



# December 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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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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## As 2025 draws to a close...

...we'd like to take a moment to express our thanks to the students, staff, and families whose energies make Byng such a vibrant place to be, to work, to learn.

We wish everyone rest and connection over the break, and we look forward to 2026.

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

## Tree Lot Athletics Fundraiser



We're excited to continue a beloved tradition that has brought our community together for decades—the **Lord Byng Secondary Tree Lot Fundraiser!**

Come pick out your perfect holiday tree and support our school Athletic programs. **Important Note:** Due to a shortage of trees this year, we encourage families to shop early to ensure you don't miss out. Your participation helps keep this tradition alive and supports our students. Thank you for being part of our community spirit!

Weekdays: 12pm-8pm; Weekends: 10am-6pm

## Byng Media Arts Students Nominated for Zoomfest

A huge congratulations to the student teams entered in **Zoomfest** this year for being nominated in multiple categories. We were nominated in BOTH the Junior and Senior categories this year.

Zoomfest is a **Provincial Student Film Festival** that pits top student filmmakers in a difficult timed event to challenge their filmmaking skill. Competing teams have 48 hours to write and produce a short film. Competition is from across the province.

**Congratulations to these young technicians and the best of luck!**



## Drama 10: Our Place

The Drama 10 students entertained audiences this first week of December. Thank you to everyone who joined the audience, and congratulations to all involved. What a beautiful performance—humour, pathos, connection, community, live music, a great soundtrack, thoughtful lighting and staging.

## November Concerts

The Lord Byng Strings Program, Band, and Choir all performed this November. Thank you to Ms. Anderson, Mr. Kan, Ms. Lan and Ms. Lo for their initiative, talent and support of music education. Those of you who attended know what amazing performances are on stage at Byng. Such a lot of talent and commitment and community. If you missed the fall concerts, there will be more opportunities in 2026.

## SACY: Building Bridges Parent Night Dec 11

The Family Stream of SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth) is hosting a workshop for parents and caregivers in the SACY portable behind Tupper Secondary (E23rd and Prince Edward) on Thurs Dec 11 5:30-7pm. [Please click here to register.](#)

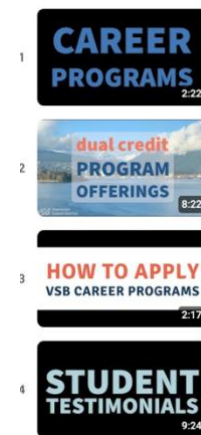
Topic: teen substance use and tools for prevention and safety, destigmatizing substances, and how to have conversations with teens about substances? Questions? Please contact Hayden Averill at [haverill@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:haverill@vsb.bc.ca), 604-690-9261.

## Career Programs Video Collection

Hot off the Press! [Click on this link](#) to access a collection of videos designed to showcase VSB's Career Programs! There are so many exciting opportunities in Career Programs. If you're interested, please connect with your counsellor who can connect you with a Career Programs Teacher. There is lots of support and possibility if you're considering the trades.

Package includes:

1. Program Highlights: A quick 2 minute "sizzle" reel overview of CP programs.
2. Program Overview: An 8 minute deep dive into all CP programs.
3. How to Apply: A short 2 minute guide to the application process.
4. Student Testimonials : Hear from 9 former CP students about their experiences with training or apprenticeship (9 min).



## Lost & Found

Please check the lost and found table located on the second floor. All items not picked up will be donated to charity over the winter break. For smaller items, please come to the school office. (This is a current photo as of this week in case you see something that belongs to you.)

## VSB Voices – Call for Volunteers

Parents and caregivers, are you interested in sharing your voice and shaping important decisions for our schools? We are looking for volunteer participants to join VSB Voices, a trusted group of students' families and caregivers who provide feedback about different topics through surveys, focus groups and panels. Your voice matters and it is vital in shaping important decisions for our schools. To join VSB Voices for the 2025/2026 school year, please take five minutes to complete the [following questionnaire](#) by December 15, 2025. More information on VSB Voices can be found [here](#).



# Course Planning for Next School Year: 2026-27

Course Planning timelines are significantly earlier this year to align with new budget and planning timelines. This means students are selecting their courses for the 2026-2027 school year in January 2026.

All information pertaining to our Course selection can be found on our [course-planning page](#) (Please note that we are still updating all the information on this page. We will aim to have the course planning guide updated by December 11<sup>th</sup>.)

**Planning Principles:** Schools build their schedules and allocate staffing based on student requests. It is imperative that student requests are accurate. If students change their minds about an elective choice, it is very possible (perhaps highly likely) they will not get into that course if they request a change in August/September. Additionally, if students plan to take a course online or in summer school to accelerate their program in a particular subject, they must request the correct grade level based on this plan. For example, if they plan to take Math 9 online, they must select Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10 (FMP 10) in course planning. If they do not request FMP10 during January's course planning time, they will likely not get into the course in the following school year. Also, if they plan for FMP10 and then don't follow through with completing math 9 online, while we will make every effort to find a spot in a class they need (i.e. math 9), it's possible that the class will be full. This principle applies at every grade level. So, **please look at the course planning guide and have clear and thorough conversations about course planning and choose the courses students intend to take and be prepared to stick with these choices!**

**One more note about expectations:** grades 8-10 students are expected to have 8 classes on timetable (between 8:40 and 3:00pm). Grade 11 students are expected to have at least 7 courses on timetable. Grade 12 students are expected to have at least 6 courses on timetable. If a student has circumstances for which they would like to request a reduction of on timetable courses (high performance athletics or fine arts programs outside of school, health concerns, etc.), please make requests for these accommodations in January 2026 and not September 2026. Students cannot drop courses that result in partial/reduced schedules in August / September 2026. The next window to drop courses opens after the first quarter in November 2026 and is granted on a case-by-case basis.

**Student course selection presentations:** Wednesday, January 14 in the auditorium. (period 1 - grade 8s, period 2 - grade 9s, period 3- grade 10s, period 4 - grade 11s).

**Parent course selection presentations:** Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in the school auditorium. 5:00 -6:00pm grade 8's/9's (juniors)  
7:00 -8:00pm grade 10's/11's (seniors).  
We look forward to seeing parents come out and hope that you bring all your questions.

**Course selection entries into MyEd open on January 15<sup>th</sup> and close on January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Graduation Assessment Update

The November session was cancelled. We will be scheduling all Grade 12 Literacy Assessments during the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will be posted in the first week back from Winter Break outside of the office as well as on the Grade 12 Teams Channel.

## Winter Weather – VSB Procedures

Considerations of why school/program closures may occur due to inclement weather can be heard on [VSB After the Bell Podcast- Inclement Weather](#).



## Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca

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## Week at a Glance Dec 8–Dec 12

Mon, Dec 8	Tues, Dec 9	Wed, Dec 10	Thurs, Dec 11	Fri, Dec 12
	Byng Arts Career Ed Assembly @ FIT	Elementary Strings Concert	Gr 6&7 Music Concert AM	

## Art News

### Upcoming art events in the new year at Byng:

January 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> – Drama 9 Performances, 6:30pm in the Theatre  
 Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Strings & Choir Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre  
 Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Strings & Choir Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre  
 Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Band Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre







## Byng Arts News

**New Applicants to the Program – Submission Deadline for all Grades: Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

If you are interested in joining the Byng Arts program, please visit our website for the most up to date information on the application process: <http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

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

How have you been doing with your passport? Here are some of the recent events:

<b>Fall Music Performance</b> <span>Music</span>  Earned on 12/5/25 Perform as part of Choir, Band, or Strings or attend as an audience member in October and November.	<b>Our Place</b> <span>Drama</span>  Earned on 12/5/25 Drama 10 Presents three nights of Our Place, December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the school theatre.	<b>Luna</b> <span>General</span>  Earned on 12/5/25 Make the most of the Winter season! Document up to 5 art based events in December.
<b>Byng Arts Gala</b> <span>Events</span>  Earned on 12/5/25 Sign up, show up and sign in at the front desk on December 1st at the Roundhouse Community Centre for In The Library!	<b>The Shape of a Girl</b> <span>Events</span>  Earned on 11/14/25 Our next FAB assembly has Green Thumb Theatre presenting "The Shape of a Girl" on Friday, November 14th.	<b>Neptune</b> <span>General</span>  Earned on 11/5/25 Show us your involvement in the Arts for November by hitting Submit Proof and sending in evidence of your interactions. You can't get smART without ART!

We will be sending out an update with your passport tally next week to students and parents, so you know where you currently stand ahead of the January review. Students are expected to have recorded seven or more events for each submission date. This is a fun, but mandatory part of your program at Byng Arts.

We believe that 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).

### Passport Log In Tips:

Your **username** is your student number

Your **password** is the **first two (2) letters of your last name**, the first letter is capitalized and the second is lower case. Next is an **underscore ( \_ )**, followed by your **student number**!

So, Draco Malfoy, who has student number 8675666, would have the password Ma\_8675666 and Hermione Granger, with student number 8595550, would have the password Gr\_8595550.

### BYNG ARTS GALA – Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>



Over 350 students were “In The Library” at our Byng Arts Gala at the Roundhouse Community Centre this week.



Our artist volunteers and members of the Grade 9 and 10 art class made sure that the Exhibition Hall was transformed into a literal masterpiece. Performers entertained the group with their dancing, acting and music number. Congratulations to our costume winners and to the student council as a whole for planning such a great celebration.

Also, a big thank you goes out to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time to make the event a success. We couldn't have done it without the kitchen staff, servers, drivers, set up crew, and clean up crew. Thank you.

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

## PAC News

Dear Parents and Guardians of Lord Byng Students,

Today marks the launch of our Lord Byng PAC Annual Fundraising Campaign, and we need your support more than ever! 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 \$150 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)