



September 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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

Informations importantes - Veuillez traduire

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Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

Важная информация - переведите, пожалуйста

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Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year

As the first week draws to a close, we want to share a few important reminders and also extend a warm welcome once again to students and families. In our opening assemblies this week, we encouraged students to participate actively in their classes as well as in extra-curricular activities: athletics, the arts, clubs, Student Council, and service, and to contribute positively to our community. There's already a buzz in the hallways: students are practicing in the gym after school, making art, planning school events, re-connecting with friends and making new ones. Thank you to our staff who have worked hard this week to set the stage for an engaging first semester.

It's our privilege to serve the Lord Byng community, and we look forward to the year ahead.

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

Notice of Late Return

If your child is returning to school later than Monday, September 8th and you have not already done so, please contact the office to let us know. If we cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon Tuesday, September 9th, we will be offering the space to another student on the school's waitlist.

School Forms

Consent Forms

Consent forms are now online <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>; enter your child's PEN and birthdate to provide consent for the forms below. **Please complete all forms.** We emailed your child's PEN number in late August. Please note this is different from your child's student number.

- Adobe Acknowledgement of Use for students
- Adobe Consent for parents/guardians
- Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent
- External Media Consent

- Gr 4-12 Student AUP
- Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent
- VSB Media Consent

Earthquake Reunification Forms

If your child did not return this form during homeroom in the first week of school, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Student Verification Forms (change of contact and health information)

It's important that we have the correct contact information (phone, email, address, emergency contact) and health information on file.

Grade 8s were given a printed copy in their homerooms in the first week of school. If any changes are needed, please make these directly on the form and return the form to the office.

Grades 9-12: Please log into MyEd. Click on the "Published Reports" button on the right side of your student's main account page. If changes need to be made, please print this form, make necessary changes, and return it to the office. Alternately, email slambrinoudis@vsb.bc.ca with your changes.

School Fees

School fees are now available to view and pay online through [SchoolCashOnline](#). Families must set up an account to pay for school fees using debit or a credit card, or a cheque online. **Please pay by September 30th**. Fees for workbooks and supplemental class materials will not appear on accounts until mid-September when most student schedules will be settled. Any future fees for events such as field trips and grad will also be available on School Cash Online.

Student Absences

When a student is ill, or away for an excused reason, a parent/guardian must email the school at byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca. Please include your child's full name (first and last), student number, grade, date(s) of absence, whether the absence is for a full day or for part of the day (when reporting a partial day absence, please report the time your child will be away instead of which period they will miss to avoid confusion), reason for absence. Please copy teachers so they are aware. Email addresses are located on the school website.

Medical Conditions/Care Plan Forms

If your child 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.

Cell Phones and Digital Devices

As mandated by the Province of B.C., the VSB Code of Conduct limits students' use of personal digital devices during school hours. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode before students enter the classroom and remain silent during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not permitted for use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission. Please note that students should not use their phones when on a bathroom break. If you need to communicate with your child during the school day, please call the Main Office.

Counselling Department Information

Counsellors are available to support students with course planning and any other concerns they may have. They look forward to connecting with students and helping them however they can.

Counsellor	Email	Students' Last Names
Ms. Milinazzo	kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca	A-G
Ms. Radic	jradic@vsb.bc.ca	H-L
Ms. Schumacher	sschumacher@vsb.bc.ca	M-T
Ms. Vanderklippe	mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca	U-Z

Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Info Night and Grade 8 Camp Information Night

(Parents/Guardians of students new to Byng in grades 9-12 are also welcome to attend)

For all families new to Byng, we will be hosting an information night at 6:00pm on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in the auditorium. At this information session, we will introduce you to the Lord Byng Principal and Vice Principals, Counselling Department Head and Athletics Director. We will provide an overview of the secondary school system and what the day to day here looks like – including extra-curricular opportunities, such as clubs and sports. The presenters will also provide information about each of their roles and the supports provided to students. At the end of this general session, parents/guardians of new students in grades 9-12 may leave, and families of grade 8 students may remain (or arrive) for an information session about grade 8 camp, which will be held on October 8th and 9th at Camp Stillwood this year.

New Family Welcome

Welcome to Lord Byng - New Parents Orientation 2025

欢迎来到Lord Byng中学 — 2025年新生家长欢迎会

When: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Wednesday, September 10th

时间: 下午四点半至五点半, 九月十日 (周三)

Where: school library

地点: 学校图书馆

Organized by VSB SWIS Program and Lord Byng Secondary School

本活动由温哥华教育局移民安顿服务项目与Lord Byng中学联合组织

Inquiry: please contact SWIS worker Amy Wei (awei@vsb.bc.ca, 778-233-0255)

问询: 请联系Lord Byng中学移民安顿工作者 Amy Wei (awei@vsb.bc.ca, 778-233-0255)

Click or scan to register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Zne0wARqsv>

Assessment and Reporting

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer three questions about their learning:

- Where am I now?
- Where am I going?
- How do I get there?

Quality assessment is ongoing and responsive. It informs the instruction cycle and provides **teachers** with evidence to plan. It helps **families** understand and support their children's learning. Most importantly, it provides **students** with meaningful feedback to guide their learning and help them reflect on their growth.

The provincial reporting policy requires that students in grades 8 and 9 receive a proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in grade 10-12 courses will receive a letter grade and percentage.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Teacher contact information is on the school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng/page/2784/our-staff>

Reporting Schedule

Semester Courses

	Informal Learning Update (Interim)	Written Learning Update (Mid-Semester Report)	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Summary of Learning (Final Semester Report)
Sem 1	Oct 9	Nov 19	Nov 20	Jan 29
Sem 2	Mar 5	Apr 29	Apr 30	June 25

Full Year Courses

	Informal Learning Update (Interim)	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Written Learning Update 1	Written Learning Update 2	Final Year Report
FY	Nov 19	Nov 20	Jan 29	Apr 29	June 25

Your child's report card is electronic and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. **We recommend that you download and save a copy of all report cards for future reference.**

Lockers

Please note that neither the school nor the Vancouver School Board has insurance to cover loss by theft or damage to personal property of students or staff. Although supervision by staff and the cooperation of students minimize the possibility of theft, we recommend that students leave valuable items at home.

Due to an error setting up the locker website we will need to revert all existing rentals. After the reset, students will need to go through the rental process again. All students who have put their locks on lockers already will need to remove their locks by Friday end of school day. Locker sign up will be active again starting Tuesday, September 9th. The link to the website and information on areas students can sign up will be posted on Student Teams.

Cafeteria

Lunch service in the cafeteria begins Monday, September 8th. Students can of course bring their own lunch as well. There are tables in the cafeteria and we also encourage students to use our outdoor spaces to get some fresh air. Should students choose to purchase lunch, there are two options:

- Option 1: Pay by cash, debit, or credit card.
 - Option 2: Sign up for the lunch program and use a card that will allow students lunch each day. The cost is based on 9.25 per day, with a prorated monthly total. Payments are submitted at the beginning of each month by envelope (cash or cheque) to the school office. If interested, families must complete the registration forms available in the Main Office to receive their card. A limited subsidy is also available to support families who need assistance with nutrition services at school.
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Parking Lot

The school parking lot is for VSB Staff only. Parents/Guardians, please do not drive through or use the school parking lot. Many of our students walk, cycle, or transit to school so during peak times before and after school, there is a lot of pedestrian traffic on the roads near the school. Please adhere to the street and traffic regulations around the school perimeter. If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure everyone's safety.

School Photos and Grad Photos

The Artona Group took photos of all students on Wednesday, September 3rd. Student photos are used for the yearbook and a student ID card. Photo retakes will take place on Thursday, October 2nd in the morning for students who were absent on the original photo day, and for those whose original photo did not turn out.

Grad photos will take place Sept 21-25 at Artona Studios in Vancouver. Book an appointment online for a photo sitting at <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG>. Grads must be photographed to be included in the grad composite and yearbook even if they will not be purchasing grad photos. There is no cost to have your photo taken.

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

The VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided below. We don't administer this at the school. If you have questions about either one of these programs, please contact the company through the contact information on their website.

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Information

We invite you all to join us at our “Welcome Back” coffee meeting on Friday, September 12th from 9-11am on the lawn in front of the school. Our first official PAC meeting of the year will be the following Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the library.

We encourage all parents—both returning and new—to get involved with the PAC however works best for your schedule. Whether it’s joining us at monthly PAC meetings to stay informed and share your voice, lending your skills to the PAC Executive, or volunteering with a committee or school activity, your participation makes a real difference.

GRAD 2026 PARENT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The success of our grad events depends on parent volunteers. The key roles to fill in September to get the planning going: Co-Chairs (in 2025 we had 4 people share this role), Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, Communications. The outgoing 2025 Parent Grad Committee will plan a meeting to hand off all the materials around the third week in September. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/GcBShkjgLf8hi5t8>

Here’s to a year filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit. If you have any questions, please contact the PAC co-chairs Jacqueline Crummey and May Lee at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)

FIT time is a period of instructional time built into the Lord Byng schedule that gives our students choice in their learning time. Examples of some ways to use FIT time include:

- Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments
- Connecting with Counsellors
- Individual study time
- Work Experience 11 and 12
- Attending tutorial sessions
- Collaborating with peers on projects
- Career Education Lessons and Meetings
- Enrichment passion projects

Ultimately, FIT time empowers our students to take ownership of their own learning and gives them the opportunity to develop core competencies such as personal responsibility, self-regulation, goal setting, wellbeing, and communication.

Bell 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
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BREAK 1:35 - 1:40	BREAK 1:15 - 1:20	BREAK 1:35 - 1:40	BREAK 1:15 - 1:20	BREAK 1:35 - 1:40
	FIT 1:20 - 2:00		FIT 1:20 - 2:00	
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Collaboration Days

The Vancouver School Board calendar includes 8 shorted school days for students while staff are on site for the full day to participate in collaborative planning time. Staff engage in activities and discussions that support and enhance student progress and achievement. We share, discuss, and learn from each other in the areas of assessment, curriculum, instruction, and social emotional learning. Students should not be at school during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member. Classes begin at 10am on these days.

Collaboration Dates	
Sept. 17 • Oct. 15 • Nov. 12 • Jan. 14 • Feb. 18 • Apr. 15 • May 13 • Jun. 17	
Block 1 (Students Start)	10:00 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:50
Block 2	10:50 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 - 12:15
Block 3	12:15 - 1:35
Break	1:35 - 1:40
Block 4	1:40 - 3:00

Upcoming Dates

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sept 8	9 CLC 11 Assembly FIT	10 New Family Welcome 4:30-6 in LIB Grade 8 Family Info Night 6pm AUD Grade 8 Camp Info Night 6:30pm AUD	11 Byng Arts Assembly	12
15 Langara Visit 11:30-AUD	16 University of Calgary Visit 11:30-AUD	17 Collaborative Day Students Start 10am Last day for course changes	18 CLE 10 Assembly FIT CLC 11 Capstone Meetings FIT	19 Fire Drill @1:15
22 Grad Photos @ Artona	23 ADST 8 Rotation 2 Grad Photos @ Artona	24 Drama Fundraising Show Grad Photos @ Artona	25 Gr 12 Assembly FIT Grad Photos @ Artona	26
29 Gr. 12 Parent Info Night: Graduation and Beyond 7pm- AUD	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Oct 1 Ivey (Western) visit 11:30 - AUD	2 Photo Re-takes AM	3 Terry Fox Run: Period 1&2 Band Concert – 6:30pm