



## JQ eNews - 2023.12.22

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website<sup>1</sup> and the JQ school website<sup>2</sup> for information regarding district and school events.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

## 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](mailto:JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>3</sup> 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](mailto:JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>4</sup> 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

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## School Parking Lot - new parking rates in effect as of December 22 at 4 pm

We would like to advise the community that the school parking lot will be for the exclusive use of school staff from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm on school days, and during any special school events, as needed. As of Friday, December 22nd at 4 pm, the lot will become a Public Pay Parking lot between the hours of 4:00 pm and 7:00 am during school days and 24 hours a day on non-school days. It will be operated by EasyPark, a not-for-profit arm of the City of Vancouver.

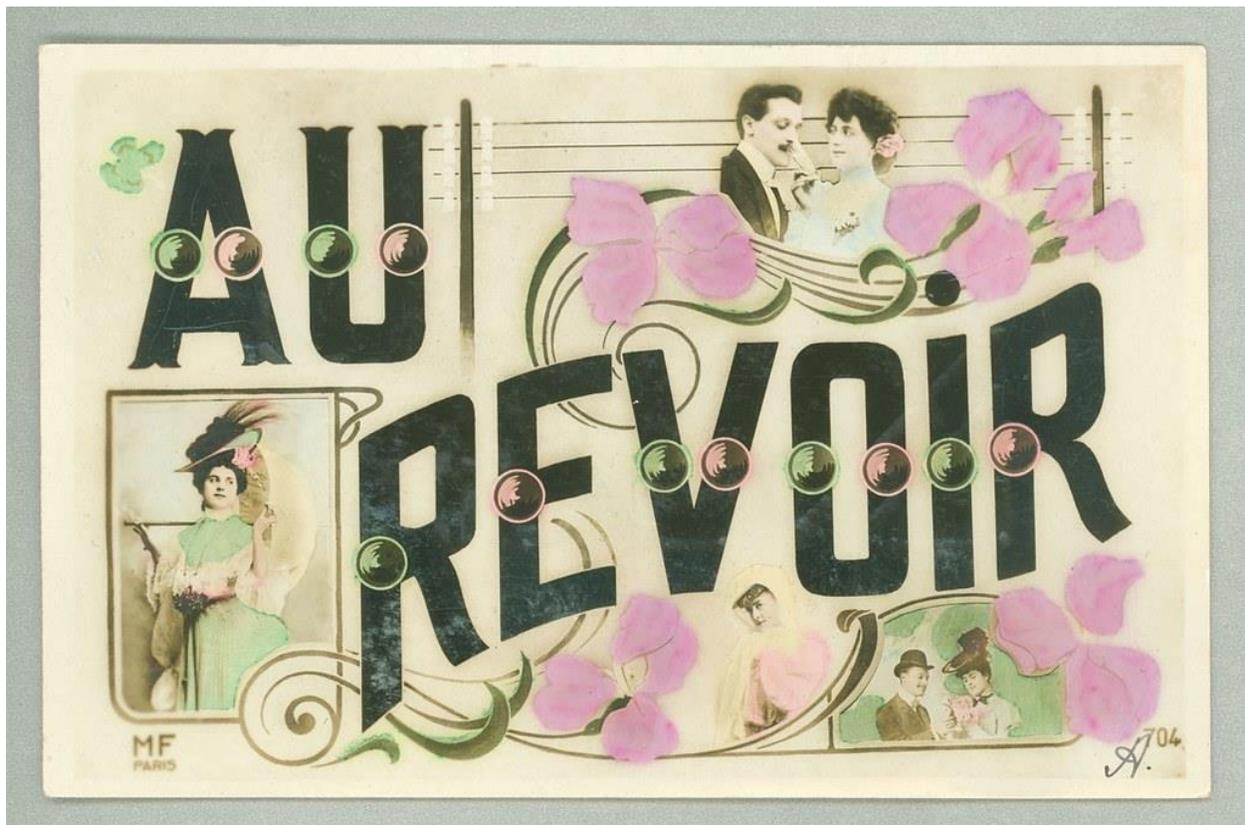
The parking rate will be \$1 per hour with a daily maximum of \$6. On school days, the daily rate is for 4:00 pm until 7:00 am. On all other days, the daily rate is from 7:00 am until 7:00 am the following day.

Lord Byng Secondary School will be implementing the exact same system at the same time.

Patrons of Lord Byng Pool & Fitness Centre will be unable to park in the school lot during school hours but can purchase parking at all other times at the rates above.

If you have any questions, you can call Liam Coughlan at 604-713-5712.

## Au revoir



Sadly, we must bid a fond farewell to Mme Genevieve Chong who will be moving on to teach a multi-cluster age class at Osler Elementary next year. Over a 20-year span, Mme Chong taught several

intermediate grades at JQ and is a passionate, talented and collaborative teacher. Mme Chong initiated several projects, accompanied students on camps to the Sunshine Coast and Quebec and alongside Mme Morissette, an ex-Principal, painted the mural in the stairwell of the school. We will miss her strong teaching experience and considerable expertise in technology as well as her stories about car racing. We wish her all the best in her new role at Osler.

We also say au revoir to Lucie Darrell, a French Monitor working at Jules Quesnel since September. Lucie's support across many classes has been invaluable to both students and staff alike. Lucie will now move onto Quilchena and Trafalgar Elementary schools for the next two terms before returning to France. Our best wishes to Lucie in her next assignments as well as in her future endeavors.

## Congratulations to Georgeta



We would like to congratulate and offer our best wishes to Georgeta upon her retirement from the YMCA's Before and After School Program at Jules Quesnel.

Georgeta has very much been a big part of the JQ community, having run the program for over 22 years. She has come to know countless students and their families with whom she has fostered lasting relationships and a strong sense of community.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Georgeta over the years and we will greatly miss her professionalism and care for our students and school.

Georgeta is looking forward to spending time in nature and slowing down to smell the roses. Her last day at the Jules Quesnel YMCA Kids Club and with the YMCA will be December 22nd.

Thank you to all the families and staff who generously donated towards a retirement gift. Georgeta was overwhelmed by the gifts and asked that we convey her thanks and appreciation.

Georgeta, on behalf of parents, staff and students, we are sending you our warmest wishes for a joyous, healthy and happy retirement.

**Happy Holidays from JQ Staff**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND VERY BEST WISHES  
FROM THE STAFF OF ÉCOLE JULES QUESNEL

Alexis ☺

Magali

AUBRY ♥

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Emma ☺

Angela ☺

Liz ♥

Brigitte

Maggie ☺

Nina

Dana ♥

Mme. Lemire ♥

ELICA!

Ben!

Suzie ♥

France

Lucie

Emily ☺

Mme Campbell ☺ ♥

Elisabeth ☺

Servie ☺

Karim

Halima ☺

Shub ☺

Vaillancourt

Kate

Mme. Singh ♥

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We have reached the end of the first term and on behalf of all the staff at Jules Quesnel, we would like to wish our community a happy, safe and relaxing winter break. We hope that you are able to find some tranquil moments over the next two weeks. If you are travelling, we wish you a safe journey.

We would also like to thank all parents who have volunteered in one way or another this first term. Your help and supported is much appreciated by everyone.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## **First day of school after winter break**

We look forward to seeing our students return to school on **Monday, January 8th**.

## **Professional Development Day - Mon. January 29th**

The next Professional Development Day will be held on **Monday, January 29th**. Please note that this is not a district-wide Pro-D.

## Notification of school closure due to inclement weather



**Notification of school closure due to weather:** The VSB will post information about snow closure on its website by 6 am at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca)<sup>5</sup> and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)

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<sup>5</sup><http://www.vsb.bc.ca/>



Back by popular demand, and this time, with bigger projects that students will work on 2 – 3 sessions. Registration is available through the Minimakers website<sup>7</sup>.

**Young Rembrandts** Gr 2 – 6 group has limited spots available. Sign up for art Wednesdays.<sup>8</sup>

Our Community Service Coordinator has reached out to parents who were randomly selected for **Yoga Buggy** registration. If you've been contacted and are interested in signing up, please complete the registration asap.

### **Winter and Pro-d Day Camps**

Still unsure what to do about childcare during Winter break?

**Minimakers** partners with the Vancouver Aquarium for winter camps and pro-d days! Check out their programs<sup>9</sup>. They have summer camps open for registration too!!

Questions about extracurriculars at JQ? Reach out to [jqextriccular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextricricular@gmail.com)<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup><https://minimakers.ca/ecole-jules-guesnel/>

<sup>8</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/youngrembrandtsmetrovancover#/selectSessions/3416639/filter/session=61192239>

<sup>9</sup><https://minimakers.ca/vancouver-aquarium-camps-hub/>

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## Hot Lunch & Pizza Days Update! Winter Session opening Dec. 21st



Dear JQ Families,

A very big 'THANK YOU' to those families who have been placing orders and supporting our fundraising for this year's Grade 7 trip! Our Fall 2023 session is coming to a close at 8 am on Thursday December 21st, but the Winter 2024 session will open on Thursday December 21st at noon. The first Hot Lunch Day after the Winter Break will be Tuesday January 9th - deadline for ordering is still 8 am the day before. Hot Lunch will continue to be offered every Tuesday and Thursday. Pizza Days will be Fridays. Ordering for both Hot Lunch and Pizza Days is ongoing through our user-friendly online ordering platform [www.munchalunch.com](https://www.munchalunch.com)<sup>11</sup>.

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Go to [munchalunch.com/schools/julesquesnel](https://munchalunch.com/schools/julesquesnel) to take a look at our menu offerings and to get ordering!  
Your child will thank you :-)

Sincerely,

Adrienne Lipson

Hot Lunch Coordinator

PS: If you have any questions about Hot Lunch or Pizza Day, or need any assistance, please email [jqgradeseven2024@gmail.com](mailto:jqgradeseven2024@gmail.com). Please do not contact MunchaLunch support directly - the JQ Hot Lunch Coordinator can help with any MunchaLunch issues.

NOTE: PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH CUTLERY ON HOTLUNCH DAYS

## Holiday Hampers

A huge thank you to the JQ community for the many donations for families in need within the VSB District. A special thank you to parent, Sarah Heck, for coordinating this. The Gift Card value amounted to approximately **\$1,300** and alongside donations of tea and mitts will add a little extra help and cheer this holiday season to several families in need. Once again, the JQ community was exceptional in its generosity. THANK YOU!!

## Superbes Artistes & Photographes

The theme for the SAP contest for the month of December and January will be “Winter Wonder - what do you like about this season?/ Magie de l’hiver - qu’est-ce que tu aimes dans cette saison?” Please share the theme with your children. The deadline is Feb 1, 2024, and we cannot wait to see your photo or artwork. Amusez-vous bien!

We ask that interested students and families work on their projects/photos at home, and submit them here <https://jqpac.com/sap-contest/>

**To respect the privacy of our students, please provide only the student’s first name and no images of your children.**

## Community Links

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

## YMCA Generation Health FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle family program

Generation Health is a **FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through YMCA BC and in partnership with the Childhood Obesity Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually or in person to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more!

We have 5 program days to choose from: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6:30-8:30 pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to [generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca)<sup>12</sup>.

**Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.**

## RBL Basketball Winter Break Camps

Printable Version of 2023/2024 Winter Break Camps<sup>13</sup>

Registration is online at [RBLBasketball.com](http://RBLBasketball.com)<sup>14</sup>.

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



Check the JQ school website calendar<sup>15</sup> for upcoming school events, and the JQ Elementary Calendar 2023-2024<sup>16</sup> for a quick overview of this school year's important, pro d and non-instructional dates.

**Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5** - School closed for winter break.

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<sup>12</sup><mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca>

<sup>13</sup>[https://rblbasketball.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023\\_4-Winter-Break-Camps.pdf](https://rblbasketball.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023_4-Winter-Break-Camps.pdf)

<sup>14</sup><http://rblbasketball.com/>

<sup>15</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

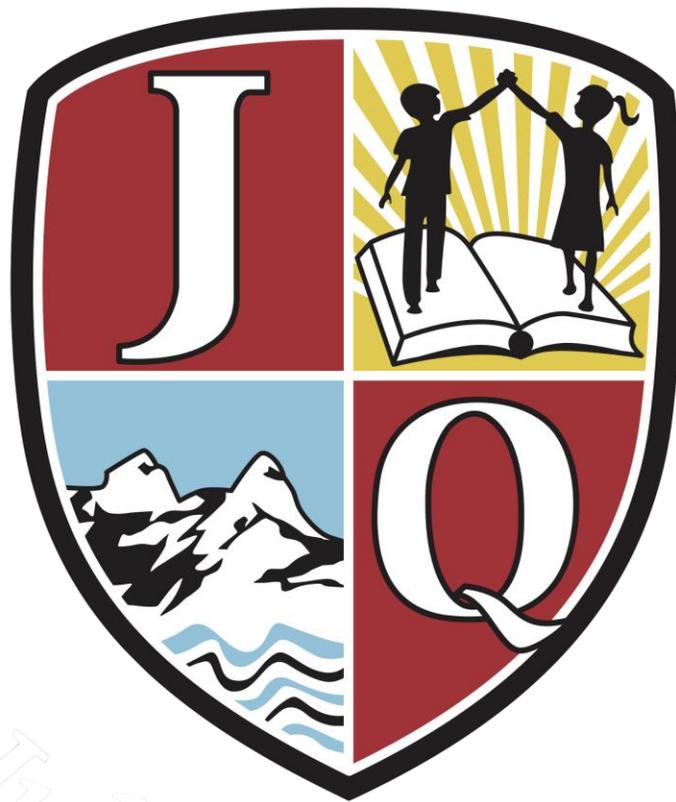
<sup>16</sup><https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/jq-elementary-calendar-2023-2024.29f94568110.pdf>

**Monday, January 8, 2024** - School reopens after winter break.

**Monday, January 29, 2024** - Flexible pro d day date set by school. No school for students.

Thank you for reading!

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

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