

# 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.

## Happy New Year

Welcome to 2026 and to Term 2 of our school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable time with your family over the Holidays. On behalf of our entire staff, thank you for the many thoughtful cards, generous gifts and treats shared before the break. Your kindness and appreciation were truly felt and meant a great deal to our team. Merci beaucoup!

As we settle back into school routines this week, we appreciate your support with a few helpful pieces:

- Timely arrival at school helps ensure a smooth start to the day, as important routines and learning begin right at the 'bell'. Consistent attendance also helps students feel settled and confident with their learning.
- Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather; jackets and rain boots allow students to enjoy time outside, and to be dry and comfortable as they return back inside. Throughout the winter months, we will continue to spend time outdoors each day.
- As a pack in, pack out school, we ask and remind students and families that all food packaging, from Fun Lunch as well as food from home, returns home for proper recycling and disposal.

We are looking forward to a great term ahead! Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

**Mme Evans, Principal (directrice)**

## PJ's Walk to School Challenge

Next week, significant construction in and around the school will greatly impact traffic flow and parking availability, particularly on 22nd Street. Please refer to the email sent by Mme Evans to all PJ families on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. To help keep everyone safe and reduce congestion, we are strongly encouraging families to walk to school and avoid drop offs right at the school.

To support this disruption, we have decided to have a PJ walk to school week! **Our goal is for at least 75% of students to walk at least one block to and from school each day next week.** Even parking a short distance away and walking the final block makes a meaningful difference to traffic, safety, and arrival routines. Students will track their walking progress in class with their teacher daily during morning attendance and announcements.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we navigate this temporary disruption together.

## Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we begin the new year, we are asking all students and families to recommit to reducing cell phone use and to the school district's Personal Digital Device expectations. Consistent routines after the break help students re-engage quickly, keep instruction on track, and reduce distractions in shared spaces.

### 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.

### Family actions that make a difference:

- Minimize adult cell phone use in and around school
- Refrain from sending your child texts or calls during the school day; contact the office for urgent needs only.
- Review the school district's guidelines for personal digital device expectations.
- Help your child understand that when schoolwork requires technology that they need to choose a laptop over a phone as it helps to reduce distractions and support learning

For a one-page overview of expectations, [see our Parent & Guardian Infographic](#).

Thank you for working with us to uphold these important expectations.

## West Vancouver Schools Admissions Information

K-12 admission applications 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!

## Important Dates

### 2025–2026 Year at a Glance

Fri Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	PJ Spirit Wear Day
Mon Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Quebec Meeting 5:30pm @ Inglewood Learning Centre
Fri Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	PJ Spirit Wear Class Competition

## PJPAC

### PJ Parent Meeting

Our first parent meeting of the year is coming up next week on Thursday, January 15 at 6 pm. This brief virtual meeting is open to all PJ parents. We hope you can join us! The meeting agenda and meeting link will be shared [here](#) soon.

### Upcoming Spirit Wear Days

Get ready to show your PJ pride! Every Friday, students are encouraged to wear PJ Spirit Wear to school. Next Friday, January 16, we'll be adding a friendly competition – the class with the most students wearing PJ spirit wear or school colours (navy and yellow) will win a special prize! Let's start the new year #PJproud!

### The Card Project – Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a parent volunteer to take over The Card Project, a much-loved annual fundraiser that typically raises around \$1500 each year for our school. The time commitment is approximately 8–10 hours spread over a few months (December to April) and mainly involves email coordination with The Card Project owner and the school plus a one-time student artwork drop-off in February.

Our current coordinator has kindly agreed to stay on during their final year at PJ to support the transition with the new coordinator. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please email: [chair@ecolepjpac.com](mailto:chair@ecolepjpac.com).

### Fun Lunch Volunteers Needed

Volunteer slots are open for Term 2 [Fun Lunch distribution](#). If you are available for 40 minutes at lunchtime, please sign up [here](#). [Fun Lunch](#) is the PAC's largest fundraising initiative and is only made possible thanks to the support of parent volunteers. To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities, please visit our [Volunteer page](#).

### Fun Lunch Ordering is Open

Ordering is now open for Term 2 of [Fun Lunch](#), PJ's hot lunch program, which is now available 5 days a week with the addition of Parse Persian Cuisine. Visit [Munchalunch.com](http://Munchalunch.com) to explore all the options. Please note that all orders require a 2-week cut-off, so be sure to order at least 2 weeks in advance.

### After School French Club

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. Spots are limited, so don't miss out! [Register here](#).

### Pitch in or Chip In – Get Involved!

There's still time to support PAC initiatives this year, if you haven't already. Every family can contribute in two ways:

1. Pitch In – Volunteer 10 hours during the school year. [Choose a volunteer slot here](#).
2. Chip In – Prefer to contribute financially instead? Donate \$100 per family to help fund the many programs and extras our PAC provides. Log in to [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com), and select "Donate Now!" from the top menu.

Every hour and every dollar directly supports our kids – from community events to classroom enhancements. Choose the option that works best for your family and let's make this school year amazing!

## Community

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

## DPAC Parent Evening: Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Executive function skills affect how children manage time, stay organized and follow routines at home and school. In this parent-focused session, Sarah Ward shares practical, research-based strategies parents can use to support their child's success from elementary years through young adulthood. **Join us Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Kay Meek Theatre.**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

## DPAC

parent evening with

### Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
\$20 per ticket

Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.

Drawing from executive function coaching approaches used with elementary, secondary, post-secondary students and adults, this session will help build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning and the development of independent learning habits.

**REGISTER HERE**

KAY MECK THEATRE  
1700 MATHERS AVE  
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6:30 -  
8:30 PM



#### What Parents will Gain From This Evening

##### Understand

Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.

##### Learn

Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.





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