



JQ eNews - 2024.08.28

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every two weeks. Please also visit the VSB website¹ and the JQ school website² for information regarding district and school events.

Welcome Back to the new School Year 2024-2025



We are excited and looking forward to welcoming back returning students as well as welcoming new students to the 2024-2025 school year and hope that everyone had a good summer.

Below is some information for the first week of school.

¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/hastings>

First Week of School



First Day of School: On Tuesday September 3rd, 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. New students to the school and any student who does not recall last year's meeting spot, please wait at the bottom of the main staircase and a staff member will assist you. Most students will be spending the first few days with last year's teacher.

New kindergarten students will not attend school on this day and will follow a gradual entry schedule which begins on Wednesday.

Wednesday, September 4th: Will be the first regular school day, from 9:00 am to 2:58 pm for students in grades 1 - 7. 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 15 (Mme Aubry) and Div 16 (Mme Campbell), current grade 1s, will be greeted by Mme Brigitte and Mme Erica and will go to the Library and Room 206.

New Kindergarten students should meet Mme Dana and Mme Campbell on the basketball court as per the schedule emailed in early July. Group A will meet at 9:10 am and be dismissed at 10:10 am from the same location. Group B will meet at 10:20 am and be dismissed at 11:20 am.

2024-2025 Classes: As soon as we receive authorization from the District, students will be assigned to their new class for the school year. 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 6th**, 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: The Vancouver School District and École Jules Quesnel are committed to providing as safe a learning and teaching environment as is practicable for anaphylactic students. In addition to the precautions taken by school staff and the families of allergic children, all JQ families are asked to be 'allergy-aware' and to consider the following strategies to minimize the risk of exposure for allergic children.

- Try to avoid sending your child to school with allergenic foods.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially before and after eating.
- Discourage sharing of food at school.

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.

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.

Staffing Updates



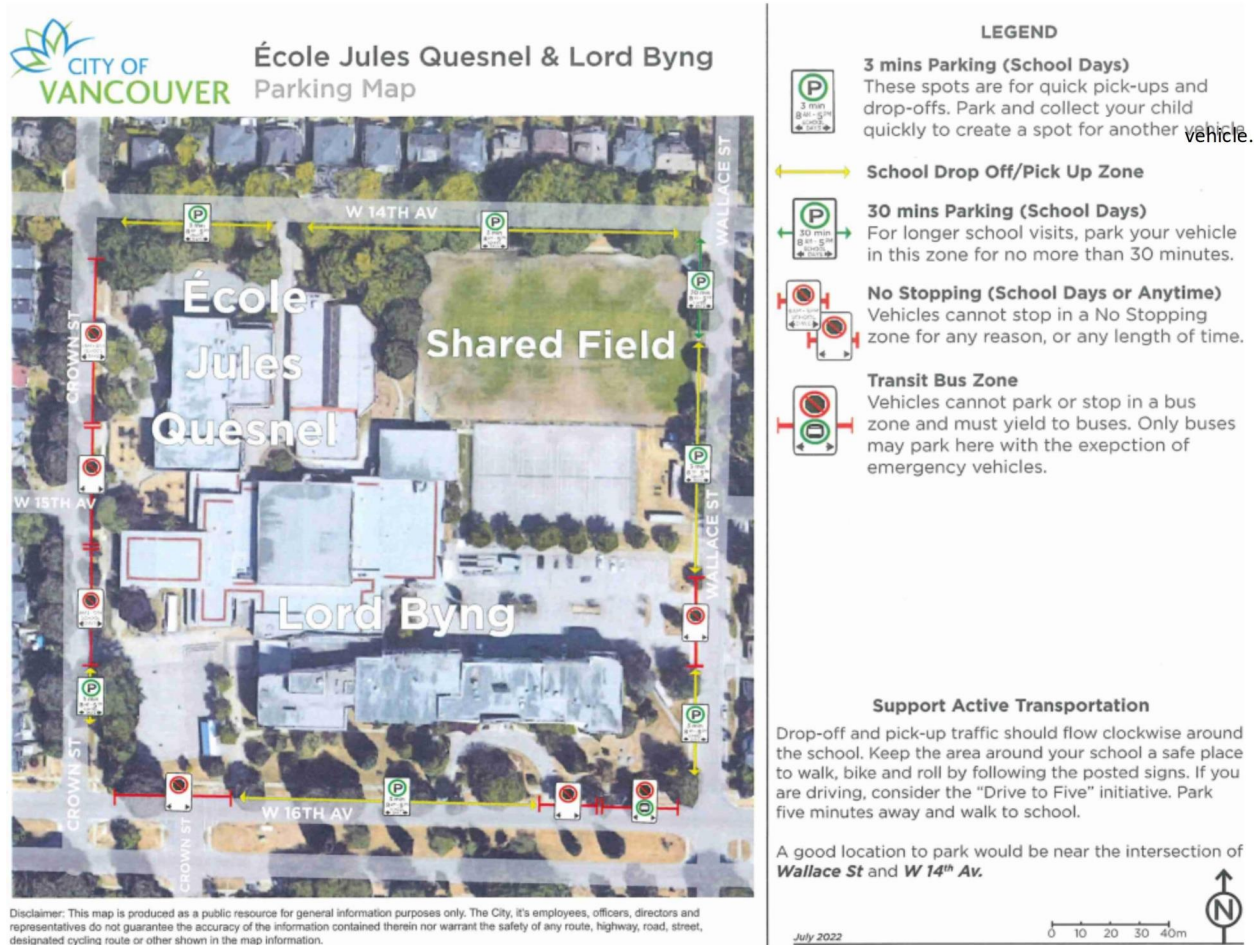
We would like to welcome the following new staff to Ecole Jules Quesnel:

Steph Woodberg - Intermediate teacher

Caroni Young - Music Prep Teacher

Jackie Ellis - School Counsellor

Traffic flow and safety



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. If you are driving, consider the "Drive to Five" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school.

Please refer to the image for information regarding parking and traffic flow around JQ. Traffic should flow clockwise around the school.

Please also note that there has been a change to traffic flow at West 16th Avenue and Wallace. Vehicles will no longer be allowed to make a left turn onto West 16th Avenue.

Kindergarten Information Meeting - Wednesday, September 4th



An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 4th at 6 pm for families of new kindergarten students**. One or both parents should attend. The meetings will take place in the kindergarten classrooms on the ground floor, rooms 139 and 101A. Please enter the school via the doors off the parking lot on West 14th Avenue. Class lists will be posted at the entrance and parents should go to the classroom of their child. Please note that paid parking is in effect in the parking lot so you may wish to park on a nearby street.



Parents/Guardians are required to complete the following forms during the first few weeks of the school year online at the following link: My Forms at VSB³ (<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>)

1. **Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)**
2. **Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians)**
3. **Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent**
4. **External Media Consent Form**
5. **KF-12 Student AUP (Acceptable Use of Technology)**
6. **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent**
7. **VSB Media Consent**
8. **Yearbook Media Consent**

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>

³<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>

If possible, with the exception of new Kindergarten students, we would ask that parents sign the Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent (no. 6 on the list) as soon as possible. Next week, teachers may wish to take their students offsite for a walk in the neighbourhood or to Pacific Spirit Park. Your consent would allow for this type of outing. Thank you.

For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click [HERE](#)⁴.

In addition, once classes are established, a paper copy of the following forms will be sent home:

1. **Personal Information Verification Form** (*Will be distributed to students - individualized*) – *Required*
2. **Emergency Reunification Form** – *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.*

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.

⁴<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/67413/myforms>

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.

Personal Digital Devices during school hours



As you may know, in January 2024, the Province of B.C. mandated all school boards to update their Codes of Conduct to limit students' use of personal digital devices during school hours.

Elementary

Personal digital devices are now restricted throughout the instructional day (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). This includes class time, recess and lunch. Devices must be turned off or set to silent mode and kept out of sight for the entire school day.

Secondary

In secondary schools, personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode before students enter the classroom and remain silent during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not permitted for use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission.

Schools may provide additional information or guidelines to support the updated Code of Conduct⁵ (section 1.3.5). We kindly ask everyone to join us in encouraging students to develop digital literacy skills and use technology solely for educational purposes while at school.

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan



The Vancouver School Board has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

⁵https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_350_district_student_code_of_conduct.693b6920650.pdf

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit Family Accident Reimbursement Plan⁶

District Programs (Mini Schools) Sept 2025



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 2025 District Programs (Mini Schools).

Mini-school-programs brochure⁷

⁶<https://solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2024-2025 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website⁸.

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 Calendar⁹ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in September:

Tuesday, September 10th: Individual Photo Day (there will be a retake on October 23rd for students absent on Sept. 10)

Thursday, September 19th: Meet the Teacher Night / PAC Welcome Back BBQ

Friday, September 20th: Professional Development Day

Monday, September 30th: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

JQ PAC Updates



⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

PAC will be hosting a back-to-school coffee for all in the “forest area by the pool” on Tuesday, September 3rd, 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 6th, between 9:00 and 10:00 am, please join them if you have time.

PAC Extra-Curricular Programs - Registration now open

School's back in session and so are extracurriculars! Check out the Fall programs available this Fall. All classes take place on school premises immediately after class. Kindergarteners will be brought from class to their registered program.

Mondays - Lights Up Theatre¹⁰ - Grades K thru 7 - Sep 23 to Dec 9 - 3pm to 5:15pm - \$365

Students sing, dance, and act in the musical theatre **Scooby Doo!** Performance for friends and family on the last day of classes! Join the Mystery Inc. Gang and solve the mystery of the spooky theme park. Register here¹¹ and you'll be invited to attend your student's performance in December.

Tuesdays - MiniMakers^{12 13} - Grades K thru 7 - Sep 10 to Dec 17 - 3pm to 4:30pm - Pricing varies per cohort.

Students apply STEAM to projects that they get to take home. Each week, students will work hands-on completing projects that follow seasonal themes and current events. No two weeks will ever be the same and as their skills progress, so do the challenges in the projects they undertake. Register for one of more cohorts!¹⁴

Wednesdays - Young Rembrandts¹⁵ - Grades 1 thru 6 - Sep 11 to Dec 11pm - \$322

Young Rembrandts offers art classes for kids that are built to be fun. Children who participate increase academic skills, fine motor skills, social skills, hand and eye coordination and confidence. Register for Fall classes now¹⁶.

¹⁰https://lightsuptheatre.ca/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwoJa2BhBPEiwA0I0ImPY2BYq9qWP5Oqk87xdBdt33b0HbDNb5Qhzqs62VTGVLujDF5SKbHB0cNoUQAvD_BwE

¹¹<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

¹²<https://minimakers.ca/>

¹³<https://minimakers.ca/>

¹⁴<https://minimakers.ca/ecole-jules-quesnel/>

¹⁵<https://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/>

¹⁶<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YoungRembrandtsMetroVancouver?e4q=1844f029-97c4-4893-b06a-0d053b6dd90c&e4p=2ec97589-9f9f-43ba-a9ef-df92df92e59d&e4ts=1724771086&e4c=active&e4e=snlvcmpscui00001load&e4rt=Safetynet&e4h=ed983e39c985f59c2c2877f86ffd0055#/selectSessions/3529941/filter/session=63667641>

Thursdays - Yoga Buggy¹⁷ - Grades K thru 7 - Starts in October

More information coming from the Community Schools Coordinator, via future newsletters.

Fridays - Happy Feet Soccer¹⁸ - Grades K thru 7 - Sep 13 to Dec 13 - 3:05 - 4:05pm - \$216

Join this non-competitive child development program, a perfect opportunity for your soccer star to learn and practice skills in a fun focused setting. All of our classes are themed in order to further engage with our players and ensure soccer class is their favourite weekly activity. Register on their site here¹⁹.

Please contact jqexcurricular@gmail.com²⁰ with any questions related to the above programs.

Thank you for reading!

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Visit us on the web at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>²².

¹⁷<https://www.yogabuggy.com/>

¹⁸<https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/>

¹⁹<https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/jules-quesnel>

²⁰<mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com>

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