



JQ eNews - 2024.09.06

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

¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

²<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. If your child arrives late to school, they should report to the office and sign-in.

2024-2025 School Organization

Changes to JQ's enrolment and staffing have necessitated changes to the organization planned in the spring. Students will move into their new divisions the afternoon of Monday September 9.

Monday morning, please continue to drop off your child in the same meeting place as this week with last year's teacher. Monday afternoon, students will be dismissed from a new location by their new teacher. If you're not sure where to find your child after school, look for primary (grades 1-3) students on the west (Crown Street) side of the school, and look for intermediate (grades 4-7) students in the lane between the school and the pool. After 3:13 PM, students who haven't been picked up will be instructed to go to the office so their families can be contacted.

Please also expect an introductory email from your child's new teacher with more information.

Teaching Staff and Divisions

Please find below a list of staff and divisions:

Div 1	Monsieur D	Gr 6/7	Rm 107
Div 2	Monsieur Sankey	Gr 6/7	Rm 305
Div 3	Mme Gumley	Gr 5/6	Rm 103
Div 4	Mme Alexis	Gr 5	Rm 306
Div 5	Mme Halena	Gr 4	Rm 308
Div 6	Mme Steph	Gr 4	Rm 205
Div 7	Mme Sevie	Gr 3	Rm 302
Div 8	Monsieur V	Gr 2/3	Rm 300
Div 9	Mme Elisabeth	Gr 2/3	Rm 304
Div 10	Mme Emily	Gr 2	Rm 208
Div 11	Mme Chen	Gr 1/2	Rm 200A
Div 12	Mme S	Gr 1	Rm 209
Div 13	Mme Dana	KF	Rm 139
Div 14	Mme Campbell	KF	Rm 101A

Primary & Intermediate Resource - Mme Erica, Rm 303

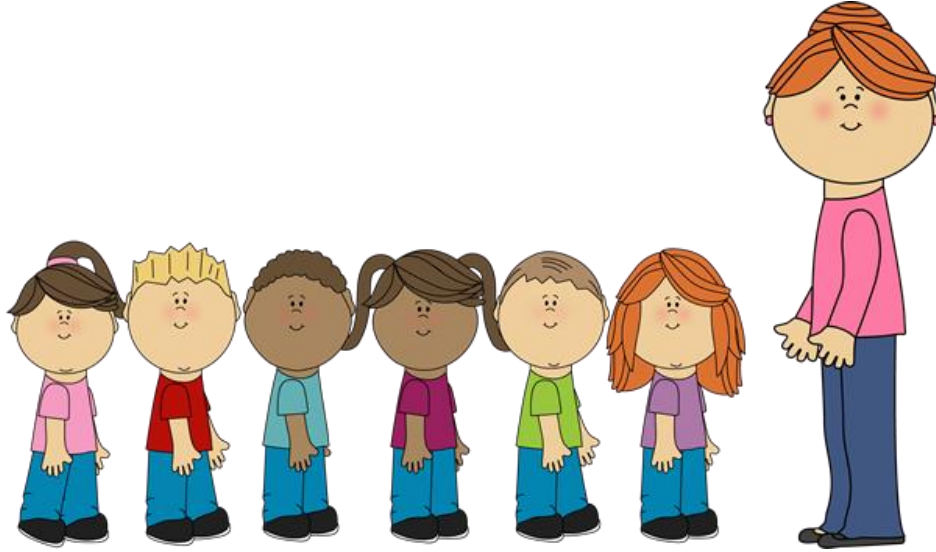
Teacher Librarian - Mme Brigitte - Library

Music Prep Coverage - Mme Young

Area Counsellor - Jackie

Speech Language Pathologist: Mme Malone

School Grounds and Student Pick up/Drop off



Please note that the front playground will be supervised from 8:40 to 8:55 am and from 2:58 to 3:13 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 (2:58 pm), students will return to the same spot for pick-up by parents. Students not picked up by 3:13 pm will be taken to the office and a parent contacted. Thank you for picking up your child promptly at dismissal.



Student Photo Day - Tuesday, Sept 10

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

DON'T FORGET
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.

GET REMINDERS
Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

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All students will have an individual photo taken on **Tuesday, September 10th** beginning with primary grades in the morning and intermediate grades, late morning to early afternoon. Edge Photography is our school photographer. Parents will be able to see and purchase their child's photo with Edge in due course.

A photo retake morning is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 23rd** and any students not in attendance on Tuesday can have their photo taken on the retake date.

Punctuality

It is important to be on time.

Being on time prevents disruption to your child's learning and that of others. Some activities start promptly at 9:00 am. In addition, it shows respect for your child's teacher and other educators.

A welcome bell rings at 8:55 am and this is the time for students to line up and be met by the teacher. The beginning of learning day bell rings at 9:00 am and hopefully all students are present and ready to head to the classroom.

Dismissal this year is at 2:58 pm. We also request that students be picked up on time, this is especially important for younger children who may become upset when a parent is late.

Thank you for your consideration.

School Forms



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.*

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

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.

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.

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.

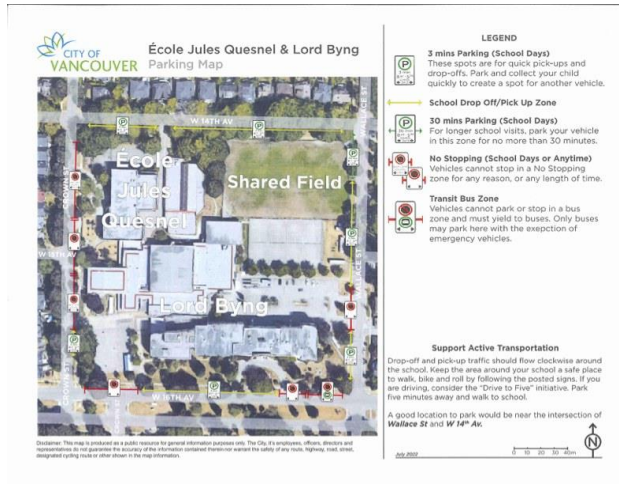
Active travel to and from school



Walk+Bike+Roll Getting Around the Vancouver Way

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

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



Appointment for students during the school day

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please give both the teacher and school office sufficient notice of the pick-up time, at least a day, if possible, in case the teacher has a neighbourhood walk planned. Parents may come to the school office to collect and sign-out their child.

Meet the Teacher



Please save the date for JQ's Meet the Teacher evening on **Thursday, September 19**. More information will be shared as soon as possible.

Orange Shirt Day



**Every
Child
Matters**

Staff and students will be invited to wear orange shirts to remember survivors of residential schools on Friday, September 27th.

Voluntary Student Accident Plans



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:

- 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 Plan

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

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).

VSB Mini School Brochure.pdf⁶

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar** and other information is available on our school website⁷.

Please visit the school website regularly for the most up to date information regarding JQ activities and events.

⁶<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

Upcoming events are listed on the school website homepage and on the Calendar⁸ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in September/October

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

Friday, September 20th: Professional Development Day

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

Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving

Friday, October 25: Professional Development Day

Tuesday, October 29: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences

Wednesday, October 30: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences

JQ PAC Updates



PAC Extra-Curricular Programs

Mondays - Lights Up Theatre⁹ - 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 here¹⁰ and you'll be invited to attend your student's performance in December.

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-guesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

⁹https://lightsuptheatre.ca/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwoJa2BhBPEiwA0l0ImPY2BYq9qwP5OqkB7xdBdt33b0HbDNb5Qhzqs62VTGVLujDF5SKbHBoCNoUQAvD_BwE

¹⁰<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

Tuesdays - MiniMakers^{11 12} - Grades K thru 7 - Sep 17 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!¹³

Wednesdays - Young Rembrandts - 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 now¹⁴.

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

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

Fridays - Happy Feet Soccer - 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 here¹⁵.

Please contact jqexcurricular@gmail.com¹⁶ with any questions related to the above programs.

Community Links

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

RBL Basketball Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Programs¹⁷

FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER

¹¹<https://minimakers.ca/>

¹²<https://minimakers.ca/>

¹³<https://minimakers.ca/ecole-jules-quesnel/>

¹⁴<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/youngrembrandtsmetrovancover?e4q=e4d31220-cd28-4897-afcb-bdffad4fe1a7&e4p=e4bc9d719-9f91-4258-8920-6d9e669f75fc&e4ts=1724650349&e4c=active&e4e=snlvcmpscui00001load&e4rt=Safetynet&e4h=dfc477400b048095e87145483b482f53#/selectSessions/3529941/filter/session=63667941>

¹⁵<https://www.happyfeetvancover.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹⁶<mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com>

¹⁷<https://rblbasketball.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/RBL-Fall-2023-Winter-2024.pdf>

REGISTER HERE¹⁸

All players receive a Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal!

Play Fall Saturday & Sunday Mornings, After School Soccer & Free Kick Academy with a World Cup theme & Music. Players will be grouped by age and level to develop fun skills, and play Small-Sided games with Professional Coaches.

See website for details!

www.FreeKickFC.com¹⁹

Thank you for reading!

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

¹⁸<https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?clientid=6949>

¹⁹<http://www.freekickfc.com/>

²⁰<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>