

École Pauline Johnson

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At PJ, every student, staff and community member – regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or ability – is welcome and should feel comfortable and cared for at our school.

Principal's Message

This week, the staff at PJ enjoyed welcoming students and families to the start of a new school year! A big welcome to our newest Kindergarten families. Thank you to the PJPAC for hosting a Welcome Back Coffee morning on Tuesday, and to all the families who attended.

On a personal note, thank you for the very warm welcome I have received this week. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of the students, and families already; thank you for taking the time to say ‘bonjour’ and introducing yourselves. I look forward to getting to know even more of you over the next few months.

Class Placements & Curriculum Night

As we begin to get settled into this year's classrooms, we are excited for the opportunities a new school year brings. Earlier today, students were placed into their classrooms for the year ahead. As you know, class building is complex, and it involves deep and thoughtful conversations with teachers and staff about many different variables including learning and friendships, as well as complex and diverse needs.

Students may feel a mix of excitement as they meet new teachers and classmates, along with some natural apprehension about the year ahead. At home, you can help guide conversations toward the potential a new school year brings – building new friendships, learning alongside classmates, and growing through the guidance of their teacher(s). **It is important for families to know that we do not have the ability to move or switch any class placements, so supporting the change both at home and school is paramount.**

We are here to support our students as they transition into their new classrooms and encourage open communication between families and our staff. Together, we can ensure a smooth and positive start to the year.

Our **curriculum night** (grade 1-7, 7LFI) will be held next **Wednesday, September 10th**. Teachers will run two identical back-to-back sessions so that families with multiple children can visit all their children's classroom teachers. **The first session will begin at 5:00pm and the second at 5:30pm.** 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. Please note: this is a parent/guardian only event; please make alternative arrangements for your child(ren). We look forward to seeing you there!

School Start & Reporting Student Absences

The school day begins at 8:50am for Primary students (K-3), and at 9:00am for Intermediate students (4-7). Families are asked to make every effort to arrive on time. If your child is late, please have them report to the school office to sign-in. If your child will be absent from school, please email paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca with details including your child's name, date of absence, and Division or classroom teacher.

Please be reminded that approval for any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal, Mme Evans. Please email revans@wvschools.ca with complete details of the requested absence.

Policy & Procedures Form

Each school year, parents/guardians are asked to complete the online [Policy & Procedures Form](#) for each student attending school in West Vancouver. This form provides permissions for use of electronic devices, photos, participating in walking field trips, acknowledges understanding of the school Code of Conduct, and more! Please take a moment to complete the online Policy & Procedures Form for the 2025-26 school year.

Student Medications in the Office (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, contact Susie Chubb in the office should you have any questions or concerns schubb@wvschools.ca.

School Traffic

Parents are reminded that speed limits in and around all school zones in BC are limited to 30 km/hr. Please familiarize yourself with road signage and [parking regulations](#) around the school. Be considerate of neighbours, and park in designated areas only. Thank you for helping to keep our school zone safe for everyone!

Note: there will be a road safety blitz at PJ on Mon, Sept 8th. WVPD and ICBC volunteers will be onsite to help ensure safe practices are being practiced.

Personal Digital Devices: Reminders for students & parents

As we start a new school year, we want to remind everyone of the Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations.

- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

These guidelines are key to creating focused and engaging learning environments. Our goal is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, they should not interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment.

What Families Can Continue to Do

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

- **Encourage Balanced Screen Time:** Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- **Model Consistency:** Show your support by modeling mindful & appropriate device use.
- **Support School Communication:** Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- **Stay Engaged:** Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

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 (with dates and times). There is a \$10 District Sporting Fee payable via School Cash Online. Only if your child is participating, do you need to pay.

Important Dates

2025-2026 Year at a Glance

Mon Sept 8 th	Traffic Safety Blitz @ PJ
Tues Sept 9 th	First Cross Country practice (gr 3-7), 8:00 am
Wed Sept 10 th	Curriculum Night (gr 1-7, 7LFI), 5:00 pm
Fri Sept 12 th	Terry Fox Run & Assemblies
Mon Sept 15 th	Fun Lunch begins today
Tues Sept 16 th	Cross Country Meet #1 @ Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Tues Sept 23 rd	Individual Photo Day
Tues Sept 23 rd	Cross Country Meet #2 @ Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Fri Sept 26 th	Pro-D Day: students not in attendance today
Mon Sept 29 th	Orange Shirt Day @ PJ
Tues Sept 30 th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation: School CLOSED today

PJPAC

Welcome Back from your PJPAC Executive

On behalf of the [PJPAC Executive](#), we'd like to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents returning to PJ, as well as to the new families joining our school this year. It was great to connect with many of you at our Welcome Back Coffee on Tuesday. Thank you for joining us!

Keep an eye on our [Calendar](#) for more exciting events planned for the 2025-2026 school year.

Join PJPAC's WhatsApp Group

[Click here](#) to join the official PJPAC WhatsApp group and stay up to date with reminders, events, and important happenings at PJ. Don't forget to turn on notifications so you never miss an update!

Fun Lunch Ordering is OPEN

Ordering is now open for Term 1 of [Fun Lunch](#), PJ's hot lunch program running Tuesday to Friday each week. Explore the wide variety of choices on [Munchalunch.com](#), including our newest vendor, Domino's Pizza! We are excited to announce that pizza days are now a weekly option.

Place your order by Saturday September 6 to receive lunch the week of September 15. Going forward, please note that all orders require a 2-week cut-off, so be sure to order at least 2 weeks in advance to secure your child's Fun Lunch.

Mabel's Labels

Back to School means the return of the lost and found. Keep your child's belongings clearly labeled and out of the pile, while supporting a PJ fundraiser. Simply search for "École Pauline Johnson" on the [Mabel's Labels website](#) to order.

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

Our goal is to be stewards of the environment and responsible citizens. One way we do this is by packing "litter less lunches". Examples include: using re-usable containers, limiting packaging wherever possible. What students Pack in to school, they are also expected to Pack out. A "wet-bag" or leak-proof lunch kit would be a wise addition! Please remember to pack reusable cutlery for Fun Lunch days, as utensils are not provided/available.

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.

Community

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

DPAC parent event with Dr Graeme Mitchell

Tuesday September 23rd 6:30-8:30pm. [See here](#) for more details



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