



# JOHN OLIVER DIGITAL IMMERSION MINI SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**John Oliver Secondary School**  
**Auditorium**



# Land Acknowledgement

The land that John Oliver Secondary sits on is the traditional and unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>ə</sup>m (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and has been stewarded by them since time immemorial. We are grateful to be able to live and learn on these lands.

As students and educators, we work towards becoming better informed and knowledgeable to better support the Host Nations and to continue to educate ourselves on the complete history of this land as our commitment to Truth & Reconciliation and the 94 Calls to Action.





**Submit Questions  
for the Q&A!!**

# Agenda

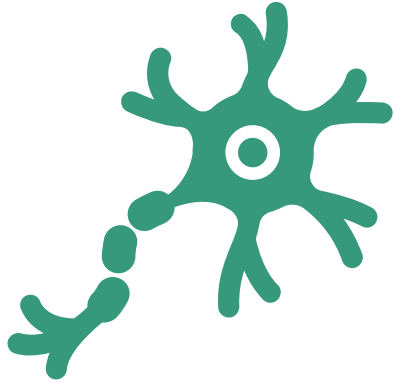
- 1. Land Acknowledgement**
- 2. Introductions and greetings**
- 3. What is Digital Immersion?**
- 4. Who is a JODIMS learner?**
- 5. What courses are part of the program?**
- 6. What are the field studies?**
- 7. Hear from the JODIMS community.**
- 8. The Application Process & Timeline**
- 9. Q & A**

# Greetings! Welcome!



**Andrew Schofield, Ph.D.**  
*Principal*

# The JO Mini School Staff for 2026/2027



**Mr. I. Lau**  
Science, 8/9/10  
Mini School Coordinator



**Ms. T. Laumen**  
Math 8/9/11/12



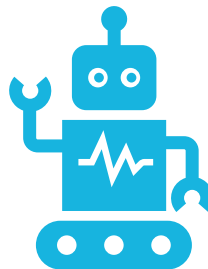
**Mr. P. Lee**  
Socials 8, Leadership 10,  
Geography 12



**Ms. P. Kwon**  
Socials 9/10



**Mr. S. Stewart**  
Math 10



**Mr. D. Thevarg**  
Comp. Thinking 8/9



**Mr. R. Tompkins**  
Digital Comm 11



**Ms. J. Miki**  
CLC 12

# Introduction to JODIMS



## **Our program, briefly summarized:**

- A grade 8 to 12 program
- Leadership opportunities
- Community building
- Field trips and outdoor education
- Digital immersion
- Enriched courses
- Capstone Projects

# What is Digital Immersion?

## Understanding Digital Immersion

Presenter:



**Digital Immersion** is a learning environment that fully integrates technology, media arts, and critical thinking into the learning experience.

It empowers students to thrive in the digital age by providing them with the tools, skills, and mindset to realize their dreams

# What is Digital Immersion?

## Leveraging Technology for Learning

Presenter:



Digital Immersion involves embracing technology as a fundamental tool for learning. In this program, each student brings their own device, creating a **dynamic and interactive learning environment**.



# What is Digital Immersion?

## **Key Aspects of Digital Immersion:**

Presenter:



- 1. Technology Integration and Collaborative Learning**
- 2. Math Acceleration and Critical Thinking**
- 3. Whole Person and Leadership Development**

# What is Digital Immersion?

## The Role of Technology in Digital Immersion

Presenter:



**Students explore a range of creative and technical tools.**

- **Media Arts:** Adobe Suite for design, video, and digital storytelling
- **Coding:** One tool for problem-solving and innovation
- **Digital Communication:** Web design, social media, and multimedia
- **Collaboration:** Shared platforms for teamwork and feedback

Students build skills across multiple platforms because media arts and technology together spark creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, preparing them for a digital world where creativity and technical skills work hand in hand.

What is Digital Immersion?

# Inspiring Critical Thinkers and Future Leaders

Presenter:



## The Importance of Critical Thinking

- This program inspires students to become **free, critical thinkers** who can **analyze, evaluate**, and **make informed decisions** in a digital world.
- Additionally, the program nurtures **leadership skills** through meaningful actions in the school community and beyond.

# Why Digital Immersion?

## Thriving in a Digital World

Presenter:



Students today live and learn in a connected world. **Digital Immersion** builds the skills to shape it (**creativity, adaptability, critical thinking**) and the **wisdom to use technology sustainably and mindfully.**

# Who THRIVES in JODIMS?

Presenter:



**The program is a good fit for students who:**

- Are **curious** about new experiences
- Want to **grow** as learners
- Enjoy being part of a **community**
- Like to get **involved**
- Are ready to share **responsibility** for their learning
- **Work well with others**
- **Have interests** they want to explore



# What courses are part of the program?

| Grade 8                  | Grade 9                  | Grade 10                  | Grade 11                 | Grade 12                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Math 8/9</b>          | <b>FMP 10</b>            | <b>Pre-Calculus 11</b>    | <b>Pre-Calculus 12</b>   | Calculus 12*             |
| <b>Science 8</b>         | <b>Science 9</b>         | <b>Science 10</b>         | Science 11 option        | Science 12<br>Elective*  |
| <b>Socials Studies 8</b> | <b>Socials Studies 9</b> | <b>Socials Studies 10</b> | Socials 11 option        | <b>Geo 12</b>            |
| <b>Comp. Thinking 8</b>  | <b>Info Tech 9</b>       | <b>Leadership 10</b>      | <b>Digital Comm. 11</b>  | <b>CLC 12 Mini</b>       |
| English 8                | English 9                | <b>English 10 option</b>  | <b>English 11 option</b> | <b>English 12 option</b> |
| Language 8               | Language 9               | Language 10               | Language 11              | <i>Electives</i>         |
| P.E. 8                   | P.E. 9                   | P. E. 10                  | <i>Electives</i>         | <i>Electives</i>         |
| ADST or Art<br>Rotation  | <i>Electives</i>         | <i>Electives</i>          | <i>Electives</i>         | <i>Electives</i>         |

# Other Digital/Tech Education & Opportunities

Presenter:



- **Ethos Lab - Blackathon/Design Jam**
- **University of Waterloo - Canadian Computing Competition**
- **Capstone Projects**
  - Students choose a project or a topic in which they are interested in. They get the whole semester to work on and research about their topic
    - *Examples: clothing design, graphic design, criminology, learning ASL and other language acquisition, trades and construction, programming, video game design and production.*
- **Culminates in the Spring Capstone Fair**

# What are the field studies?

Presenter:

- **Our field studies...**

- Encourage students to **find a balance** between their digital lives and other activities.
- Provide a space for students to **interact face-to-face** and **engage** in a variety of activities and meaningful **relationship-building**.
- Offers students a chance to **disconnect**, **recharge**, and **develop important life skills** that go beyond the digital realm.

# What are the field studies?

- There are ***usually*** two field studies per year
  - Fall - late September or early October
  - Spring - late April or early May
- **Trips in our "rotation":**
  - Strathcona Park Lodge**  
~~Seattle, WA~~
  - Southern Alberta 1 & 2**  
~~Ashland, OR (Grades 10 to 12)~~
  - Victoria** (Grades 8 & 9)
  - Tofino** (Grades 10 to 12)
  - Okanagan/Osoyoos**





# Strathcona Park Lodge, Vancouver Island

Rock-climbing, ziplines and high ropes, bog walks and forest games, canoeing, overnight camp, wilderness skills

# Victoria (8/9) & Tofino (10/11/12)



- Dominion Astrophysical Observatory
- BC Legislature
- Royal BC Museum
- Victoria historical walking tour
- Malahat Skywalk
- Songhees Nation tour
- UVIC/VIU campus tour
- Coombs
- Cathedral Grove
- Alberni Valley Museum
- Kwisitis Visitor Centre
- Ucluelet Aquarium
- Long Beach & Chesterman Beach
- Raincoast Education Society



# Alberta - 2 itineraries (all grades)

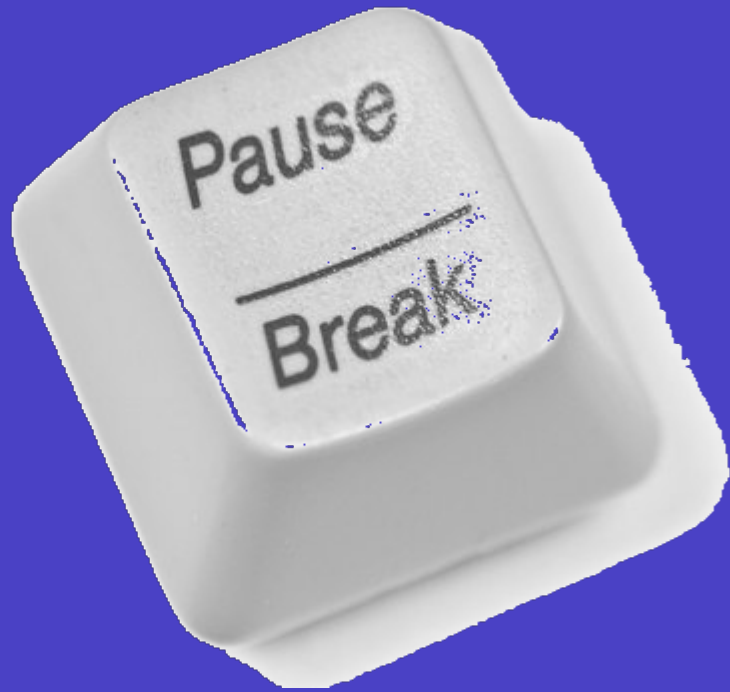
- Cave & Basin NHS
- Banff Gondola
- Drumheller Hoodoos
- Lake Louise
- Columbia Icefields
- Royal Tyrrel Museum
- **Buffalo-Head-Smashed-In**
- **Blackfoot Crossing**
- Fort MacLeod
- Calgary Zoo
- Telus Spark
- **The Confluence**
- National Music Centre
- U of Calgary campus tour

# Okanagan – Osoyoos (all grades)

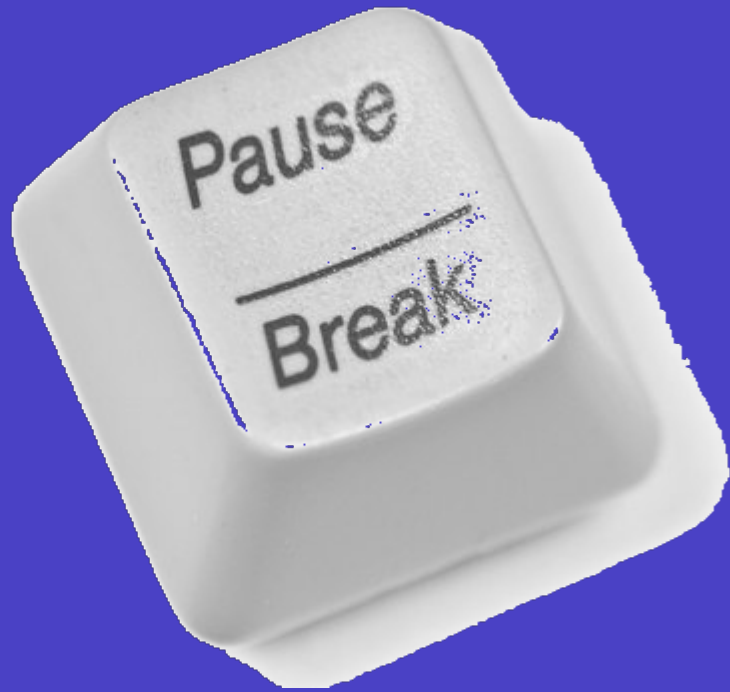
- EcoFarm Discovery Center
- Gur Sikh Temple NHS
- Secwépemc Museum and Kamloops Indian Residential School
- BC Wildlife Park
- UBCO
- Okanagan Heritage Museum
- Kelowna Art Gallery
- Nk'mip Desert Cultural Centre



# Ashland, Oregon (11/12)



# Seattle, Washington (all grades)



***Pushing yourself  
out of your  
comfort zone***



## Mischa Johal, Class of 2020



***Pushing yourself  
out of your  
comfort zone***

***Pushing yourself  
out of your  
comfort zone***

***IN COMMUNITY***



# JODIMS Info Night 2026

Hear from our students, alumni,  
and parents about their  
experiences in the program.

Malika, Grade 12  
Danisha, Grade 10  
Mehreen, Grade 10  
Sylvie, Grade 10  
Sarthak, Grade 11  
Brandon, Grade 12  
Sophia, Grade 10



# How to Apply for JODIMS

FULL DETAILS AT: <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/jo-minischool/application/>

## District Forms

- **ALL** applicants **MUST** complete "VSB – Mini School Expression of Interest" form at <https://dsapreg.vsb.bc.ca/>
- Must be submitted between November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## JODIMS Forms

- **Submit the following:**
  - 1. JODIMS Application Form**
  - 2. JODIMS Student Profile Questionnaire**
  - 3. Grade 7 Report Card\***
  - 4. Recent photo of applicant [optional]*
- Submit the above as a single package/email to [JODigitalMini@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:JODigitalMini@vsb.bc.ca) by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## Grade 7 Info Night - October 23, 2023 at 7pm

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The info night will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7pm in the John Oliver School auditorium. We will have a presentation and a Q&A session.

Grade 7 Info Night - October 23, 2023 at 7pm

Grade 7 Info Night - October 24, 2022 at 7pm

New Dates and Forms for 2022-2023

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## Application



## JO MINI SPECIFIC APPLICATION PACKAGE FORMS and QUESTIONNAIRE:

- For entry to GRADE 8 in September 2024, please complete the following:
  - JOHN OLIVER DIGITAL IMMERSION MINI SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM 2024-25
  - JOHN OLIVER DIGITAL IMMERSION STUDENT PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE
- For entry AFTER Grade 8 (2024-2025), please complete scroll to the bottom of the page
- All forms and guidelines are linked below.
- Please send all your documents/pictures/videos/reports in ONE email message to:  
[JODigitalMini@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:JODigitalMini@vsb.bc.ca)

**IMPORTANT DATES: GRADE 7 APPLICANTS (for Grade 8 entry in the 2024-2025 school year)**

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New Dates and Forms for 2022-2023

JO Digital Immersion Mini School Info Day is Today!

APPLICATION INFO FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



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# Important 2026/2026 Dates

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Declare Mini School Expression of Interest to VSB

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

JODIMS application package due via email

**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>**

Applicant interviews at JO during the day

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Offers of admission emailed to successful applicants for Round 1

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Offers of admission emailed to successful applicants for Round 2 (if needed)

# Acknowledgements

## Presenters

**Mischa**, alumnus  
**Malika**, Grade 12  
**Danisha**, Grade 10  
**Mehreen**, Grade 10  
**Sylvie**, Grade 10  
**Sarthak**, Grade 11  
**Brandon**, Grade 12  
**Sophia**, Grade 10

## Tech Crew

**Joshua S.**, Grade 12

## Student Greeters

Grade 8s

**Jowairiah**  
**Roopkotha**  
**Andrew**  
**Manvir**  
**Sophia**  
**Eleanor**  
**Violet**  
**Joshua**  
**Liv**

**Kazumi**  
**Nejan**  
**Susanna**  
**Matthew**  
**Arjun**  
**Peyton**  
**Ishaan**  
**Aikam**  
**William**

Grade 9s

**Asia**  
**Jacelyn**  
**Anmol**  
**Hayley**  
**Ibtida**  
**Maggie**  
**Elliott**

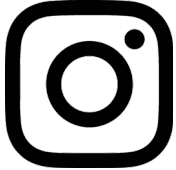
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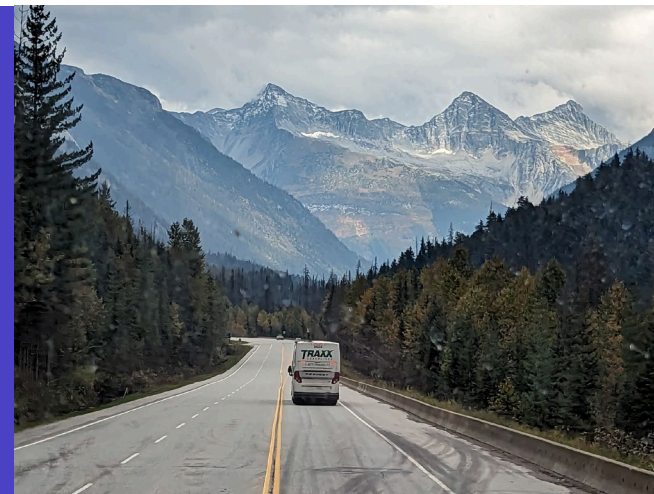
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## Q & A



## Audience Q&A

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