

JQ eNews - 2024.09.20

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.

JQ Cross Country Program



The JQ cross country program will begin next week. Cross country **practices** will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45am at Camosun Park. Practices will be led by parent and volunteer coaches. M Sankey (bsankey@vsb.bc.ca) is the lead teacher contact for cross country and there will be a rotation of school staff supervisors present at all practices and meets. Students will be accompanied by adults to school once practice is over. Please ensure the cross country consent form is brought to the first practice your child attends. See the staff supervisor for attendance.

Mini meets with neighbouring schools will take place at Camosun Park after school. The mini meet schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday October 1, 3:15-4:45 PM, **Grades K-3 only**
- Thursday October 3, 3:15-4:45 PM, **Grade 4-7 only**
- Wednesday October 9, 3:15-4:45 PM, All grades

The **district finals** will take place at Trout Lake on October 22nd.

This year, there will be a new format for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 in the cross country meets. All K-3 students will now run with their peers in the same grade, without differentiating their gender. They will be racing based on their grade and heat number according to school name. This change supports our Education Plan and our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. Additionally, every student participating in these races will receive a participation ribbon to celebrate their effort and enthusiasm.*

Heat A: Bayview to Maquinna

Heat B: McBride to xpey

In addition, ALL volunteers must read and sign the Volunteer Conduct Agreement.³

Thank you,

M Sankey and JQXC

³https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_490_zappendixa_volunteer-guidelines.19e3f620696.pdf

News from JQ Biblio Commons



A sunny, warm welcome back to students and families! I look forward to seeing your enthusiastic readers!

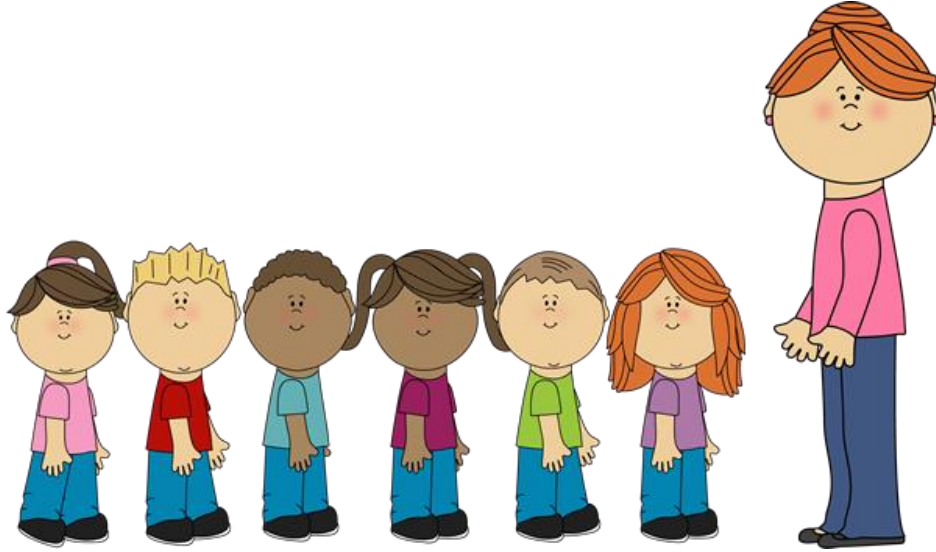
For primary students, your child borrowed one (or more) books from the school library this week! Please make sure that all items are kept in the red library bag. Your child needs to return their library book(s) weekly on the day assigned to their class (teacher will let you know!), so they can borrow another one. If your child has overdue books, they will not be able to sign out more books!

Finally, in case a book is missing, lost or damaged, please let me know, I sometimes can help find it... If not found after a couple of weeks, we ask that the family pays for the cost (or part) of the missing book. Thank for your understanding.

Students and families can search for books, check their borrowing record, and search digital resources at <https://library.vsb.bc.ca/>

Brigitte Attali-Netherton, Teacher-librarian at Jules Quesnel

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.



School Fees 2024-2025



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

(<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.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 fees are posted:

Annual basic school supplies: \$35.00

Performance/Activity Fee: \$10.00

Student Agendas (Divisions 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11): \$6.00

Visual Journal \$10.65 (Div F13K)

Library Book Bag (new Kindergarten students): \$10.00

Student Password Reset

Students are required to change their passwords on any device (VSB machine or from a personal device) at the start of each school year. This can be done at school or at home.

<https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> (any student from anywhere but need PEN and DOB)

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 VSB⁴ (<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>)

1. **Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)**

⁴<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>

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>

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](#)⁵.

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.*

Student Verification Form and Emergency Reunification Form

Paper copies of these forms were sent home on Thursday. On the Verification Form, please check that your contact/address information is current, sign on the back and return to school at your earliest convenience.

On the yellow Emergency Reunification form, please add any contacts that would be able to pick-up your child/ren at school in the case of an evacuation due to earthquake or other natural disaster.

Thank you.

Student's Individual Photo

A flyer with your child's individual student photo has been sent home or will be sent home on Monday.

⁵<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/67413/myforms>

Orders can be placed online at: edgeimaging.ca/order. Each student has a unique QR code. The order deadline is October 1st.

If you are unhappy with your child's photo, there will be a retake day on Wednesday, October 23rd.

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 Conduct⁶ (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.

⁶https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_350_district_student_code_of_conduct.693b6920650.pdf

Orange Shirt Day



**Every
Child
Matters**

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

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.pdf⁷

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar** and other information is available on our school website⁸.

⁷<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

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/October



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

Friday, October 11: Terry Fox Run at 2 pm

Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving

Friday, October 25: Professional Development Day

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

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

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

JQ PAC Updates



PAC Executive 2024-2025

- DPAC Representative: Paul Zaremba
- Secretary: Shannon Beebe
- Funding Policy Coordinators: Sylvia LeRoy and Irena Bandu
- Treasurer: Tiffany Hamilton
- Chair: Rajesh Vijayaraghavan

PAC Extra-Curricular Program - Mini-Makers

Please note that there will be not be a Mini-Makers after school program the week of September 23rd to 27th.

The program is now scheduled to start up on Tuesday, October 1st. Please check next week's eNews for confirmation.

Families signed up for previous sessions, will be refunded by the Mini-makers Program.

Please contact jqextricricular@gmail.com¹⁰ with any questions related to the above program.

PAC Extra-Curricular Program - Lights Up

The program will commence this coming Monday, September 23rd.

Hot Lunch Program - Begins Next Week

Hello JQ families,

Welcome back to a new school year of hot lunch at JQ! As many of you know, hot lunch is a fundraiser for the Jules Quesnel PAC, which benefits the school's student population.

¹⁰<mailto:jqextricricular@gmail.com>

For the 2024-2025 school year, hot lunch will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with pizza lunch on Fridays. Please note that the first hot lunch day will be on **Tuesday, September 24th**. Ordering is now open at munchalunch.com¹¹. If you don't have an account set up, you will need to create one to order food for your student. **Orders must be in by 9am for the following day's hot lunch meal.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch & pizza lunch coordinators (Helene, Kate & Sristy) at jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com¹²

PAC Meeting - Wednesday, Sept 25th

The first PAC meeting of the school year will take place on **Wednesday, September 25th, 2024**. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format both in-person and virtually. The agenda will be shared closer to the meeting date.

When: Wednesday, September 25th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: In-person: room 206 on the main floor and online

Free childcare: Available for in-person attendees.

Submitting questions for the PAC meeting: We will follow the same format as our meetings from last year. 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 Tuesday, September 24th at 11:59pm by using this form: [Click here](#)¹³

We thank you all for bringing many important questions last year that strengthened engagement, and look forward to your continued participation.

Attending PAC meetings is a great way to stay connected with the JQ community and stay informed about school events. We encourage all JQ parents and guardians to join. You will hear from school administrators, PAC executives, coordinators, and fellow JQ families. We hold six general meetings throughout the year, plus an Annual General Meeting, and all are open to the community.

¹¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

¹²<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

¹³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=a3b55f02e3&e=afa53965a6>

Fall GoByBike Weeks - September 23 to October 6



Metro Vancouver is holding its Fall GoByBike weeks over the next two weeks. Families are encouraged to use active transportation to and from school.

PAC Newsletter

If you are not receiving the PAC Newsletter and you would like to:

Add us to your address book¹⁴

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences¹⁵ or unsubscribe¹⁶

¹⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

¹⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

¹⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

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Community Links

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

YMCA Fall Generation Health 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 Healthy Living 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 4 program days to choose from: Starting in October Tuesdays in person at the Tong Louie YMCA from 6:30pm-8:30pm or Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays Virtually from 6:30pm-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.ca¹⁷.

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

RBL Basketball Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Programs¹⁸

FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER

REGISTER HERE¹⁹

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.com²⁰

¹⁷<mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca>

¹⁸<https://rblbasketball.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/RBL-Fall-2023-Winter-2024.pdf>

¹⁹<https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?clientid=6949>

²⁰<http://www.freekickfc.com/>

Thank you for reading!

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