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## New PJ Parent Orientation – Save the Date!

All new parents/guardians to PJ are invited to join Principal Zielinski in the Library at PJ from 2:00-2:45pm on September 18th. Come and learn more about the history of PJ in West Vancouver, what school life is like, and have a tour of all our places and spaces! We look forward to having you.

## Student Medications in the Office (Gr K-7)

If your child requires any medications/EpiPen they are required to remain in the office. Please remember to deliver the new medication to the office the first week of school and submit the updated medical form, signed by the doctor, for the current school year. Forms were emailed to you in June and last week, however please contact Susie Chubb in the office should you have any questions or concerns

[schubb@wvschools.ca](mailto:schubb@wvschools.ca)

## Traffic Blitz

Next week is our [traffic safety campaign](#). Watch for a separate email with more information plus details about [volunteering](#). In the meantime please familiarize yourself with road signage and [parking regulations](#) around the school. Thank you for being a considerate driver and keeping our kids safe!

## Personal Digital Devices (PDD) and Ministry Changes

As we look ahead to a very positive year, especially one that is cognizant of and in support of technologies and innovations, we are also very conscious of the negative impacts technology can have on our youth. [See here for the WVS Parent Personal Digital Devices infographic.](#)

**Further to the information I sent out last week on the changes at PJ, in West Vancouver, and in British Columbia as a whole, please be reminded of the following:**

- **NO cell phone use will be permitted by students on school property, including before and after school.**
- **NO laptops or tablets will be permitted unless by direct teacher instruction at certain learning times, as tools.**
- **No smart watches or computer-like watches will be permitted at school.**
- ✓ **What can you as parents do to support this provincial initiative?**

- ✓ Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- ✓ Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital tools
- ✓ Refrain from contacting your child during the school day – if it is important, call the school office
- ✓ Personally model and encourage digital device use, limitations and boundaries (appropriateness, when and where, etc.)
- ✓ Avoid using your devices on school grounds at drop-off and pick-up – instead, connect with your child and with other families!

**Please join us for the following opportunities to learn more:**

**Curriculum Night**

- ✓ Kindergarten – September 4th (tomorrow) – see information sent to you by the teachers today
- ✓ Late French Immersion 6 – September 4th (tomorrow) – see information sent to you by the teacher today
- ✓ Grades 1-7 EFI and LFI7 – September 11th (next week) from 5:00-6:00pm in person at PJ – more to come from your child's teacher

**Principal's Corner**

- ✓ Join Principal, Mme Zielinski, on September 10th (next week) virtually from 12:00-12:30pm for a 'lunch and learn' session with more details and opportunities for questions and clarifications (join with the link below)

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**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

**[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 261 496 601 902

Passcode: Gpirge

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**Dial in by phone**

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Phone conference ID: 504 544 050#

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We look forward to sharing more with you as these important changes unfurl to keep your child learning in a safe and healthy way.

## Welcome Back, from your PJPAC Executive!

On behalf of the [PJPAC Executive](#), we would like to welcome all students and parents returning to École Pauline Johnson, and new families joining the school. It was great getting to connect with the PJ community at our Back to School Coffee this morning. Keep an eye on our [calendar](#) for more events planned for 2024-2025.

The PAC (Parent Advisory Council) comprises all PJ parents, and the PAC [Executive](#) is here to be your voice. We encourage you to [reach out to us](#) with any questions, comments, or any other feedback. Welcome back, and let's work together to make this a great year!

## Join PJPAC's WhatsApp Group

Click [here](#) to join the official PJPAC WhatsApp group and get timely reminders about events and happenings at PJ. Remember to turn on notifications.



## Vacant PAC Executive Roles

We are in need of volunteers to fill two important roles on our PAC Executive: PAC Chair and Traffic Safety Lead. Learn more about these roles [here](#), or contact [us](#) for more information.

## Fun Lunch Ordering is Open

Ordering is open for term 1 of [Fun Lunch](#), PJ's hot lunch program available 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Visit [Munchalunch.com](#) to check out the wide array of options, plus our new vendor, Cornelia's Fine Tacos! Place your order before Saturday to receive lunch the week of September 10. Going forward all orders require a **2-week cut-off**, so don't forget to order at least 2 weeks before you want Fun Lunch delivered to your child.

## Feeding Futures – a Ministry of Education and Childcare Initiative

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

## **Mabel's Labels**

Back to School means a return of the lost and found. Make sure your child can keep track of their items with the help of our [Mabel's Labels fundraiser](#).

## **PJ Orange Shirt Day**

PJ will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, so please dress your child in an orange shirt on that day if possible. Orange Shirt Day is a day for creating awareness of the individual, family, and community inter-generational impacts of Indian Residential Schools. Click here to read more about [The Story of Orange Shirt Day](#) and here for a list of [retailers](#). [Kit & Kaboodle](#) is a great local source for orange shirt and hoodie options. If you have run out of time to order, there are many local Indigenous-owned options that so please explore.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and there will be many events through our communities.

## **Individual Photo Day**

Come looking your best on **October 2nd** your 2024-25 school photo!

## **Curriculum Night**

The whole school staff is excited to invite all parents to our Curriculum Night. Classroom teachers will run two sessions back-to-back virtually at 5:00 and 5:30pm. This will let parents with children in multiple classes get a chance to attend a session. These informative presentations will provide you with a glimpse into your child's day, with information about curriculum, class routines and communication procedures. One-on-one parent teacher conferences are scheduled for later in term one.

## **Cross Country Running Team (Gr 3-7)**

Our Cross-Country season is beginning soon. Any student in Grades 3-7 that is interested will be invited to attend a meeting this Friday with the coaches at PJ and will receive a PERMISSION FORM with detailed information, including practice and Meet locations and dates.

**WVECA Athletic Fees** - Due to the increasing cost of fees associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs in all West Vancouver schools, the WVECA will be charging \$10 per student per sport for the 2024-2025 school year. These fees were Board approved in the Spring of 2023 for the upcoming school years.

Payments will be made through School Cash Online which has been set up for each school through the District. All families of students in Grades 3-7 will receive a School Cash Online message saying the payment link for Cross Country fees will be live as of September 7th.

**Please note that we ask you to wait until your child has come home on Friday this week to discuss their participation.**

**If they WOULD like to join the team:**

1. Complete the permission form and return it to the school on Monday.
2. Pay the \$10.00 fee via the School Cash Online link.

**If they WOULD NOT like to join the team:** NO further action is required.

Thank you. We look forward to an exciting Cross-Country season ahead!

### **Pack in-Pack out – Litter-less lunches (Gr K-7)**

Our goals are to be stewards of the environment and responsible citizens of Metro Vancouver. This means different work, not more work. Please discuss this with your child at home and make a plan together to create litter-free lunches. Examples include: no packaging, more use of Tupperware and reusable containers. Everything you send them to school with will be returned in their lunch bag; a plastic bag may be a wise addition.

### **Optional Accident Insurance for Families**

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and

critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

## PJ REPORTING OF STUDENT ABSENCES

Is your child sick? Have an appointment, or something happened and your child cannot be at school? Please email [paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca](mailto:paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca) with any and all of this information, merci.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 9 - 13	Traffic Blitz – see above (please volunteer!)
Sept 10 12:00 Noon	Online with Principal Zielinski Personal Digital Devices – What’s changed?
Sept 11 5:00-6:00pm	Curriculum Night (Grades Gr 1-7) In Person – Teacher’s Welcome Presentations
Sept 16	Terry Fox Assemblies & Run
Sept 18 2:00pm	New Parent Orientation Session @ PJ in the Library
Sept 20	Pro D Day – No Students in Session
Sept 23 9:00am	ELL Parent Information Session @ PJ - Library
Sept 26 6:00pm	Grade 6 Outdoor School – Parent Meeting (Virtual – link to come)
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School is Closed
Oct 2	Individual Photo Day
Oct 9	Meet the Teacher Conferences – <b>Early Dismissal</b> K-3 12:10pm/ Gr 4-7 12:20pm More information to come
Oct 10	Meet the Teacher Conferences – <b>Regular Dismissal</b>

Oct 14	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Oct 24	Photo re-takes – AM only
Oct 25	Pro D Day – No Students in Session

Please visit the West Vancouver School District website for all important dates for the remainder of this school year.

[2024-2025 Calendar](#)

[PJ Year at a Glance Calendar 2024-2025](#)

[OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS](#)

**An invitation to Coho Festival 2024**

**To all Coho Festival Stewardship Zone participant groups from previous years or new interested parties.**

Coho Festival is confirmed for September 8, 2024, at the traditional site at Ambleside Park in West Vancouver.

The Coho Festival organizing team is currently in full swing organizing all the traditional activities the Coho Festival is famous for including the Salmon barbeque, Food Garden, Main Stage, Stewardship Zone, Tent Talks, Kids Zone, Coho Swim and much more.

Details related to parking, volunteer benefits and site set up are being arranged and will be announced in early August.

**If your organization is interested in sharing their activities and goals with the Coho Festival 2024 audience as part of this year’s Coho Festival Stewardship Zone, please confirm attendance via this email.**

Also please let the Coho Festival Organizing team know what infrastructure your organization intends to set up on site and what requirements you might need in terms



of tables, chairs and / or power. Coho Festival Organizing Team is encouraging participants to be as 'self-sufficient' as possible to simplify the complicated set up process.

Finally, if you need further information or have questions / comments please include them in your reply to this email. A response will be forthcoming at the earliest convenience.

Coho Festival Organizing Team

[www.cohofestival.com](http://www.cohofestival.com)

[info@cohosociety.com](mailto:info@cohosociety.com)



## **[Artmania's Fall After School class at Ecole Pauline Johnson](#)**

### **Nature Art & Emily Carr**

Sept 26 - Dec 5 (no class Oct 31)

3:00 - 4:30 pm

10 Classes

cost \$350 +gst

Grades 1 - 7

**[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)**

Enter the world of this iconic west coast artist and create naturecoast nature themed art.

Young artists will explore Emily Carr's passion for nature through painting, drawing, and sculpting their own experiences of the natural world.

Learn all about line, form, shape and texture and discover how Emily Carr used the colours of nature to recreate the world around her.

### **FOLLOW PJ ON TWITTER #ECOLEPJ**

Keep up to date on what is happening at the school by following @tarazielinski or go to this link <https://twitter.com/tarazielinski> to stay in touch and find valuable articles on education, parenting, technology and other interesting tidbits of information.

**FOLLOW PJ PAC** Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

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