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Santa's Workshop- Thank You

Santa's Workshop was a big success thanks to YOU! We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the parents for their generous donations and support this past week, to the entire Santa's Workshop team – including Jenny, Stephanie, Anna, Yeon, Claire, and Azita – for their dedication and months of planning, and to the PJ PAC Executives for stepping in and providing hands on support over the past few weeks. Your combined efforts made this event truly special!

A Message from Mme Zielinski

To all of our PJ Families,

We wish to thank all of you that stepped up with your incredibly generous donations and many of you with your time to make Santa's Workshop a reality for our children this year. After the fire, we were unsure as to how this could actually be 'saved'...but our PAC Executive and volunteers were adamant that 'the show must go on'. So, in true #PJPROUD style, you did it! Our thanks go to Trish and the whole team at St. Stephen's Anglican Church who offered their space, free of charge, for us to host the event. Thank you also to the Sentinel student volunteers who helped to make this event possible. Santa even made an appearance to his workshop! It really does take a village to raise a child – and Christmas Miracles do happen! I have shared below the message that went out to their parishioners this past week.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, a restful and safe holiday, and a tremendous start to 2025! We look forward to welcoming you back on January 6th (regular start times).

-Tara Zielinski and Team

St. Stephen's Saves Santa's Workshop 🎅🎁

"Pauline Johnson Elementary School suffered a small but still damaging fire in their school gymnasium less than 2 weeks before their long standing and much loved Santa's Workshop. The event is a huge hit with their students, as for a few dollars they have a chance to purchase gifts for their family members. The items are donated by parents in the school and all the money raised is split between the school's PAC activities and a local charity. The fire in the gymnasium caused the event to be cancelled this year.

Christian, the son of Lynne Block (who as you know is one of our parishioners) contacted St. Stephen's in a last attempt to salvage the event. He is a parent of 2 children that attend Pauline Johnson. He was hoping St. Stephen's could provide space for their Santa's Workshop next week. Within an hour of Christian's request, Trish dropped everything, met with the Principal at the church, they ironed out details and moved a few things around and we are happy to announce that St. Stephen's will transform itself into Santa's Workshop next Thursday, Dec 19th.

It is moments like this that I know St. Stephen's will continue to be a part of the West Vancouver Community, by supporting our neighbours even in small ways while we wait for the redevelopment. The spirit of our parish continues to give to those in need during the Christmas season."



PJ Press

PJ Newspaper Club is proud to present our [1st Issue of the 2024-2025 PJ Press](#)! Please see our issue for articles about what's happening in our school, meet members of our community and get some fun and festive suggestions, all from our own PJ students. Happy reading and happy holidays!

Hot Chocolate Day

Tomorrow is our last hot chocolate day! Join us at the covered area behind the school after early school dismissal for a free hot chocolate and some holiday cheer. Thank you to PJ parents Paige and Aaliya for sponsoring this event, and to the parent volunteers who helped make it happen last week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Traffic Blitz

We are getting ready for our next [traffic safety campaign](#) in the new year. If you are available to volunteer during the week of January 13, 2025 for a short morning shift, please [sign up here](#).

Happy Holidays from PAC

On behalf of the PAC Executive, we wish you and your families a joyful and happy holiday season! Thank you for your continued support and dedication this past year. We look forward to a [busy and exciting year ahead](#) in 2025!

Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

**Why We're Doing This**

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

**What You Can Continue to Do**

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- 1.Celebrate Progress -Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
- 2.Reinforce Healthy Habits - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- 3.Model Consistency - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
- 4.Support School Communication - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- 5.Stay Engaged - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

West Vancouver Schools Registration

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Extended Holidays

Please be reminded that any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal, Mme Zielinski, for approval. Please email [tzielinski@wvschools.ca](mailto:tzielinski@wvschools.ca)

Reporting 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

December 20th	Last Day of School and Early Dismissal (12:10/12:20)
January 6th	First Day Back to School

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

[Past E-Bulletins can be found here](#)

[2024/2025 Calendar](#)

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

Community

[Community Connections](#) and events information found through this link and updated weekly.

Sport Explorers

Unlock your child's potential through our engaging, multi-sport after-school programs designed to inspire and energize! Led by experienced coaching staff dedicated to providing an unforgettable experience, Sport Explorers introduces young athletes to a world of fun, teamwork, and skill-building in a safe, inclusive environment.

Each session offers a mix of sports that keeps kids excited, moving, and discovering new talents. Perfect for all experience levels, Sport Explorers makes after-school time active, social, and full of adventure.

Sports include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, Pickleball and more!

Register today to secure your child's spot for sport exploration!


**Where:** PJ Gymnasium

**When:** January 17th - March 14th 3:00 - 4:30

**\*\*\* No Session Feb 14\*\*\*Grade: 1 - 4**

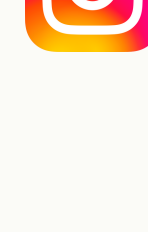
**Cost:** \$240

<https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/PaulineJohnsonSEASPTerm2>



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