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## Coming Up at JQ...

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## Great news!

- **The JQ Rock Band is starting up again!** All grade 5-7 kids who have a musical background and are interested in collaborating on popular pop music are invited to join the group. This is a great opportunity to use those musical lessons for fun! We are very lucky to have such a great program at JQ and often have other schools investigating, so please take advantage! In particular we are looking for kids who play drums, guitar, keyboard, and bass. We also need vocalists too! Other instruments are also welcome. We are very lucky to have the talented Scott McLeod lead the group. He is a singer/songwriter and guitarist with other musical instrument knowledge. He is offering a one time **FREE** orientation class next Tuesday October 10th from 3:15-4:30 in Mme. Marion's room (105) on the bottom floor by the music room. Come and check it out! Formal lessons will begin the following week. More information and registration on our website as it gets updated. 9 sessions \$135/student.
- **The JQ Parents Night to Party is live!** Please visit our website for more information and buy your early bird tickets. All proceeds going to support our Senior Trip. Thank you! <https://jqpac.com/events/gala-1980s-pop-fete-november-3-2017/> Thank you to our Sr. Trip organizing committee for this very fun parent event.
- **JQ Halloween Party for the Kids!** The very, very popular Halloween party for the grade 4's to 7 is just around the corner!! Get those costumes ready! More information on our website: <https://jqpac.com/events/past-events/halloween-party/> Thank you again to our Sr. Trip organizing committee for this fun and spooky event!
- **Beauty and The Beast subsidy applications available online on our website.** Deadline extended until next Friday, October 13th. Please send applications to <http://jqpacexec@gmail.com> Thank you! Applications and more information available on our website: <https://jqpac.com/programs/extra-curricular/musical-theatre-beauty-the-beast/>

- **Please note our bulletins are always posted on our website.** <https://jqpac.com/jq-e-bulletins/> If you have just joined or think you may have missed something, you can check out earlier issues. Also just a reminder that the jqpac website is FULL of useful information. It is particularly important this year as the school is not able to send out as many bulletins as they have in the past. Thank you to Lu Vo who keeps us up to date! <https://jqpac.com/>
- **Parent Ed!** Queen Mary Elementary has kindly invited us to their parent education opportunity on Social Media Awareness and Computing in the Digital Age, on **Wednesday November 15th at 7pm in the Queen Elizabeth auditorium.** More information on our website as it is updated:
- **French Immersion Cuts:** Again, while we don't send community information typically, this seems to be a busy year of critical change and an important time to speak up, so we are forwarding this **request for your voice in reversing French Immersion cuts.**

Our chance to reverse the French immersion cuts



## **Vancouver School Board Candidates Unanimously Support Reversing Cuts To French Immersion!**

Last night the Vancouver District Parent Advisory Committee hosted the final School Board candidate forum.

Election day is Saturday, October 14th.

18 candidates were asked about everything from their support for Adult Basic Education, the Band and Strings Program, seismic upgrades and capital planning.

Candidates were also asked, "**Would you reverse the cuts to French Immersion?**" Every single one said YES, they would.



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**We are now encouraging all supporters of this life-changing program to follow-up with the candidates directly by email, in-person, or on social media.**

[Click here to find candidate contact information.](#)

#### [CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION](#)

Two follow-up questions to ask them:

1. You said at two candidate forums that you would reverse the cuts to French Immersion. This is great. **Are you committing to \*fully\* reverse the cuts as soon as possible?**
2. French immersion was already over subscribed across our district. **Would you go beyond reversing the cuts and expand French Immersion programming to meet the demand?**

[Click here to find out how and where to vote.](#)

#### [HOW TO VOTE](#)

If you would like more background information, click here for our [FAQ](#).

Thanks for stepping up at this crucial juncture for French language education in our city.

Sincerely,

**Glyn Lewis**

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