



JQ eNews - 2023.11.03

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. **Parents can also email JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca to report student absences.**

If your child arrives late to school, they should report to the office and sign-in.

If you are picking up a student for an appointment during the day, please email JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca 24 hours in advance as well as emailing the classroom teacher. Please allow extra time for pick-up. If possible, we suggest picking up your child at the beginning or end of one of the breaks in order to minimize classroom disruptions.

- Recess Break: 10:40 - 11:00 am
- Lunch Break: 12:10 - 12:57 pm

Lost and Found



The JQ lost and found is once again full of lost items.

A great way to help school staff return lost items to their owners is to label your children's clothes. Children's clothes, especially jackets, usually come with a fill in the blank name tag like the one in the images below. Or you can write your child's name on the garment tag, or on the garment itself.

Please remind your child to check the lost and found for lost items, or check the lost and found yourself. If the weather permits, we'll try to get the lost and found outside before and after school next week.

Unclaimed lost and found items will be donated after Friday November 10.





Changes to report card proficiency scale

Provincial Proficiency Scale

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Proficient is the goal for your child. It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.	Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.



All VSB elementary school students will bring home Written Learning Update 1 Friday December 1.

For information from the VSB and the Ministry of Education and Child Care regarding changes to reporting in BC schools, please click on the links below.

Changes to reporting include a shift to a standard Provincial Proficiency Scale that gives students, parents and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can do now and areas for future growth. The proficiency scale makes learning the focus rather than the comparison with others. In grades 10-12 teachers will continue to use percentages to report on student learning as post-secondary institutions still use letter grades and percentages as part of the admissions process.

The proficiency scale has gone from a 7-point to a 4-point scale, prompting teachers to be more definite about where a student is on their learning journey. Explanations of each of the four points on the scale (emerging, developing, proficient and extending) are given in the links below. Remember, while proficient is the goal for learners, emerging and developing don't mean a child is unsuccessful in a given area, but rather that they're at the beginning of or somewhere along their personal path to proficiency.

[VSB K-7 Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers)

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Please help model safety in the parking lot





A reminder that the parking lot is for school staff and Byng pool staff only between the hours of 07:45 am and 3:30 pm. It should not be used for pick-up and drop off of students during these hours. **For everyone's safety, we ask families to walk around the lot, rather than across the middle of the lot during drop-off and pick-up. Walking around is the safest option and reinforces our message to students when they head outside for recess.** Thank you for keeping our students' safety at heart.

Tips for Student Safety on the way to and from school



As the days become shorter and it gets darker before and after school, please talk to your children about staying safe when away from home.

For safety tips for children traveling to and from school, please view the links below.

- [BC RCMP - "Street Proofing" Safety Tips](#)
- [VPD - Children and Teen Safety](#)

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

For French Immersion applicants, applying for kindergarten is a **3-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2024-25**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2024.

Step 3: Register online for a Choice Program between **January 8 and February 2, 2024 at 4 pm** at the following link: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/>

A 9 digit Student Personal Education Number will be required. This will be generated for children already 5 years old once your documents have been verified at the English Catchment School and for children who are 4 years old, the PEN will be generated after January 1st, 2024. The PEN will be emailed directly to parents.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Finally, please let Liz (etoone@vsb.bc.ca) in the office know if you will have a sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2024. Jules Quesnel siblings will receive priority placement at the school.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

Please don't send children to school with trading cards or other valuables



JQ families, please don't send children to school with trading cards or other valuables. Students are bringing cards to school to trade or sell to one another and this is causing conflict between students.

Thank you.

No school Monday November 13



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

Schools will be closed Monday November 13 in lieu of Remembrance Day Saturday November 11.

JQ students and staff will observe Remembrance Day Friday November 10.

Students can bring donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund to school with them all next week.

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 has arrived. Please make sure that your child has appropriate weather to play outside during recess and lunch. It is also suggested that students have a spare set of clothing in the classroom in case of falls/accidents during outdoors time.

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.**

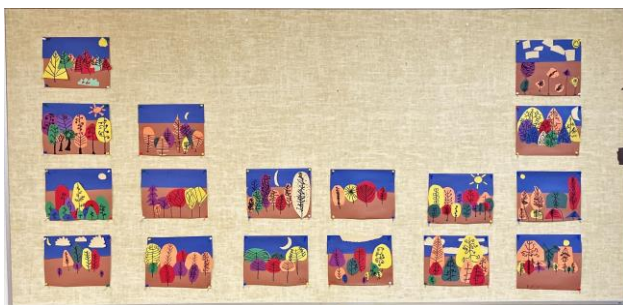
JQ at a glance

Click on the photo stack below to see what's been happening at JQ.















JQ PAC Updates



Halloween Party - Thank you for your support

A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who took the time and made the effort to support Monday's Halloween party. It was a massive undertaking to organize and execute, and we simply could not have done it without your help. The kids had a great time and there was a vibrant sense of community. Well done JQ!

Proceeds from the event will help subsidize our Gr 7 year end trip.

Thank you for all your support,

The Gr 7 Fundraising Committee

PAC Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the October PAC meeting. We had yet another engaging meeting. Please find [here](#) the meeting minutes. We look forward to seeing you during the next meeting on **November 29, 2023 6:30 pm**.

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

Community Links

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

UBC x SAP Workshop for Gr 7-8 Girls

If you're a Grade 7 or 8 girl who is passionate about science and technology, searching for an opportunity to visit one of the most innovative workspaces in the world, or curious about pursuing STEM after high school, register today for UBC GIRLsmarts4tech x SAP Canada's all-day tech workshop on Saturday, November 18, from 9:00am- 4:00pm. This unique event is taking place at SAP's downtown office, where attendees will receive an office tour, robotics and programming tutorials, and more! No experience needed. Register now: cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech/registration! Please direct any questions to girlsmarts@gmail.com.

Dunbar Tutors

PRE-TEEN & TEEN
Tutoring & Homework Club
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

WHAT WE PROVIDE:
Safe & inclusive space for pre-teens and teens to work on their homework and receive help from our youth volunteers!

PRE-TEEN (6-10 YRS)
TUES: 3:45-5:15PM
& SAT: (2-4PM)

TEEN (11+ YRS)
THURS: 3:45-5:15PM

DUNBAR COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

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 \(carouseltheatre.ca\)](#)

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/November:

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 with Indigenous Focus (District wide) - School closed

Clocks fall back one hour on Sunday, November 5th.

Thank you for reading!

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