
JQ E-BULLETIN - September 7

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to our new school year. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer. Students returned to school ready to learn and are quickly settling into their classes. We would like to extend a warm welcome to families new to Jules Quesnel and look forward to getting to know you and your precious ones over the next few months.

We will be sending out a regular bulletin with information on what's happening at the school. Please read below for information on school policies, Meet the Teacher Night and other information. Information regarding school fees will be sent out next week. Some PAC information is also included at the bottom of this email and parents are encouraged to also check the PAC website at jqpac.com. If you would like to be removed from the E-Bulletin distribution list, please email: etoone@vsb.bc.ca

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Welcome to New Staff: We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Jules Quesnel: Mme. Alexis Cassap-Hanson - gr 5; Mme. Camille Mohn - gr 4; M. Charles Bourque – gr 2; Mme Alexandra Russell – gr 1; M. Patrick Grace – gr 1; Mme Caroline Brochery – Kindergarten; Mme Brigitte Attali-Netherton – Teacher-Librarian; Mme Maria Teresa Foster - Area Counsellor; Mme Nancy Sanghera - Extra Office Support on Wednesdays.

Letter from the Principal: Please see attached letter from the Principal.

Safe Arrival and Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159** and then entering a two-digit extension which is 39 for Jules Quesnel. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child’s absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To report your child’s absence – please call: 604-713-5159 ext 39 as early as possible on the first day of the absence.

Sign-In / Sign-Out: Parents who pick up their child during the school day (e.g. for a dental appointment) must sign their child out of school in the black binder on the table in front of the PAC Notice Board and then sign back in when the child returns.

This is done to ensure the safety of the children. Students may sign themselves in and out but must have the written permission of a parent.

Students who occasionally go home for lunch, need to provide a note to their teacher in advance or on the day. If a student goes home daily for lunch then their parent needs to provide the school office with a note outlining this. For safety reasons, students without parental permission are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time.

Late Arrivals: If your child is late for school and the teacher has taken attendance, both in the morning or after lunch, the student must report to the office. There will be a push for punctuality this year as students' frequent late arrivals are disruptive to all learners and teachers.

School Hours:

08:55 Warning bell

09:00 Instruction begins

10:30 – 10:50 Recess break

12:10 – 12:57 Lunch

3:00 pm Dismissal

Before and After School Supervision: Teaching staff will be on supervision duty on the school grounds 15 minutes before the start of school and 15 minutes at the end of school. Please be on time to pick-up your child as school staff are not responsible for the safety of students outside of these hours.

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Student Photo Day: All students will have their individual student photo taken on **Monday, September 17th** by Lifetouch. We usually start with the younger grades, grade 1's at 9:00 am, followed by Kindergarten, grade 2, 3, etc. Flyers will be sent home next week.

We are a “Nut/Allergy Aware” school: Jules Quesnel is an allergy aware school. Students and staff may have severe allergies to various foods, especially nuts. To help reduce the risk of allergen exposure, families are encouraged to try to send their children to school with nut free snacks and lunches. As well, it is suggested that families of at-risk students instruct their children to only eat food brought from home, and that all families instruct their children not to share food, food utensils and food containers, and to wash their hands before and after eating. More specific information regarding foods to avoid may be communicated by classroom teachers.

Sign-in Procedures for Visitors in the School: If you are volunteering in a classroom, library or lunchroom and/or will be at the school for a period of time, please sign-in and pick-up a VSB Visitor's Badge from the Office.

Traffic and Drop-off Zones: Thank you for respecting the drop-off zone on **West 14th ONLY**. Please do not drop off on Crown Street and please do not leave your vehicle unattended on Crown Street or West 14th. Vehicles seen reversing on the corners of West 14th, West 15th and Crown will be reported. It is difficult to see small children crossing the sidewalk at these two intersections, especially if reversing.

Professional Development Day: **Friday, September 21st** – no school for students.

Mobile Devices: Unless requested by their teacher for use during school activities, students are discouraged from bringing mobile devices to school. Any mobile device, including cell phones, that students do bring to school must be kept in their backpacks or with their teacher during the school day. Students should not have mobile devices, including cell phones, on their person during the school day, including recess and lunch, without teacher permission. Students found using cell phones or other mobile devices without permission during the school day will be reminded that their devices need to be stored in their backpack or with their teacher. Students who persist in using mobile devices at school without permission will have their devices confiscated and turned in to the Principal's office.

Parents will be contacted by the Principal to retrieve confiscated devices. In case of emergency, parents who need to contact their children during the school day are asked to do so via the office. Adults in the school are asked to help model responsible cell phone and other mobile device use by moderating their cell phone and mobile device use when in the school.

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Label belongings: It would be helpful to track down missing lunch bags, water bottles and items of clothing (especially outerwear) if your child's items are labelled. Thank you for considering this.

Meet the Teacher Night (for students in grades 1 – 7): Will be held on **Thursday, September 20th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm**. Two sessions will take place from 5:00 to 5:30 pm and from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. If you only have one child in the school, you need only attend one of the sessions. Please note "Meet the Teacher" is for parents only, students are not required to attend and no childminding will be available at the school. Signs will be posted with room numbers.

Cross-Country Running Program: We would like to start this up **on Wednesday, September 12th** with practice sessions twice a week on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 am. Meet on the steps at JQ at 8:00 am sharp. All grades welcome but parents must accompany runners in Kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 3. Please return the completed Permission Form to the envelope on the office window. Hard copies were handed out today to those interested and are also available on the office window. A copy is also attached to this email.

Terry Fox Run: The school will hold its annual Terry Fox Run towards the end of September. More information to come in the next E-Bulletin.

Forms Packages: A number of forms will be sent home in the next few weeks for parents to sign, check and return to the

school. Please return this paperwork promptly so that we have up-to-date contact information for families.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

The Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online! Parents interested can access the information at the following: Toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.

PAC NEWS

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If the links below do not work, please visit the JQ PAC Website at jqpac.com

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Pizza Fridays

- **Pizza lunches start Next Friday September 14th.**
- **Order deadline is Thursday at 3:00 pm. [Order here.](#)**
- **Pizza Fridays only work with your help.** If you have some time around lunch consider volunteering.

<https://doodle.com/poll/ug8u3wpa45wfbtqu>

Hot Lunch

· We are working with C'est Mon Cafe to get the menu put together and available for ordering. We are hoping for next week. [Here's the link to order](#). When the ordering is ready you will be able to choose JQ and access our menu. We are hoping this is possible this weekend. Fingers crossed!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the lunches [more information and sign up here](#).

JQ Welcome Back BBQ

JQ PAC would like to welcome everyone back to school by hosting a FREE JQ family fun afternoon on Friday, September 14th from 3 to 6 pm. We have 3 fun games for a range of ages: Hungry Hippo Chow Down, Hamster Ball Race and a Jumbo ball toss. Please bring a picnic blanket, plates, utensils and cups and settle in for a catch up evening while the kids amuse themselves!

PLUS the grade 7's have kindly organized to cook gourmet meals for us! Merci Beaucoup!!

They are asking that meals be pre-ordered so they have enough for everyone. Here is more information and the [link to pre-order](#).

Extracurricular Opportunities

Choir

Bonjour parents,

Our amazing JQ Choir is open for registrations! Our beloved choir director Colleen Cotton will be once again creating magic with our children, and we will have our annual Christmas concert and the end of the year concert at the Lord Byng Auditorium. There are always a few smaller concerts around Christmas as well.

For families new to JQ, we have the following choirs:

- **Grade 1 Choir** - meet on Tuesdays at lunchtime (the kids get picked up from their classrooms a bit earlier, eat lunch with supervision in front of the music room, have their choir practice and still get 20 minutes outside afterwards). Anyone can join!
- **Grade 2-3 Choir** - children meet on Tuesdays at lunchtime
- **Senior Choir Boys and Girls (Grade 4-7)** - Tuesdays at 7:55 - 8:55 a.m.
- **Chamber Choir for Senior singers** - Thursdays 7:55 - 8:55 a.m. (new singers will audition with Colleen. Singers have to be registered in the senior choir as well).

First practice will be held on September 18th.

Early bird registration cost (before the end of September) is \$130.00 for the entire school year. (\$150.00 afterwards).

Please drop the Registration Form with a cheque payable to JQ PAC to the choir folder in front of the school office. There are also blank forms in the folder.

Please email us with any questions at JQChoir@gmail.com.

Everyone can try it out without any commitment.

Lastly, we are looking for parent choir volunteer leaders for the choir groups. The leaders will help by emailing messages to their choir group for upcoming events, taking note of other parent volunteers to help manage the kids at those events.

Grade 2/3

Grades 4-7

Chamber Choir

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Veronika Florianova
Choir Coordinator



JQ Musical "Mary Poppins"

Hello JQ parents and students and welcome back to school!

JQ is pleased to announce this year's musical theatre production will be *Mary Poppins* directed by Colleen Cotton productions. The show will take place in June and rehearsals will be every Friday after school beginning this

month. There will be additional rehearsals on some Pro D days as we get closer to the show and a commitment to attend dress rehearsals after school in the week of the show. The cost of being part of the musical is \$400 for the year (please make checks out to George Cotton Productions).

Many students auditioned at the end of June. *If your child has already auditioned you do not need to audition again now.* For those who have not yet auditioned Colleen will be holding auditions next week:

Date: Monday Sept 10th and Wednesday Sept 12th

Time: Lunchtime and after school

Place: JQ Music Room

Sign-up: <https://doodle.com/poll/88zkeqn7ywatfpw5>

Please sign up with your child's name, and only one child per time slot. If necessary, callbacks will be held on Thursday and Friday, Sept 13 and 14 at lunchtime and after school.

For the audition (5 minutes) your child will be asked to sing a short song, and say a few words, no need to spend lots of

time preparing, they can just sing their favorite song or even Happy Birthday.

The musicals have been a great success over the last 2 years and we hope your child will take part. Every child will get a part in the show.

We look forward to a great year of musical theatre!

Mary Kestler

Extracurricular Opportunities offered by PAC

A list of programs can be found on the PAC website. Registration is now open.

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Letter from the Principal.pdf

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