

#### E-Bulletin December 18th, 2025



# École Pauline Johnson

PAC website School Website

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.

## Happy Holidays from Mme Evans

As we approach the holidays, I want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and relaxing break. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many things we are grateful for, and at the top of that list is our incredible school community. Thank you for your partnership, support and trust in creating a nurturing and inspiring environment where your children can thrive. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring PAC, and parent volunteers to work alongside us. Together, we've built a space where curiosity is encouraged, challenges are embraced, and success is celebrated. On behalf of the entire staff at École Pauline Johnson, we wish you a season filled with love, laughter, and meaningful moments together. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year; there are lots of exciting things to come!

### Early Dismissal

A reminder that tomorrow we have an early dismissal. Primary students (K-3) will be dismissed at 12:10pm and intermediate students (gr 4-7) will be dismissed at 12:20pm.

## Personal Digital Device Expectations

Over the first term, students and staff have worked hard to follow the West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Classrooms are more focused, transitions are smoother, and students tell us they can concentrate better without the pull of their phones. Thank you to families for reinforcing these habits at home.

As we return to school after the winter break, please help us keep this momentum going by reminding your children of the digital device expectations while at school.

#### What's expected at school:

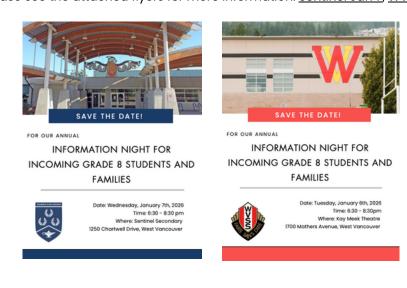
- Elementary (K-7): Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff
- permission. Secondary (8–12): Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

#### How families can help:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support schools by demonstrating these expectations whenever possible. This includes limiting adult cell phone use in and around school and refraining from contacting your child during school hours.

## **Grade 8 Information Nights**

During the first week of January, both Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary will host Grade 8 Information Nights for incoming students. Please see the attached flyers for more information: Sentinel Jan 7, WVSS Jan 6



## **Important Dates** 2025-2026 Year at a Glance

Fri Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal - last day before Winter Break 12:10pm primary, 12:20pm intermediate
Mon Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
Tues Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Info Night @ WVSS
Wed Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Info Night @ Sentinel

# **PJPAC**

## On behalf of the PAC Executive, we wish you and your families a joyful holiday season! Thank you

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for your continued support and dedication this past year. We look forward to a busy and exciting year ahead in 2026! Santa's Workshop – Thank You!

#### A heartfelt THANK YOU to our incredible PJ community for making this year's **Santa's Workshop** such a magical success! We want to express our gratitude to the parents for their generous

donations these past few weeks, to the entire Santa's Workshop team - including Aaliya, Christian, Melissa, Laureline, and Anya – for their dedication and months of planning, to the volunteers who spent countless hours sorting, setting up, wrapping, and supporting, this truly was a team effort. We are so grateful for your time, energy, and generosity in helping keep this cherished PJ tradition alive. Fun Lunch

#### Fun Lunch for the winter session is now open, and we are happy to announce that with the addition of Parse Persian Cuisine, we will now be offering lunch service 5 days a week! Fun Lunch is

the largest revenue generating PAC initiative, and it is only made possible through the donation of time by our parent volunteers who sign up for daily distribution. Volunteer here for distribution, and order lunch here today! After School French Club Returns in January

#### Looking for a fun way to boost your child's French outside of class? The L'Écoline After School French Club is returning to PJ for a new session running from January 5 to March 2 for students in

Kindergarten to Grade 7. Classes take place on Mondays from 3-4:30 pm for a total of 8 sessions, at a cost of \$260 per student. Families who register by December 10 will receive a 10% discount. Spots are limited, so don't miss out! Register here. Students will build confidence and strong communication skills through guided discussions,

games, songs, role-play, storytelling, STEM activities, and structured literacy tasks in a fun, supportive environment.

# Community

Community Connections and events information found through this link and updated weekly.

## Physical Literacy

Please see here for more information on Physical Activity and Physical Literacy for Children and Youth ages 5-12. Every move counts!



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