placing your first order.

If you do not have an account yet, go to munchalunch.com/schools/julesquesnel to register and start ordering.

Hot Lunch days are Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. Pizza Days will be on Fridays.

For your convenience, the new ordering deadline for Hot Lunch and Pizza Day is the day before at 8 am. You may place orders for as many hot lunch and pizza dates as you like at one time.

After you place an order, please ensure that you have received an email from MunchaLunch confirming your order dates and food items. Please ensure that you also receive a separate email with your credit card payment receipt.

If your child is away on a Hot Lunch or Pizza Day AFTER THE 'ORDER BY DATE', you may pick up their lunch at the school between 11:30 and 12 pm. For food safety reasons, lunches will not be kept after this time. There will be no refunds after the 'order by' date.

If a class trip comes up on a Hot Lunch or Pizza Day and you have already placed an order for that day and would like to cancel, you can notify the Hot Lunch Coordinator at jqgradeseven2024@gmail.com for a credit BEFORE THE 'ORDER BY' DATE. The credit will need to be used on MunchaLunch by the end of the school year - there will be no credits paid out to parents otherwise.

Lunches this year are supplied by Calhoun's Catering(calhouns.bc.ca). CUTLERY IS NOT PROVIDED, so please send your child with the necessary cutlery for their lunch, as we will not have any at the school. Cheese Pizza slices will be supplied by Dominos.

We invite you to read the attached letter from Calhoun's Hot Lunch Coordinator which introduces our parent population to our new Hot lunch vendor, Calhoun's Catering!

Please note: Calhoun's is NOT a designated peanut-free facility.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Lipson

Hot Lunch Coordinator

If you have any questions about Hot Lunch or Pizza Day, or need any assistance, please email jqgradeseven2024@gmail.com

Letter to families from Calhoun's Catering

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Olivia, and I am the hot lunch coordinator for Calhoun's Catering. We are so excited to be providing hot lunches for your children this year and would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit more about our company.

We first started out at 3035 West Broadway as Calhoun's Bakery Cafe in 1993 and over the years, have evolved into a full service caterer for customers such as UBC, VGH, VCH, PHSA etc. Related to hot lunches, Calhoun's is also a preferred caterer for the VSB including the Superintendent's office. Our service area is Vancouver only, and our schools this year include: St John's, St Augustine, St Francis, St Patrick's, Stratford Hall, Shaughnessy, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Lord Kitchener, Carnarvon, Bayview, Emily Carr, Crosstown, Elsie Roy, Hudson and General Gordon, Trafalgar and Jules Quesnel.

The 2 chefs who cook and oversee the hot lunch meals have over 30 years of combined experience at Sheraton hotels.

Calhoun's takes great pride in our staff procedures, food quality, ingredients, experience and facility. In fact, since moving to our new kitchen 6 years ago, we are the ONLY hot lunch provider with a perfect health record from Vancouver Coastal Health's routine inspections:

<https://inspections.vch.ca/FoodPremises/Table?searchText=calhoun%27s>

As parents, you deserve to know that your children's meals are made properly and according to all food safety guidelines, and that your hot lunch provider is up to task.

All your children's meals will be individually packaged, and labelled with their name and division. Meals are transported in special German made heat retention boxes ensuring food safety and are organized according to class or division.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Olivia

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 October:

Monday, October 9 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, October 11 - Cross Country Mini-Meet at Camosun

Friday, October 20 - Professional Development Day

Wednesday, October 25 - Photo Retake Day

Community Links

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

Lord Byng Elementary Outreach Strings Program for grades 5, 6 and 7

We have been notified that there is still space in the Wednesday after-school program with Byng Orchestra Director, Ms. Ruth Anderson.

In the first class (Prelude - no experience required), there are openings in violin and viola only (8 spots total). In the second class (Encore), there are openings in viola (max 5), cello (max 2).

If your child is interested, please contact Ms. Anderson at randerson@vsb.bc.ca or volunteer JQ parent Eve at 786109802@qq.com.

Free Cycling Program

Burnaby Velodrome Club and Cycling BC, courtesy of Sports Canada, will offer a program for three consecutive Thursdays on November 13, December 7, and December 14 3:00-6:00pm at the Burnaby Velodrome for 10 to 16 year olds with a shuttle available to pick up kids after school from the school or a community center. The cost is FREE.

This is a joint program between Burnaby Velodrome Club and Cycling BC, courtesy of Sports Canada, and led by Head of Coach Development and HopOn Manager - coach Ben Chaddock. Learn more at: CyclingBC.net/Hopon

FREE PILOT PROGRAM - COURTESY OF SPORT CANADA FUNDING



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- Skill Focused
- Safe & supportive environment
- NCCP Club-trained and certified coaches
- In partnership with the _____
- Transportation provided from _____ (3:15pm) & _____ Community Centre (3:45pm)
- Pickup your child at 6pm at the velodrome

For 10-16-year-olds (skill level 4+) who wish to learn to pedal faster, stronger, and experience the thrill of the velodrome!

AFTER-SCHOOL SHUTTLE

- 3x Thursdays
- Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 2023
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM (Shuttle)
- 4:30 - 6:00 PM (Biking)
- Cost: FREE
- 14 Spots Available

MUNICIPAL PARTNER?



LEARN MORE AT CYCLINGBC.NET/HOPON

Thank you for reading!

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