



### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students, Families and Community Members,

This week the Lord Byng PAC facilitated an important parent information evening focused on **safety** and to approve the 2024 budget to help finance programming at the school.

I would like to thank all the parents that attended this meeting and especially the PAC parent leaders for creating a **PAC Safety Subcommittee**. The **PAC Safety Subcommittee** will gather community input and look at ways to improve safety for all students at our school.

Also thank you to all the parents that made donations in the recent Direct Appeal fundraising initiative. Your generosity and support will go a long way in supporting learning at our school.

There will be an important information meeting for all Byng Arts parents on **Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library** to address concerns and to answer questions about the recent adjustments to the Byng Arts Program. This meeting will be followed by the Parent information night and course planning evening (see below).

#### Gr. 7 Parent Info Night & Course Planning Info Night – Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

- Incoming Grade 8's - 5-6 pm School Auditorium
- Grades 8-9 – Library 6-7pm
- Grades 10-11 – Auditorium 6-7pm

Have a safe restful weekend and happy Lunar New Year!

Mr. Wilmann – Lord Byng Principal

FEBRUARY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 NO FIT Semester Turnaround Day Byng Arts Auditions	2 NO FIT Semester Turnaround Day Byng Arts Auditions	3
4	5 Semester 2 Begins	6 Last Day for Course Changes Semester 2 Drama 9 Show - 7pm Theatre	7 Course Planning Assemblies - Auditorium AM & PM	8 Semester 1 Final Reports MyED Published CLE 10 - Assembly FIT	9	10
11	12	13 CLC-11- Assembly-FIT CANCELLED	14	15 Gr. 7 Parent Info Night 5-6pm Course Planning Night 6-7pm	16 District Wide PRO-D Day School Not in Session	17
18	19 Family Day Stat Holiday School Not In Session	20	21 Collaborative Day AM (Students Start 10am)	22 Black History Assembly	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day Byng Arts 1 <sup>st</sup> Round Offers	29 Lion Dance 10-12 CLE 10 @FIT Assembly/ Math Contest-FIT PM-4	1	2

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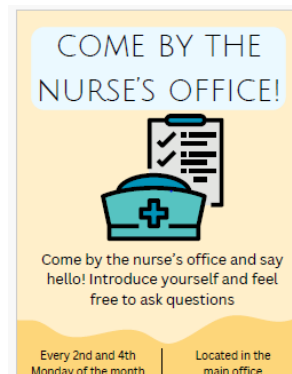
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## School News

School News will continue next week!

## School Nurse Visit

Did you know our public health nurse Alana has office hours at lunch time every other Monday?! Come in to introduce yourself and feel free to ask any questions. Everyone is welcome! 😊



## Byng Athletics

### Track and Field

Track and Field is starting! Anyone interested in being on the school track and field team this year, please sign up with Mr. Jack in the PE office. Pre-season training will take place at 7:45 am, in the gym, every Tuesday and Thursday in February. Starting in March, most practices will be after school from 3:30 to approximately 5 pm at Camosun Park (days of the week have not been determined yet). Some specialty practices, like hurdles and high jump, will continue to take place in the mornings. Competition days are also to be determined. A full schedule will be available after Spring Break. Also, after Spring Break, meetings will take place every Monday at lunch in the main gym. If there is no school on a Monday, the meeting will be on a Tuesday.

The Track and Field team is the largest team in the school. It is co-ed and all grades. We don't make cuts (no one will be eliminated from the team). The team won 11 City Championships in a row ending in 2023. Last year, we placed second to Kitsilano, so this year we will try to recapture the title. Despite our competitive nature, we are still an all-inclusive team. We encourage students of all abilities to join. Managers are also needed. The Track and Field team is a great way to get involved at Byng, work on your general fitness, improve your strength, power, speed, and endurance for another sport, or make new friends.

Mr. Jack

### Lord Byng Table Tennis

The Lord Byng Boys Table Tennis Team finished the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record. City Championship are tentatively scheduled to start next week, and the boys are anticipating a strong result.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the team is going to Provincials in Burnaby. As the reigning champions, the boys are going into Provincials as the #1 seed.

Good luck boys!



## Graduation Status Update-Information for Families

Starting in the 2023-24 school year, students in Grades 10-12 will receive a Graduation Status Update with their February and June report card. [This is a brochure](#) from the BC government with more information. If you have questions about your child's Graduation Status Update, please contact the school counsellor. Also, please visit the Grade 12 page on the school website. [Graduation Status Update Information For Families](#). Updated Feb 1, 2024

What information is included in the Graduation Status Update?

## Graduation Pathway

- Students are on one of two graduation pathways from grade 10 to 12: Dogwood or Dual Dogwood (French Immersion). Click [here](#) for more information on the graduation pathways.
- For students on a modified school program, click [here](#) for information on the Evergreen School Completion Certificate.

## Required & Elective Credits

- Students must complete a minimum of 80 credits (52 required credits + 28 elective credits). Click [here](#) for more information on graduation requirements.

## Provincial Assessments

- Provincial assessments will only show as completed once they have been processed by the Ministry. Click [here](#) for more information on these assessments.

## Indigenous Grad Requirement

- All students must complete a course which fulfills this requirement. In many cases, this course will also satisfy another graduation requirement in English or Social Studies. Click [here](#) for more information on the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement.

## Where is the Graduation Status Update located in MyEd?

The screenshot shows the MyEducation BC SDTest interface. The main content area is titled "Welcome to MyEducation BC SDTest" and includes a "Weekly Maintenance Windows - Outages may be required" section. A red arrow points to a link in the "Published Reports" section that says "Published Grad Status Report will be displayed here".

## Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found table located outside the school office on the second floor for lost clothing items, umbrellas, shoes, binders, backpacks, etc.

For smaller items, please come to the school office. All items will be donated to charity at the end of the month.

## PAC News

**NEXT PAC MEETING** – Thank-you to everyone who attended our PAC meeting on Wednesday night and learned more about the early work already underway to improve traffic safety. As mentioned last week the PAC has created a Safety Sub-Committee to work with the school and advocate for improved safety. If you were not able to attend the meeting and have thoughts and suggestions to share, please email the PAC [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com)

**BYNG ARTS PARENT GROUP:** Several parents have started a Byng Arts WhatsApp parent group for families with Byng Arts students. Please visit the PAC website for more information: <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents>

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK.** For Parents who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday walks. All are welcome. We will meet at the steps at the front of the school on Wed Feb 14th at 9:00 am. Please RSVP to Nora at [noradyng@hotmail.com](mailto:noradyng@hotmail.com)

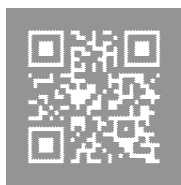
### SUPPORT LORD BYNG WHILE YOU BUY GROCERIES

The Lord Byng PAC has partnered with Sungiven and Stongs grocery stores. When you shop at either store, Byng receives a rebate (at no extra cost to you) and these funds are used to support clubs, activities, new programs, and new equipment at Byng.

- **Sungiven (Yuanchu)** – Purchase a pre-paid grocery card using this order form and Byng receives a percentage of the value of your purchase. Instructions: fill out the order form, pay for your pre-paid grocery card, and pick up your grocery card between 9-10am on the last day of the month at the Byng entrance facing Crown Street. Orders are due by the 25th of each month. The first 30 participants receive additional gifts from Sungiven. Orders can be paid by **etransfer, Wechat Pay** and **Union Pay** now. + [ORDER FORM](#)
- **Stongs Market** - Shop on-line at [www.stongs.com](http://www.stongs.com) and they will donate 4% back to Lord Byng PAC as part of their rebate program. Items can be purchased online and delivered to your home or picked up in-store. Select Lord Byng Secondary under “Choose a School for Our Rebate Program” during check-out (not available in-store). Any questions please email [lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com](mailto:lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com) .

**PLEASE JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST** – The PAC has created its own email list to communicate directly with parents. **Please sign-up now using the QR code below or by visiting the PAC website and clicking subscribe**

<https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>



**GRAD 2024** – To join the Parent Grad Committee Distribution list click here: <https://forms.gle/N7jgxoJs7w4LAUNe6>. For any questions about Grad Committee please email [bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com](mailto:bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com) .

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### CHINESE PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION:

每周学校新闻的中文版和中文播报将更新在PAC 官网上

PAC 邮箱接受中文邮件，中国家长可以将他们的问题或者疑虑发中文邮件到[lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com)

### 2023/24 PAC Meeting Dates:

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

February 21, 2024 (Cancelled)

April 17, 2024

May 15, 2024

For any PAC related questions or concerns please email us at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> . We look forward to connecting with you!

Lord Byng PAC

## Collaboration Day Schedule

<b>Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am</b> <b>No F.I.T.</b> <b>Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15; Jan 17; Feb 21; April 24;</b> <b>May 15; June 19</b>	
Period 1	10:00-10:40
Break	10:40-10:50
Period 2	10:50-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:15
Period 3	12:15-1:35
Break	1:35-1:40
Period 4	1:40-3:00

## Byng Calendars

Please visit the Lord Byng School website. [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng/\\_ci/p/65391](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng/_ci/p/65391)

## Lord Byng Daily Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT 8:40 - 9:20				FIT 8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20
BREAK 10:20 - 10:30	BREAK 10:00 - 10:10	BREAK 10:00 - 10:10	BREAK 10:00 - 10:10	BREAK 10:20 - 10:30
BLOCK 2 10:30 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10-11:30	BLOCK 2 10:30 - 11:30
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BLOCK 4 1:40 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 2:00 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 1:40 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 2:00 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 1:40 - 3:00

## 2023/2024 School Fees

Please pay your school fees. Payment for school fees via [SchoolCash Online](#) .

## Vancouver Coastal Health – When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School?

Please keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

You can refer to the Vancouver Coastal Health resource:

<https://www.vch.ca/en/when-should-i-keep-my-sick-child-home-school>

## Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

We need to provide the safest means of transport for our community when they have mobility issues: currently our elevators work with a key.

Therefore, students experiencing mobility issues should be guided by staff to:

- Go to or send a student runner:
  - Basement - A006
  - 1<sup>st</sup> floor- A100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor– School Office
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor –Rm A316 to obtain key/help

If any other difficulties, please contact the school office.

### Medical Care Plan Forms / Medication

If your son/daughter has a medical condition: diabetes, seizures, anaphylaxis, asthma, or other medical concerns, please come to the office to pick up a medical care plan form. It is important that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school and have updated information on file.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or backpack which travels to class and on field trips with them.

### FORMS

**Online forms:** Please visit <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> and fill out the following forms online.

- 1) VSB Media Consent 2023 – 2024
- 2) External Media Consent Form – 2023 – 2024
- 3) Grade 4-12 AUP Form (Acceptable Use of Technology Policy) - very important, read through this carefully with your child.
- 4) Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians)
- 5) Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)
- 6) CASL Consent Form 2023 -2024 (Communicating for parents and guardians)

When logging into <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> please make sure you are entering your child's PEN and not their student number. Students can find their PEN number on their report card.

**Thank you for your cooperation, it is important that we have all families return/submit all of the forms posted here.**

### Counselling Update

A-Gr Ms. Milinazzo [kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca)  
Gs-L Ms. Radic [jradic@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jradic@vsb.bc.ca)  
M-Te Ms. Tanner/Ms. Davies [ktanner@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ktanner@vsb.bc.ca) [cdavies@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cdavies@vsb.bc.ca)  
Tf-Z Ms. VanderKlippe [mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca)

### Semester 2

Tuesday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Last Day For Course Changes Semester 2

## Course Planning Assemblies

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Grade 11s period 2-1

Grade 10s period 2-2

Grade 9s period 2-3

Grade 8s period 2-4

Course planning is due on Feb. 19. All requests must be entered into MyED by this date.

## Gr. 7 Parent Info Night & Course Planning Info Night – Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

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- Grades 8-9 – Library 6-7pm
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## Graduation Letter

Counsellors have finished meeting with all students who have any outstanding requirements towards their graduation. We will be emailing letters home, and also giving a copy to your student only if they have some outstanding courses needed for graduation. Please note that we will be working closely with these students and helping them plan a way to complete all of their high school grad requirements. Here is a blank form of our letter:

[Grade 12 Graduation Letter](#)

[Grad Requirement Letter](#)

## Counselling Teams

Any new Byng students? Please let your counsellor know and ask them to add you to our Counselling Teams group. This is where we post a lot of information regarding: **post-secondary school options, scholarships**, extra-curricular opportunities, mental health resources, work opportunities, to name a few. Each grade has their own Counselling teams eg. Grade 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8 (Counselling 2023/24).

## Art Info

### Call for Artwork for the Gallery

Attention Seniors (Grades 10 to 12), help us get the semester off to a strong creative start and drop off your artwork in the Lord Byng Gallery for our next show. Work should be brought in starting Monday. Label the back of your work with your name.

Looking forward to sharing your work with the rest of the school.

### Call For Yearbook Art Submissions

Get your artwork into this year's annual!!! [CLICK HERE](#) to submit. Do this today, without delay.

### Coffee House: "CAUTION CONTENTS HOT!" – Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> afterschool in the Foyer

Join us for a Valentines themed Coffee House in the Gallery Foyer, Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> afterschool. This will be a fun-filled afternoon of music, treats, BINGO, and prizes. Hope to see you there.



### Happy Lunar New Year

Thank you to the students in the Grade 8 Byng Arts Visual Arts class for providing the hanging red lanterns and to the Gallery Art Club for assisting with the installation in our main hallway. A sea of lanterns greeted students and staff alike as they came into work on the day before Lunar New Year.

Wishing you all a Happy Year of the Dragon.



### Byng Arts

#### New Applicants to the Program –

Auditions took place on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> during the semester turnaround days.

We are currently reviewing each application, artwork, and auditions as we work on creating a list of offers. You are one of approximately 300 applicants seeking a seat in our Byng Arts program. That is close to three applicants for every available seat. We wish that we had enough space for everyone, however, we are working with the spaces that we have. If you do not get an offer, we hope that you will continue to seek out creative opportunities and continue to follow your passion for the Arts.

We will email all applicants on February 28<sup>th</sup> with the results of our First Round of Offers. This will include either a message with an offer, a message with no offer, or a message indicating that the applicant is on our waitlist and still under consideration for the second round of offers. If offered a seat you will have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to respond. A second round of offers will go out March 6<sup>th</sup>.

For students in Grades 8 to 11, offers will go out as soon as we determine our available seats in each grade – this may happen after the second round offers go out – please be patient.

Further information and our timeline can be found below or on our website: <https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>




Email: [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca) with your questions.

## Byng Arts Passport: [passport.lordbyng.net](https://passport.lordbyng.net)

Passport tallies have been completed – we will send out this information in a specific Byng Arts Newsletter sent out next week. If you did not complete the minimum number of entries, please sign up to see Mr. Hartley-Folz during FIT (<https://byng.myweeklyplanner.net/>) to get your passport requirements sorted. We will require everyone to have another seven entries by the end of May.

All successful accounts that have unlocked seven or more badges will be entered into a draw prize in the new year, so get your art on everyone!

### Potential Badges to unlock:

<p>FEB Coffee House - Monday, Feb 12th</p> <p>Events</p>  <p>BE MINE and join the talented performers in the foyer on Monday, Feb 12th.</p>	<p>Eros</p> <p>General</p>  <p>Show your I&lt;3ve for the ARTS by attending a show or participating in a performance in the month of February.</p>	<p>Winter Music Performance</p> <p>Music</p>  <p>Winter Music at Byng. Be part of the performance or attend as an audience member between January and March Break.</p>
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### Byng Arts Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

### Meeting Notes

Meeting was a planning session about organization and only attended by Grade Reps and Executive members. Next meeting will be open to all members and we will share out how we are organizing our meetings moving forward.

#### Discussion items:

Coffee House Monday February 12 – confirmed prizes, food sales, and equipment needs.

Byng Arts Hoodies Order Form is on Teams – cost will be between \$60 -\$65 depending on the number of orders.

Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any Byng Arts questions ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca))