

## JQ eNews - 2023.10.13

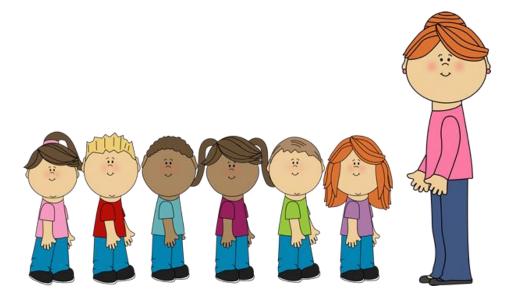
JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the <u>VSB website</u> and the <u>JQ school website</u> for information regarding district and school events.



## 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.

## Adjustments to student Drop off and Pick up locations



To reduce congestion in front of the school at the beginning and end of the day, some divisions' drop off / pick up locations have been changed. Please refer to the Drop off / Pick up Locations Map below to see the changes. The white arrows on the map show the openings in the fence students will use to enter and exit school grounds. Please wait by the specified entrances to help spread families out along the sidewalks.

Please note that the front playground is 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 their drop off / pick up location and escort them into the school. At the end of the day (3:03 pm), students will return to the same location 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.

We continue to ask that after drop-off / pick up, parents remain off school grounds as this allows for easier identification of students and staff. After school, after 3:18 pm, when students who haven't been picked up have been gathered to the office, families are welcome to come onto school grounds.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe.



#### Drop off / Pick up Locations

## ShakeOut BC - Thurs. Oct 19



The school will hold its first Earthquake Drill on **Thursday, October 19th at 10.19 am**. Students will drop, cover and hold in the classroom before evacuating to the field.

## **Cross Country Practice and District Finals - Oct 19**

The last practice will be on Tuesday, October 17th at 8:00 am at Camosun Park with Mme Aubry.

The Vancouver District Cross Country Finals will be held on **Thursday, October 19th at 1:00 pm sharp at Trout Lake Park** (East 19th Avenue and Victoria Drive). Students will be dismissed at 11:40 am and parents will be responsible for driving their children to the Meet. Students should wear their red JQ jersey or other red jersey for the Meet. Look for the JQ tent once you arrive at Trout Lake. Volunteer drivers will need to sign a Volunteer Driver form **before October 18th**. Forms are available in the school office.

Click <u>HERE</u> for approximate event times, parking and other information for the District Meet.

#### Pro-D - Friday, Oct. 20

School will not be in session for students on **Friday, October 20** due to staff participation in the Provincewide Professional Development Day. Only a few days 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 Ib Pacific Premium Potatoes - Smalls
3 Ib Carrots
3 Ib Onions - Yellow
Bundle 2 - \$30
5 Ib Pacific Premium Potatoes - Smalls
5 Ib Red Beets
1 Ib Parsnips
283g Shallots

Click <u>HERE</u> 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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## **October CSL Conferences - Wed. Oct 25 & Thurs. Oct 26**

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.

#### Photo Retake Day - Wed. Oct 25

If your child was absent on the original photo day, their name has already been placed on a photo retake list. If you would like your child to have a retake, please let your child's teacher or office know by **Monday, October 23**. Thank you.

## Go by Bike Weeks - Oct 16 to Oct 29



JQ students, families and staff,

Discover that cycling can be safe, comfortable, and fun year-round during Fall Go by Bike Weeks from Oct. 16 to Oct. 29! For the first time ever, Go by Bike Week is double the fun this fall with a two-week event.

#### What is Go by Bike Week?

Go by Bike Week is a celebration of cycling, where we encourage everyone in Metro Vancouver to give cycling a try and motivate those who already do to keep riding. Ride your bike to the pharmacy, school, work or to grab a coffee, any destination counts, and the more trips you log, the more prizes you could win.

For more information click <u>HERE</u>.

#### Why Register?

Cycling is proven to improve happiness, productivity, and mental and physical health! Get ready to discover the joy of riding a bike. During the event, you can also:

- Track your trips online and create some friendly competition with your team
- Visit Celebration Stations across Metro Vancouver Check back for weekly schedule updates!

- Brush up on your skills with <u>free webinars</u> from the HUB Cycling Education team
- Get cycling tips and route information
- Get the chance to <u>win prizes</u> just for participating!

## 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)
- <u>Chinese (Traditional Chinese 繁體中文) (PDF)</u>
- Farsi (فارسی) (PDF)
- <u>Punjabi (ਪੰਜਾਬੀ) (PDF)</u>

- <u>Tagalog (PDF)</u>
- <u>Urdu (اردو) (PDF)</u>

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



Kicking off season 2 of <u>VSB</u>: <u>After the Bell</u>, we take a deep dive into VSB'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 **VSB**: **After the Bell** on <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, <u>Spotify</u> 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.

#### School Fees 2023-2024



Thank you to all families who have paid school fees. The fees are now due to the Vancouver School Board. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, the fees can be paid in the following ways:

#### School fees for all students have now been posted on School Cash Online

(https://vsb.schoolcashonline.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: <u>https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx</u>

For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click <u>HERE</u>.

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.* 

## **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



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 <u>this form</u> to volunteer; and mention your interest to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, write to <u>iqpacexec@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>HERE</u> for more information.

## Next PAC Meeting - Monday, October 23 - date brought forward

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When: Monday, October 23 6:30pm-7:30pm

Where: Room 206 on the main floor and Zoom

Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6507498613? pwd=Qm90MXZZckY3Yzk2VTFKdWgyOHExZz09

Meeting ID: 650 749 8613

Passcode: 021131

Submitting questions for the PAC meeting: To ensure your questions, including related to new business, are possibly considered for discussion we 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/i81TNRGAk6BtvJou8

Minutes from the September PAC meeting can be found <u>here</u>. 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 <u>Calendar</u> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

#### Dates to note in October/November:

Thursday, October 19 - District Cross Country Meet at Trout Lake from 1 - 3 pm

Friday, October 20 - Professional Development Day - School closed

Monday, October 23 - PAC General Meeting at 6:30 pm (hybrid - online and in Rm 206)

Wednesday, October 25 - Photo Retake Day Wednesday, October 25 - Early Dismissal at 2 pm for all students for Conferences Thursday, October 26 - Early Dismissal at 2 pm for all students for Conferences Tuesday, November 7 - Immunization Clinic - gr 6 students Wednesday, November 8 - Kindergarten Hearing Screening Monday, November 13 - Day in lieu of Remembrance Day Friday, November 24 - Professional Development Day - School closed

#### **Community Links**

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

## CPF Resources for Jules Quesnel Kindergarten Parents - Welcome to K Flyer

Welcome to K 2023 email.pdf



## TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S FRENCH EDUCATION

Most French immersion parents have either a limited knowledge of French or cannot speak the language at all. If you don't speak French yourself, it is not suggested you read to your child in French now. However, any reading that you do in your first language is recommended and the reading skills that are learned, such as vocabulary development and reading from left to right, can be transferred to French.

Being able to read words and sound out letters are important aspects of learning to read but true reading involves reading for meaning and making connections with our own personal experiences. Children should be encouraged to clarify what they read through pictures, questions and discussion and retelling the story. This leads to greater understanding and comprehension.

#### At home for the primary children, here are some simple suggestions:

- · Be enthusiastic and positive.
- Read often to your child in English (or your first language). Provide French resources eg. French dictionaries, DVDs, CDs, books, comic books.
- Consider putting them into a French language summer day camp.
- Discover French internet web sites.
- Join the local chapter of your Canadian Parents for French to network with other immersion parents, access services and to keep informed about developments in French second language education.
- Sign up for an adult French course geared to French immersion parents.
- Listen to French radio and watch French shows or movies.
- · Hire a tutor or babysitter who speaks French to play with your child.

Try to develop the best relationship possible between you and your child's French immersion teacher, making teamwork the main theme. Asking about your children's homework and praising them for its completion as well as allowing them to tell you about their day will help create a more positive environment about school in general.

## e meet us at the AG

nual General Meeting is being held y October 15th from 7 to 8pm at the et the Vancouver Curling Club, at the st Community Center. A presentation or ting your child in French Immersion wi in for parents. Please RSVP by email.

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BILINGUAL **CHILDREN'S CONCERT COMING THIS FALL** 

CPF Vancouver will be presenting an exciting event this fall, perfect for kids starting in French Immersion. Family Entertainer, Mike Bryden will take the stage for a fam-filled bilingual show, complete with ine music, stories and live drivings. Sign up to be on our email list so you can be notified well in advance. Write us at cptvancouver@gmail.com

#### Carousel Theatre Youth Program



At CTYP, we believe drama classes play a pivotal role in fostering personal growth and development among young people. We're so excited to open up our Winter Drama Registration to continue to cultivate creativity, self-expression, and confidence among youth! Classes fill up quickly, so be sure to register today for a whimsical Winter here at Carousel!

#### DRAMA MINIS AND JUNIORS

Classes run January 13/14 to March 16/17, 2024

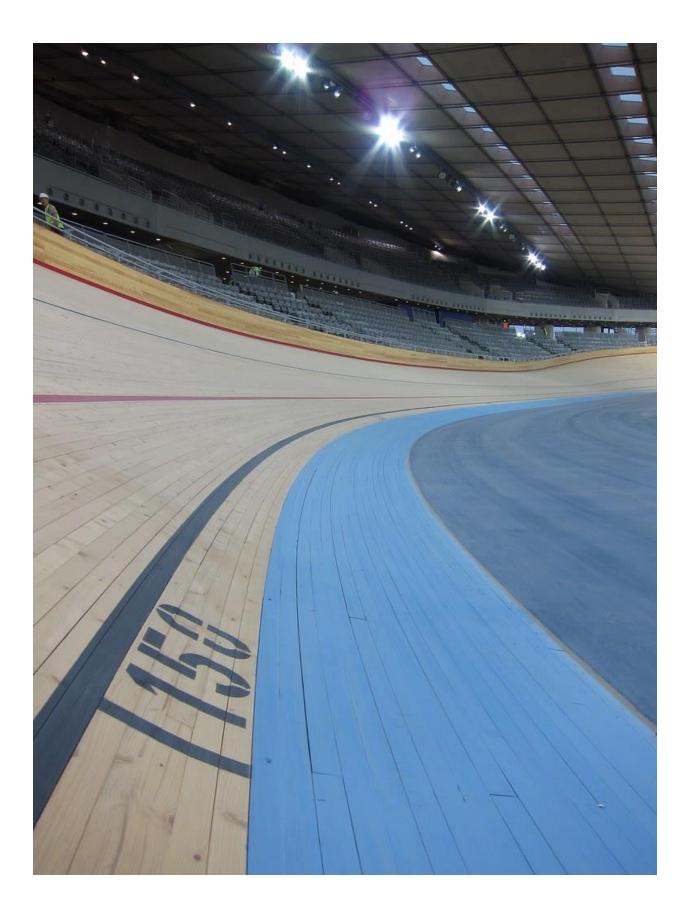
#### **PRE-TEEN & TEEN DRAMA\***

Classes run January 14 to June 16, 2024 \*NEW - Extended session for PreTeens & Teens! NO CLASS MARCH 24th, 31st OR MAY 19th

PRICES VARY PER AGE

Mini Drama Classes | CTYP Drama School (carouseltheatre.ca)

Free Cycling Program



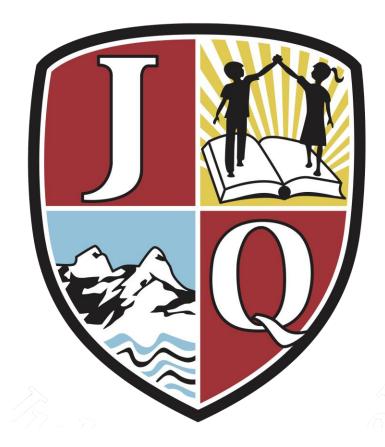
Burnaby Velodrome Club and Cycling BC, courtesy of Sports Canada, will offer a program for three consecutive Thursdays on November 13, December 7, and December 14 3:00-6:00pm at the Burnaby Velodrome for 10 to 16 year olds with a shuttle available to pick up kids after school from the school or a community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



Thank you for reading!

**Contact Us** 



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