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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

A big thank you to all the Byng staff that responded to yesterday's police incident with such professionalism and for all the support from our students and parents.

We are truly grateful also to the VSB District Team that responded to support the social and emotional needs of our students and the entire school community. The District Critical Incident Response Team has been at the school working with our school-based counselling team on both December 21st and 22nd supporting both staff and students and will be available to continue to support the school.

As we head into a much-deserved two-week break, I would like to wish you all the very best for the holiday season and we look forward to seeing students back in classes for the start of 2024 and the beginning of the year on Monday January 8th.

Have a restful winter break holiday. See you in the New Year!

Mr. Wilmann



School News

Highlights Included:

- Seasonal Holiday Fun was enjoyed by all with the Winter Fair Building community connections between parents, staff, and students.
- It was a very full week of seasonal merriment with the Student Council holding the annual Gingerbread House Building Competition and the GSA fundraising with a Holiday Cards Sale.
- Elementary Students Attend a Winter Concert Hosted by our Incredible LB Music Department.
- PE 9 & 8 Students Learn about self-defense and wheelchair basketball as part of their lifelong learning program.
- The Community steps up to support our Reconciliation Journey Moving Forward Together
- Byng Grad from the Class of 1973 Presents Historic Poster from the Past to the School.

With the holiday season now rapidly approaching, staff students and parents all helped to create an incredible Winter Holiday atmosphere.

Here are just a few of the Winter Holiday events that took place during an action-packed week of community celebration:

PAC Winter Fair Builds Community Spirit

A big thank you to our PAC parent organizers for setting up the first ever Winter Fair at the school.

Thanks to their efforts this event has already brought in over \$2,000 in funds for this year's fund-raising campaign to support the school with the many projects and activities that align with our school's mission and the Four Pillars of Learning.

Great job everyone!!



Figure 1 Parents, students and community volunteers take a moment to gather at the Winter Fair.



Figure 2 Parents and volunteers gather for the Winter Fair in the school Foyer and cafeteria and shop for holiday bargains in the open market.

Student Council Organize the Annual Gingerbread House Fundraising Competition

Special thanks to Ms. Schnieder for supporting our Student Council Student Leaders with the annual fundraising event to support the annual Canley Cup Food Bank Drive. Student Teams each paid \$5.00 each to compete in the competition and all proceeds raised went to the Food Bank.



Figure 3 Holiday cards were on sale in the Foyer this week to support the Byng GSA Club. Student Council Sponsor Ms. Katrina Schnieder and Student Council Leaders set up for the annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser in the school foyer.

Elementary Students Attend a Winter Concert Hosted by our Incredible LB Music Department

It was an afternoon of music and entertainment for our community elementary schools attending an afternoon concert organized by our phenomenal LB Music Team.

Special thanks to:
Ms. Lisa Lan (Choir)
Ms. Ruth Anderson (Strings)
Mr. Hannes Kan (Band)



Thanks for an incredible performance of seasonal favorites and for welcoming our elementary students into our school in such a positive way!!!

PE 8 & 9 Students Learn about Wheelchair Basketball and Self-Defense as part of their Lifelong Learning Program.

Physical and Health Education 8

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Core Competencies

Communication ▾
Thinking ▾
Personal and Social ▾

Big Ideas

Daily participation in different types of physical activity influences our physical literacy and personal health and fitness goals.	Lifelong participation in physical activity has many benefits and is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.	Healthy choices influence our physical, emotional, and mental well-being.	Healthy relationships can help us lead rewarding and fulfilling lives.	Advocating for the health and well-being of others connects us to our community.
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Figure 4 She shoots she scores!!!

Figure 5 Students in Grade 8 PE take turns learning the skills of Wheelchair Basketball.

Reflecting the Grade 8 PE Core Competencies of Learning students in Ms. Watson's PE 8 Class, students were introduced to a new sport- wheelchair basketball.

Learning the challenges of this new sport, Grade 8 students took turns in wheelchairs to play the game.

While students in the Grade 8 class learned the rules of wheelchair basketball, students in the Grade 9 class next door gymnasium with Mr. Boulding learned another very important lifelong learning lesson- self-defense.

Again, this important unit reflects the Core Competencies of the Grade 9 PE curriculum.



Figure 6 Grade 9 students learn about the art of self-defense in their Grade 9 PE class.

The Community steps up to support our Reconciliation Journey Moving Forward Together.



As the beautiful Musqueam Welcome Figure being created at our school by artists Martin Sparrow and Ramsey Louis from the Musqueam Nation reaches the final stages of completion there are still several steps required before the work is finished.

These steps include painting and finishing the artwork, raising it on its foundation and finally unveiling the work during an unveiling ceremony.

Special thanks for helping us along the way go to the following staff and community members:



- Mr. Brian Boomer (VSB Maintenance & Construction)
- Mr. Terry Forgeron (VSB Trades Supervisor)
- Mr. Bryan Erickson (Byng Staff-Tech Studies)
- Mr. Dave Robinson (Indigenous Artist & Cultural Educator)
- Constable Dhiren Kumar (VPD-SLO: Weightlifting Club Sponsor)
- Grade 12 Student Daveed (Weightlifting Club Captain)

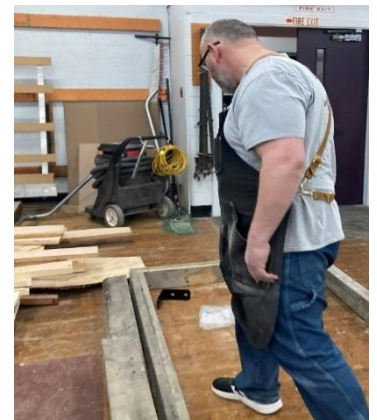
The current plan is to move the Welcome Figure into the Byng Foyer so that the final work can be completed in a dry location. The Weightlifting Club will be assisting with this journey once the cart designed by the very talented Mr. Bryan Erickson with the help of Dave Robinson is completed.

The cart must be able to move the 3,000-pound artwork!!!

Figure 7 Musqueam Artist Mr. Martin Sparrow works on the Welcome Figure "The Woman of the Grass" at Byng Secondary School in the Carving Tent adjacent to W. 16th Avenue.



Working Side by side Mr. Erickson and Mr. Dave Robinson work together, sharing knowledge and practice of Western Science and Indigenous Ways of Knowing to build a cart to transport the Musqueam Welcome Figure inside the school.



Byng Grad from the Class of 1973 Presents Historic Poster from the Past to the School

Another important event of the week was when Byng Grad from the Class of 1973 presented a poster from the past to Byng Rugby Coach Mr. Mike Malette. Students from the current Byng Grad Class of 2024 were there to receive the restored poster with Mr. Malette and Mr. Wilmann on behalf of the school.

Figure 8 A moment to remember, Frank Delmonaco from the Class of '73 presents a historic poster from the past to Byng coach Mr. Mike Malette and Senior Byng Rugby squad.



School Parking Lot – Important Update

Dear Neighbours of Lord Byng Secondary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School,

Please be advised, that as of 4:00 pm Friday December 22nd, 2023, the parking lots of Lord Byng Elementary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School are being made available for Public Paid Parking outside of school hours. Specifically, Public Paid Parking will be available on School days from 4:00 pm – 7:00 am Monday - Friday, and 24 hours per day on weekends, holidays and school breaks.

The parking lots of Lord Byng Secondary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School are reserved exclusively for school use, on school days, Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, and at other special times as required. Note that the Paystations and Parking Apps will not function or allow the purchase of parking during school hours.

This change to Public Pay Parking at these two schools reflects the Vancouver School Board's dual goals of ensuring VSB parking lots are exclusively available as needed for School and District use as well as maximizing our assets and generating revenue for VSB programs.

Note that the Lord Byng Pool & Fitness Centre is not a VSB facility, but rather a Vancouver Parks Board facility. Note also, that it does not have its own parking lot. Customers of the facility are now being welcomed to park on VSB property during the times, and terms as noted.

The paid parking systems and enforcement will be provided by EasyPark which also operates paid parking at thirteen other VSB facilities. EasyPark is a not-for-profit entity of the City of Vancouver.

Parking rates for the indefinite future will be \$1.00 per hour, with a \$6.00 daily maximum.

The public is encouraged to take note of all EasyPark signage to avoid tickets and towing. If you have any specific questions or concerns, you can contact Liam Coughlan, who manages Public Paid Parking Lots for the VSB at 604-713-5712.

Student Verification Forms

We have received completed verification forms from some families, but we need to receive them from everyone. Please log into MyEd BC and verify that your contact information (contacts, addresses, and phone numbers) are correct. If it is not, please print out the verification sheet and make changes and have your child return it to the school office.

We often mail certificates to the home and have noticed a lot of certificates being returned with incorrect addresses.

Weight Room and Gymnasiums

For safety purposes, students are not allowed to bring their backpacks into the weight room or gymnasium during class time and FIT time. Please ensure that your child has a lock so that they can lock their bags in their school locker or in a changeroom locker. It is important that students are locking their belongings in a locker.

Lost and Found – Last Chance!

Please check the lost and found table on the second floor for lost clothing items, sleeping bag, shoes, lunchboxes, backpacks, etc. For smaller items, keys, glasses, bus cards etc., please come to the school office. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the winter break.

Lockers

Please remember to lock your personal belongings/valuables at all times to ensure they will be safe. Please note all unused lockers have been locked by the school. If you have any issues, please come to the school office.

Grad Photos – Urgent Reminder Update!!

Any grade 12 student who has not yet taken their grad photos with The Artona Group, please call Artona at 604-872-7272 as soon as possible to book an appointment.

Even if you don't end up purchasing packages, the Artona photo taken will be used for the Grad Composite and yearbook. Please indicate that you are from Byng Secondary. This is a good opportunity to book an appointment if you are staying here for the break. <https://artona.com/>

Important Yearbook Dates for Graduating Students

Graduating students who want their picture and a personal quote in the yearbook need to be aware of the following: Last date for having Artona portrait photography done that will be make the yearbook is **Sunday December 10th** (after this date there is no guarantee that their photo will make it into the yearbook)

If graduating students want to submit a personal quote that will appear in the yearbook next to their portrait need to submit

the quote via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/EnHgA8rH2q>

Collaboration Dates and Schedule

Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am	
No F.I.T.	
Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15; Jan 17; Feb 21; April 24; May 15;	
June 19	
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

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
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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
 - 1st floor- A100
 - 2nd floor– School Office
 - 3rd floor –Rm A316 to obtain key/help

If any other difficulties, please contact the school office.

Literacy 12 Assessment

Numeracy 12 Literacy Assessment: Monday January 22nd to Friday January 26th, in the library computer lab.

The student schedule for this assessment will be posted on Microsoft Teams in the Grade 12 channel, as well as outside the main office the first week back to school in 2024.

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.

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.

PAC Update

LAST CHANGE TO DONATE PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BENEFITING BYNG: Thank you to everyone who donated - we have raised over \$17,000! However, we have received over \$100,000 worth of important school funding requests. Please consider making a donation via School Cash Online ([link](#)). Byng relies on these donations to fund clubs, activities, programming, and equipment. Please check the PAC website ([link](#)) for details on where your money goes. Every dollar goes back to the school and donations over \$20 are tax deductible.

NEXT BOTTLE DRIVE JANUARY 13th - Save all your bottles and cans over the holidays! Student Grad Committee will be hosting a **bottle drive** in the school parking lot from **9am-3 PM on Saturday, January 13th**. Please bring all your bottles, cans and juice boxes. Any questions or to volunteer please email: Zarella at zarella.bast@gmail.com.

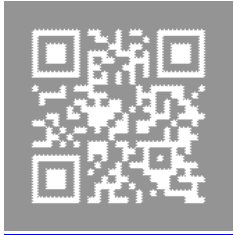
CHANGE IN JANUARY PAC MEETING DATE – We are rescheduling our January 17th PAC to Wednesday, February 7th so please mark your calendars. There will not be a PAC meeting on February 21st.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK. The Wednesday walk will resume on Wednesday, January 10th.
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 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 .

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 – For any questions about Grad Committee please email bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com .

BYNG ARTS PARENT GROUP MEETING: Several parents have started a Byng Arts parent group for families with Byng Arts students. Any questions please email byngartsparents@gmail.com

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

2023/24 PAC Meeting Dates:

January 17th, 2024 (Moved to February 7th)

February 7th, 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 or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> . We look forward to connecting with you!

Lord Byng PAC

Counselling Update

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Gs-L Ms. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca

M-Te Ms. Tanner/Ms. Davies ktanner@vsb.bc.ca cdavies@vsb.bc.ca

Tf-Z Ms. VanderKlippe mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca

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 Yearbook Art Submissions

Get your artwork into this year's annual!!! Do this today, without delay.



Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – Thank you to everyone who submitted their application envelope. We will review the contents of your packages and send out confirmation messages in the new year.

Remember to complete the Art Supplemental: We have two parts to complete if you wish to apply.

- Online Application Form (Part 2) <https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

Submission requirements for each area of focus is available by clicking: [Selection Process section](#).

The office will be closed for the holidays.

Email: byngarts@vsb.bc.ca in January with your questions.

Byng Arts Passport:

passport.lordbyng.net

Passport will be reviewed at the end of the semester. You should have a minimum of seven (7) events by that point.

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!

Badges to unlock:

<p>Lord Byng AirBand Events</p>  <p>Earned on 12/12/23 End 2023 with a BANG - come out on the last day of school and enjoy our annual tradition. n Upload an image from the afternoon and have a happy holiday.</p>	<p>KUTAPIRA - Byng Arts FAB Events</p>  <p>Earned on 12/12/23 Come listen to the percussive rhythms of Kutapira on Tuesday, December 19th</p>	<p>Colour Show 2023 Art</p>  <p>Earned on 12/12/23 Taste the Rainbow and come and see the latest display of artwork in our Gallery.</p>
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BYNG ARTS FAB Assembly

Each year we invite in performers to showcase their talents in the Arts. On Tuesday, we were treated to the rhythmic beats of Kutapira. Check out some of the photos below:

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



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))

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