



September and School Opening 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

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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 to the 2026-27 School Year

We want to extend a warm welcome to students and families, both new and returning. We anticipate an exciting year within and alongside the classroom and we encourage students to engage with the ideas in their courses and with the many extra-curricular opportunities that abound at Byng.

There are a few new staff members joining us this year: Mr. Alexcee, Ms. Chand, Ms. Hassani, Ms. Tahmiscic, Mr. Tsuchi, and Ms. Ward. We're grateful to have them on board.

This newsletter contains information about the first week of school as well as the school year in general. Please take a moment to review it and as always, do contact us with any questions. Of note, we included a re-cap of expectations around e-scooters and e-bikes because these have become so popular so quickly. We also highlighted expectations around cell phone use.

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 Tuesday, 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 15th, 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.** Included in the body of the email we sent on September 3rd is your child's PEN number. Please note this is different from your child's student number. Some of these forms need to be re-signed each September, so please log in and complete these even if you did so last year. It helps us a lot, and allows teachers to take students to Camosun Bog and other nearby places once forms are signed.

- 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

Every student will receive this form at their first homeroom. Please complete it and have your child return it to their homeroom teacher before Friday, Sept 11.

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 will be 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: You will receive an email in the middle of September, letting you know that the verification form has been published on MyEd. If changes need to be made, we ask that you 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 will be available to 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. School fees are outlined on our website [here](#).

E-scooters and E-bikes

We are seeing an increase in students travelling to and from school using electric scooters and bikes. We ask for your support in ensuring students travel safely. Under provincial legislation and the [Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation](#), as well as City of Vancouver bylaws, electric scooters are permitted only under specific conditions:

- Riders must be 16 years of age or older
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders
- Scooters may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks
- Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic signals and signage)
- Scooters must not exceed prescribed speed limits (generally up to 25 km/h where permitted)

For more information, please visit: [E-scooters | City of Vancouver](#) and [Electric kick scooter rules and safety - Province of British Columbia](#).

Under provincial legislation and City of Vancouver bylaws, electric bikes are permitted under the following conditions:

- Riders must be 14 years or older for a light e-bike and 16 for a standard e-bike
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders
- Light e-bikes must not exceed 25 km/h and standard e-bikes 32 km/h
- E-bikes may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks
- Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic signals and signage)

For more information about e-bikes, please visit: [E-bike requirements - Province of British Columbia](#) and [Motor Assisted Cycle \(E-Bike\) Regulation](#).

At Byng we want to highlight three things in particular:

- Given we share our site with an elementary school and with a community pool that serves people of all ages, it's especially important that students dismount when on school property.
- We are seeing students without helmets travelling at high speeds and we are concerned about student safety and the safety of those in our community.
- We want to echo the VPD messaging that U-locks are a better deterrent than cable locks.

We ask families to:

- Ensure your child meets the legal age requirements before riding
- Reinforce helmet use and safe riding practices
- Remind your child to dismount upon arriving on school property

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students and community members safe.

Cell Phones and Digital Devices

We continue our work to align with ministry and district policies on digital device use in schools, as we know this is critical to support student engagement and learning in the classroom. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed in silent mode and stored in backpacks/bags before entering the classroom. These devices are not permitted for use (pictures, recordings, messaging, calls, social media, games, music, etc.) during instructional time unless an educator has given permission. Many teachers ask that students store their phones in a “cellphone motel” in the classroom—this is a practice used broadly in schools across the province and is a regular routine in many classrooms at Byng. Students on a break from class in the hallway should not use their phones either as this remains instructional time.

Should you need to contact your child and they're not responding, it may mean it's class time. If it's urgent, please call the main office, and we will ensure they get the message or will call them down to speak with you. School office phone #: 604-713-8171.

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. Ward	award@vsb.bc.ca	A-G
Ms. Radic	jradic@vsb.bc.ca	H-L
Mr. Tsuchi	stsuchi@vsb.bc.ca	M-T
Ms. Vanderklippe	mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca	U-Z

Timetable

MyEducation Access: Access to [MyEd](#) will be available to all students after 3:00 pm, September 4, 2026. (All accounts are currently “expired” and won’t be reactivated until the end of the week.) Grade 9-12 students will find their schedules on MyEd. We will provide grade 8s with a printed copy of their schedule during their homeroom on Tuesday, September 8th.

Follow these steps to access MyEducation BC:

1. Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
2. The login ID is your child’s student number and last successful password.
*If you haven’t logged in before, the default password is Dist\$2027 (case sensitive).
3. If you’ve forgotten your password, click the “*I forgot my password*” function. A new system generated password will be sent to your email account. [Please click here](#) for more detailed log in information and links to how-to guides.

Counsellors will be prioritizing students with incomplete timetables, timetable errors (a student with two Science 9 classes), or missing graduation requirements for grade 12 students. Students requesting a change outside of the above situations may fill out a course change request form that will be available outside the counselling centre. The timetable is very tight and changes may not be possible. We will share more information during homerooms. Students are to follow their current schedule until a change is made by their counsellors. Counsellors will contact students only where needed; otherwise, students are asked to check MyEd daily for any timetable updates. Please don’t email your counsellor about course changes.

First Week at a Glance

Mon, Sept 7	Tues, Sept 8	Wed, Sept 9	Thur, Sept 10	Fri, Sept 11
Labour Day	Grade 9-12 Homeroom 10-11:30am Orientation for grade 9-12 students new to Byng at 11:30 in Room 218 (across from the office) Grade 8 Homeroom 12:00pm – 1:30pm starting in the Main Gym	Homeroom 8:40 Photo Day	Homeroom 8:40	Homeroom 8:40

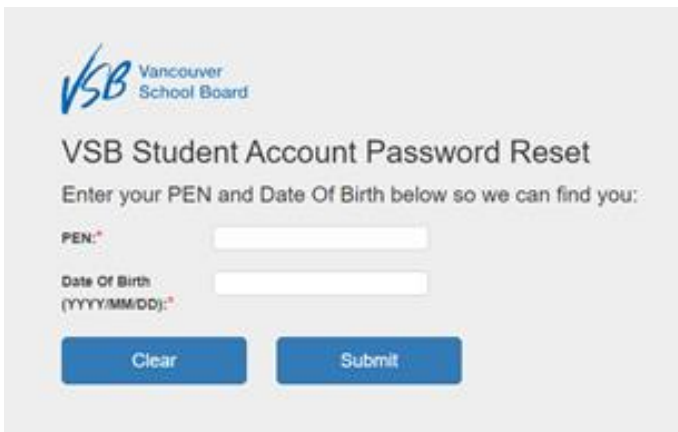
For the first week of school only, we will use the following schedule. This is because we are required to take attendance during homeroom each day of the first week of school.

Homeroom 8:40-9:05
Period 1 – 9:20-10:20
Period 2 – 10:30-11:30
Lunch 11:30-12:15
Period 3 – 12:15-1:35
Period 4 – 1:40-3:00

TEAMS

We use the TEAMS platform in Vancouver schools. All students will be part of their grade group Team and the All Students Team as well as a Team for each of their classes. Teachers will review what is available on the class Team.

TEAMS Password Reset: Students may use the new Student Password Reset Portal: <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> to reset their TEAMS password. They will need to provide their PEN# & Date of Birth. Please follow the instructions to reset your password. Below is what you will see when you click the link:



The screenshot shows the 'VSB Student Account Password Reset' form. At the top is the VSB Vancouver School Board logo. Below the title, it says 'Enter your PEN and Date Of Birth below so we can find you:'. There are two input fields: 'PEN: *' and 'Date Of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD): *'. Below these fields are two buttons: 'Clear' and 'Submit'.

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 any time Sept 8 onward. 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.

Grade 8 Parent Invite

We had our more formal grade 8 parent info night in April, 2026 where we provided 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, and information about grade 8 camp, which will be held on October 15th and 16th at Camp Stillwood this year.

We are hosting an informal (and of course optional) meeting for grade 8 parents from 4:30-5:30 on Thursday, September 24th in the library. We'll have a small group of staff on hand for a short overview, followed by a tour of the school. If interested, please register [here](#).

New Family Welcome

Welcome to Lord Byng - New Parents Orientation 2026

欢迎来到Lord Byng中学 — 2026年新生家长欢迎会

When: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Wednesday, September 16th

时间: 下午四点半至五点半, 九月十六日 (周三)

Where: school library

地点: 学校图书馆

Organized by VSB SWIS Program (Settlement Workers in Schools) 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 15	Nov 20	Nov 26	Feb 4
Sem 2	Mar 11	Apr 30	May 6	June 29

Full Year Courses

	Informal Learning Update (Interim)	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Written Learning Update 1	Written Learning Update 2	Final Year Report
FY	Nov 20	Nov 26	Feb 4	Apr 30	June 29

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.** Report cards are only available in MyEd for the current school year.

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.

Locker reservations will open the morning of Wednesday, September 9th. Once again, we will be using LockerGM to manage reservations.

Please note, all locker reservations from last school year have been cancelled and returning students will need to reserve a new locker. We will share instructions with students during homeroom in the first week.

Cafeteria

Lunch service in the cafeteria begins Monday, September 14th. 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 9.50 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.

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 will be taking photos of all students on Wednesday, September 9th. Student photos are used for the yearbook and a student ID card. Photo retakes will take place on Thursday, October 8th 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 19-24 at Artona Studios in Vancouver. Book an appointment online for a photo sitting at <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG>. **Grads must be photographed at Artona 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

Information follows about two optional student accident insurance plans that are available for families who may wish to purchase additional coverage. These voluntary plans are provided directly by the insurance companies and are not administered or endorsed by the Vancouver School Board. The plans offer coverage for accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness, and may help supplement costs not covered by provincial health insurance or parents existing extended health and dental benefit plans.

- Insuremykids: [School Resources - Insuremykids](#)
- Industrial Alliance (Family Accident Reimbursement Plan): [Group Insurance - Special Markets | iA Financial Group](#)

Additional information, plan details, and enrollment options are available directly through the providers' websites.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Information

We invite you all to join us at our “Welcome Back” coffee meeting on Friday, September 18th at 9:15am on the lawn in front of the school. Our first official PAC meeting of the year will be the following Tuesday, September 22nd 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. There are a wide range of volunteers needed so please consider volunteering your time in whatever capacity you have. The key roles to fill in September to get the planning going are: Co-Chairs (in 2026 we had 3 people share this role), the Treasurer, Fundraising Co-ordinator and a Communications Person (to send emails to the grad parents about the fundraisers and events). If you are interested in volunteering please attend our first meeting on **Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm** in the Lord Byng library. We look forward to seeing you there!

Here's to a year filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit. If you have any questions, please contact 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.

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. Click [here](#) to see the bell schedule for Collaboration Days.

Bell Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT 8:40 - 9:20				FIT 8:40 - 9:20
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Looking Ahead (Calendar Highlights)

Sept 8	Gr 9-12 Homeroom 10am; Gr 8 Homeroom 12:00pm in the Main Gym
Sept 9	Photo Day (retakes Oct 8)
Sept 16	Newcomer Welcome with our SWIS Worker 4:30 in the library
Sept 18	PAC parent coffee 9:15 front lawn
Sept 19	Grad Photo Session begins at Artona
Sept 22	PAC meeting 6:30 in the library
Sept 23	Collab Day – Students start at 10am
Sept 24	Informal Grade 8 Parent Mtg 4:30 in the library
Sept 25	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
Oct 6	Parent Grad Committee Mtg 7pm in the library
Oct 9	Terry Fox Run
Oct 12	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct 15	Interims Published
Oct 15/16	Grade 8 Camp
Oct 21	Collab Day – Students finish at 1:35pm
Oct 23	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Oct 27	Grade 8 ADST Rotation 2 begins

The year-long calendar with the main dates (breaks, prod days) can be found [here](#).