



# April Newsletter

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*With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam).*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

## Informations importantes - Veuillez traduire

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Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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Важная информация - переведите, пожалуйста

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## Welcome back from Spring Break

This newsletter comes on the heels of March's in terms of weeks in school given the break. It's relatively short, and gives us a chance to draw your attention to the calendar of events that we'll continue to include at the end of each newsletter. April is music concert month here at Byng. Please note all the various dates and offerings and join us for a night of band, strings, or choir music. The musicianship is something to behold. Spring sports are also well underway: golf, tennis, badminton, track and field, ultimate, volleyball, soccer, rugby. Hats off to all our student athletes for their participation.

Semester 2 mid-term report cards will be published in late April, followed by parent-teacher conferences. We are also welcoming grade 7 students for tours and orientation, and grade 7 parents for a parent night in advance of September.

Happy spring. We look forward to connecting at one of the many events coming our way.

Albert, Diane, and Krista  
(Lord Byng Administration Team)

## Gr 8-11 Students Not Returning to Byng for 26-27

Please complete [this form](#) and hand it in to the office if you know that your child will not be returning to Byng this September, 2026. We really appreciate your taking the time to let us know. Thank you. We also have some paper copies in the office if that's helpful.

## Theatre Company Wins



Theatre Company went home with a bunch of awards at this year's Canadian Youth Theatre Awards, for our production of Hadestown. They included:

**Lord Byng TheaCo**- 1st Place - Outstanding Musical in School Production (top award)

**Izzy Baril and Avan Stewart** - 1st Place - Outstanding Duet/Trio in a Musical

**Izzy Baril** - 3rd place - Outstanding Female Lead in School Production

**Avan Stewart** - 1st Place - Vocalist of the Year

**Avan Stewart** - 2nd Place - Outstanding Male Lead in School Production

**Lola Steinberg** - 2nd Place - Outstanding Female Supporting Role

**Avan Stewart** - 1st Place - Outstanding Vocal Solo Performance

**Rose Fulker** - 3rd Place - Outstanding Female Supporting Performance (18-24 yrs)

**Lord Byng TheaCo** - 1st Place - Outstanding Small Group Dance Performance

**Lord Byng TheaCo** - 3rd Place - Outstanding Large Group Dance Performance

**Josh Severyn** - 1st Place - Outstanding Supporting Male Performance. (For SpongeBob in Delta Youth Theatre.)

A massive Thank You to Dawn Ewen, our Director, and Darren Hales our Production Manager. And a huge shout out to Mr. Theissen and Ms. Sawka for their leadership, dedication, support, and talent.

Come see our next show, We Will Rock You, which opens at the end of May.

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## Spring Bicycle Donation Request

Do you have a bicycle collecting dust or in need of a new home? Lord Byng would love to have it!

For the past six years, our Bike Mechanics Club has repaired and maintained dozens of bikes. These are used for class rides in Pacific Spirit Park—encouraging outdoor learning, environmental awareness, and physical activity. We also donate bikes to Our Community Bikes, a non-profit that supports people facing financial hardship.

Bikes in need of repair are welcome—our dedicated student mechanics can handle most fixes. We do ask that donated bikes be suitable for high school students (no children's bikes, please).



If you have a bike to donate, please contact Alain Raoul at [araoul@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:araoul@vsb.bc.ca) to arrange a convenient pickup from the staff parking lot. Thank you for supporting the Byng community! And...stay tuned for Byng's first-ever Bike to School Week in June!

## April Is Concert Season



Lord Byng's upcoming concert season showcases the incredible work of our Band, Strings, and Choir students across several special evenings this April. We begin with the combined Junior Band & Strings Concert on Friday, April 10, followed by the Chamber Night Concert on Tuesday, April 14, featuring small ensemble performances from both Choir and Strings.

Next up is the Lord Byng Symphony Orchestra, featuring grade 12 soloists. The LBSO Concert takes place on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm.

The series concludes with the combined Senior Band & Strings Concert on Tuesday, April 21. Each performance offers a unique opportunity to hear our students' growth, musicianship, and collaboration across ensembles. All concerts begin at 6:30 PM, with doors opening at 6:00 PM, and admission is by donation. We hope you can join us in celebrating our students' hard work and artistry.

Here's a poster for next week's concert. Stay tuned to our upcoming Waags for the posters for the upcoming concerts.

## Grade 8 & 9 School Dance



On Thursday, April 9th from 6:30-9:30pm in the small gym (with doors opening at 6:15pm), Lord Byng will be hosting a school dance for the first time in almost a decade!

This dance will be for grade 8s and 9s only, and the theme is Dancing Through the Decades - dress up inspired from any era from the 60s to the 2000s! There will be prizes for best themed outfits, concession for snacks (cash only), and a photo area.

Students must bring their Lord Byng school ID to get in, and they also need to by their ticket in advance. Tickets are \$10 on SchoolCashOnline, and there is limited capacity.

## Volleyball

Any grade 10 or 11 boys interested in playing volleyball next fall are invited to off-season practices on Mondays after school in the main gym. See Mr. Richardson for more information.

# School Calendars 2026-2029

Included are the start and end dates for each school year, along with dates for winter break and spring break. Professional Development Days, too. [School Calendars 2026-2029](#)

## Art News

### Mark your calendars:

- Friday, April 10: Jr Band/Strings Concert, 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- Tuesday, April 14: Chamber Concert, 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- Thursday, April 16: LBSO Concert, 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- Tuesday, April 21: Senior Music Night, 6:30pm in the Auditorium

### Congratulations to our Talented Teachers

As part of our effort to put the FUN into FUNdraising, Ms. Tarnowski, Ms. Sawka, Mr. Booker, Mr. Thiessen, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Sundvick, Mr. Pelletier, and Mr. Kan all stepped up to show off their talents as part this lunch time talent show. Slam poetry, the Charleston, soulful singing, and more than one teacher doing the worm entertained the full auditorium.







A big thank you to all the brave teachers, our panel of judges, the emcees, and to Byng Arts Student Council for a great afternoon. All the proceeds will go to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

## Byng Arts News

**Byng Arts Passport:** [passport.lordbyng.net](http://passport.lordbyng.net)

Passports are a fun, but mandatory part of your program at Byng Arts. We will review the passport again at the end of May and want everyone to unlock another 7 events for that review for a total of 14 or more total.

Here are some available events to unlock:

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| <p>Gaia <span>General</span></p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26<br/>Record your April interactions with the Arts!</p>  | <p>Spring Music Performance <span>Music</span></p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26<br/>Enjoy or join in on a school music performance during the months of April and May.</p>                             | <p>Teacher Talent Show <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26<br/>April 2, at lunch in the Auditorium.</p>      |
| <p>Green Thumb Theatre Presents <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Our next FAB Assembly is Friday, February 27th just after lunch. Green Thumb Theatre returns to perform Caged.</p> | <p>Love @ First Sip - Coffee House <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Come to the Gallery Foyer on February 17th for the next coffee house - treats, games, and performances - what' not to love?</p> | <p>Eros <span>General</span></p>  <p>Unlock up to 3 art related events in February! Show your &lt;3 for the Arts!</p> |

A trip to an art gallery, a music performance, a film fest event or a drama performance can all contribute to a student's artistic development. Involvement in a performance is also a great way to grow as an artist. Get out there and get involved because you can't get smart without ART.

If you are having trouble, come and see Mr. Hartley-Folz, mornings in the Gallery or email him at [jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca).

### Upcoming Events

Remind your child to mark their calendars.

- Monday, April 13: Byng Arts FAB Assembly (12:15, 2-4): Black Dog String Quartet Performs
- Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: Poet – TEA Coffee House Afterschool in the Gallery Foyer
- Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Byng Arts FAB Assembly (8:40am, 2-2) Storyteller, Wali Shah Presents

### Questions about Byng Arts?

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

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## PAC News

### LORD BYNG PAC ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Thanks to your incredible generosity last year, we raised over \$24,355.00 from the Direct Appeal—an amount that made a tangible difference in the lives of our students. With your help, we were able to fund all or partial of crucial projects such as:

- Equipment for ADST learning including metal workshop, textiles, and media arts!
- Program support for clubs including Science, Math, Debate, Robotics, and many others!
- Laptops for student coursework!

This year, our funding goals have grown, to continue improving the educational experience for our students. We need support for key areas of **Technology, Arts, and Sports!**

Funding requests come from dedicated staff members who generously volunteer their time and expertise to make these programs and initiatives successful. Your contributions enable us to equip them with the resources they need to continue their great work. Any donation amount will be appreciated and used to support the school and our students.

We are asking families who are able, to consider making a donation, which will be tax-receipted. [Please visit this link to donate.](#) The Fund Destination has been pre-set to Lord Byng Secondary PAC. In the message field under the section "Message to School Board" please write "Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal". If you have any questions, or if you have a problem paying the donation online, please contact Maggie Chan, School Accountant at the office by phone, 604-713-8171 or email [mchan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mchan@vsb.bc.ca)

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## Week at a Glance Apr 6-10

| Mon, Apr 6                 | Tues, Apr 7         | Wed, Apr 8                                       | Thurs, Apr 9  | Fri, Apr 10                       |
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| No School<br>Easter Monday | 8:40-3:00<br>FIT PM | 8:40-3:00<br>Healthy Relationships<br>Assemblies | 8:40-3:00<br>FIT PM   | 8:40-3:00<br>FIT AM               |
|                            |                     |  | CLE 10 Mock Job<br>Interviews AM<br><br>Gr 8/9 School Dance<br>6:30 Small Gym | Jr Band/Strings<br>Concert 6:30pm |

## Looking Ahead (Calendar Highlights)

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| April 3  | Good Friday – No school   |
| April 6  | Easter Monday – No school   |
| April 9  | CLE 10 Mock Job Interviews in the morning                             |
| April 9  | Grade 8&9 Dance @6:30pm   |
| April 10 | Junior Band and Strings Concert @6:30pm                               |
| April 13 | Blocks Flip: 2-1-4-3  |
| April 14 | Chamber Concert @6:30pm   |
| April 15 | Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am                 |
| April 16 | LBSO Concert @7:00pm  |
| April 20 | Non-Instructional Day (Indigenous Focus Day) – No school for students |
| April 21 | Gr 10 Numeracy Assessments this week                                  |
| April 21 | Senior Music Night @6:30pm  |
| April 23 | Gr 7 Parent Night @6:30   |
| April 24 | Mid-term report cards published                                       |
| April 30 | Parent-Teacher Conferences – Early dismissal @2pm for students        |
| May 13   | Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am                 |
| May 15   | ProD Day – No school for students                                     |
| May 18   | Victoria Day – No school  |
| May 19   | Theatre Company Performance @7pm Tues-Fri this week                   |
| May 25   | Theatre Company Performance @7pm Mon-Fri this week                    |
| May 30   | Grad Family Dinner Dance @7pm at the Westin Bayshore                  |
| May 30   | Senior Art Show 11am-5pm  |
| June 1   | Capstone Fair   |
| June 2   | Athletic Banquet @5:30pm  |
| June 4   | Choir Concert @6:30pm   |
| June 5   | Graduation @4pm Chan Centre – Early dismissal @2pm for students       |
| June 9   | Strings Concert @6:30pm   |

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| June 12        | LBSO Concert @6:30pm   |
| June 16        | Byng Arts Year End Fit and last period                         |
| June 17        | Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am          |
| June 17        | Student Film Fest @6pm   |
| June 18        | Gr 8 Sports Day with Peer Counsellors in the afternoon         |
| June 18        | Band Concert @6:30pm   |
| June 23        | Carnival and Yearbook Distribution in the afternoon            |
| June 24&25     | Semester Turn-around Days - no classes, but teachers available |
| June 25        | Report Cards Published   |
| June 26        | Administrative Day - no school for students                    |
| June 29-Sept 4 | Summer Vacation  |