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## JQ E-Bulletin - Dec 14

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**Seasonal Hampers**: A reminder to families that the hampers for our sister school, Mount Pleasant Elementary, are being assembled and delivered on **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

- Not sure what to contribute, check your child's agenda but any non perishable food or household supply is appreciated. You are welcome to bypass your suggested staples in favor of a gift

for the family. Gifts for parents are appreciated too! Gift Certificates are particularly welcome. London Drugs, Superstore, and Walmart are particularly great as household and grocery items can be bought. Gently used items are welcome, however please ensure they are "like new" in condition. Great time to pass along your "regifts"!

- If you are able to volunteer assembling the hampers or with driving and delivery to Mount Pleasant, please let your class parent know. At least two volunteers per class are needed. Assembly will begin first thing at 9:00 am in the school gym and should be finished by 11:30 am when volunteer drivers can pick-up the hampers for delivery.
- **New this year!** We will be collecting hoodies and underwear for Covenant House. Gently used hoodies welcome! (underwear new). All adult sizes welcome and appreciated. Youth are aged from 16-24. Queen Elizabeth Annex will be helping us out with this initiative. Thanks QEA! Box for the hoodies and underwear will be at the PAC table across from the office.
- Questions? Ask your class parents or wing PAC a note at: [http://jqpacexec@gmail.com](mailto:jqpacexec@gmail.com)

**Grade 7 Girls Vs. Boys Volleyball Mini-Tourney:** All members of this year's Grade 7 teams are invited to come out on **Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** after school from 3:15-4:00 pm for a fun round-robin volleyball tournament. Family and friends are encouraged to come and support the teams!

**Choir Performance:** Last opportunity to enjoy festive sounds at the JQ choral celebration on: **Wednesday, December 19th at 7pm in the Byng Auditorium.** All JQ choirs will be singing and will also be joined by the QEA Choir. Entrance to Byng is off Crown Street, next to school playground. All welcome.

**Grade 7 Parents:** A reminder that mini-school applications are due to the school your son/daughter is applying to by **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.** **No exceptions.**

You must **apply to each program** for which your child wishes to be considered. Registering for the test does not mean you are automatically registered in a program. Apply for each program **at the school** where the program resides. For further information, website link is: [www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration)

### **Basketball Permission Slips and Open Gym:**

Basketball permission slips for the 2019 season have gone home with Grade 6 and 7 students and are to be returned to Mme Julie before the break if possible. There will be three days of lunch-hour open gym this coming week – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Students who are considering joining a team are welcome to join in on skills, 3-on-3, and 5-on-5 play on any or all of the three days. Permission slip also attached.

### **Staff Changes:**

- We would like to wish Judith Conibear, a district Speech Language Pathologist attached to our school, all the best on her retirement from the VSB and safe adventures ahead.
- Our School Nurse, Audrey Williams RN, is moving to a new part-time position and will no longer be attached to Jules Quesnel. We also wish Audrey all the best in her next assignment.

**Conservation 20:** In order to conserve gas supplies this winter following the pipeline rupture in the Fall, the Vancouver School District is doing its part to conserve natural gas use. School thermostats are set at 20 degrees Celsius in order to help reduce natural gas use.

On colder days, it is suggested that students dress warmly. Families and staff interested in **Conservation 20** and ways to reduce their own gas consumption and lessen the demand on supplies, can visit: [www.fortisbc.com/reduceyouruse](http://www.fortisbc.com/reduceyouruse) for more information.

**Lost & Found – Please check:** Our Lost & Found is overflowing with winter jackets, fleeces, lunch bags, etc. Please check for any missing items **next week** as a parent has kindly volunteered to organize all unclaimed items and donate to a shelter before the end of this term. Thank you.

## **Dates to Note in January.**

School resumes after the winter break on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Information Evening for new kindergarten families on **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Curriculum Implementation Day: **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** – no school for students.

Mid-term student reports to be sent home between **January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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**PAC Extra-Curricular:** A new round of extra-curricular programs have been organized by PAC and details are available on the PAC website: [jqpac.com](http://jqpac.com) - [Extra Curricular](#).

To those families who are leaving early for the winter break, we wish you safe travelling and a restful holiday season. If you have not already done so, please let the office know if your child will be absent next week or the first week of January. Thank you. Safe arrival line is: 604-713-5159, ext. 39.

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