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## Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

The end of Semester 1 is now just around the corner for students and staff at the school with final projects, assignments and assessments taking place in time for S1 reporting.

The end of S1 is February 2<sup>nd</sup> with the last day of regular classroom instruction taking place on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are designated as "I" Days with teachers available to work with students as needed to complete any missing projects, assignments, assessments etc.

Students must make individual arrangements with their S1 teachers to complete any missing work required for completion on these days.

Have a restful, safe weekend.

Mr. Wilmann

## School News

And then came the snow!!!

*Figure 1 January 17th, 2024, snow clearing at Lord Byng Secondary School.*



*Figure 2 Snow clearing on 16th Avenue at Lord Byng Secondary School, January 17th, 2024.*

With the end of **Semester 1** just a few days away the snow decided to interrupt school on Wednesday with the first school closure snow day of the year announced at 6:00 am by VSB Superintendent Ms. Helen McGregor. Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> was also a school closure day due to snow.

Administrative staff, grounds and custodial teams were out in force clearing driveways, deicing, and laying down salt to make sure that the school was safe and ready for

learning.

Thank you to all the VSB District and School Staff that were on site to support our school and to ensure that school was ready and open for the rest of the week.

Here is a look at just a few of the events from the week just past:

### The Musqueam Welcome Figure Project Reaches the Final Stages of Completion

Other Highlights Include **Student Engagement** Bringing Learning to Life Despite the Weather:

- Media Arts students learn the craft of film making.
- The Witch's Princess Starts the 2024 Byng Theatre Season
- Strings and Orchestra Prepare for Their First Concert of 2024
- Planning for the Future Clubs Send in Sustainability Grant Applications

## The Musqueam Welcome Figure Project Reaches the Final Stages of Completion

With the winter weather closing in and the artists Martin Sparrow and Ramsey Louis needing to complete the final touches on the Musqueam Welcome Figure for the school, moving the artwork inside was a major operation. Step one in this process was competing the building of the cart needed to transport the figure inside, the next step was organizing a crane to hoist the artwork onto the flatbed cart.

Below is the Musqueam artwork at rest in its temporary location after the Winter Break!



### Truth and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning

How do we authentically promote, embrace, and engage with the First Peoples Principles of Learning in our classrooms?

*Figure 3 The Woman of the Grass rests in the Byng Art Gallery awaiting the final work by the artists.*

## Other Highlights Include Student Engagement Bringing Learning to Life Despite the Weather:

Despite the challenges of a shortened week the activity in the school was focused on hands on learning and planning for the final few days of the semester as well as for future projects, providing great examples of hands on and minds on student learning in line with the **Student Engagement Pillar of Learning that aligns with the [School Plan](#) (see pg. 7).**

### Student Engagement

How do we build student curiosity and imagination in the process of lifelong learning?

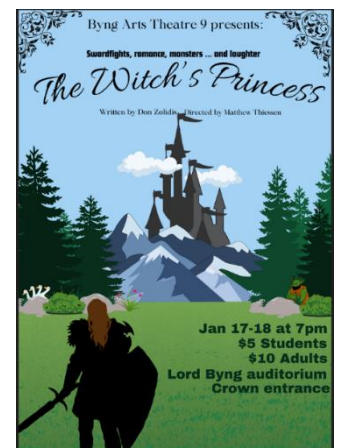
**Hands on Learning, Media Arts students learn the craft of film making and photography.**



*Figure 4 Three, two, one action!!! Media Arts students race to complete their video project in advance of the S1 mark cut off deadline.*

## The Witch's Princess Starts the 2024 Byng Theatre Season

The Witch's Princess starts off the 2024 Theatre season with visitors from JQ watching the opening performance. Make sure that you save the date to see it yourself – Closing Night is Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium, 7pm.





## Strings and Orchestra Prepare for Their First Concert of 2024

*Figure 5 Musical Director Ms. Ruth Anderson leads the Strings as they prepare for their opening concert of 2024.*

## Planning for the Future Clubs Send in Sustainability Grant Applications This year the VSB extended the deadline and increased the grants for each

secondary school from one to two per secondary school sites.

**VSB**

Individual champions, small networks, and school-based groups have come together to implement numerous sustainability actions. In 2018, the Board of trustees approved the District's first ever [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#). (Download the [abbreviated plan here](#).)

The actions are structured within five theme areas:

- Sustainability in Education
- Green Spaces
- Resource Conservation and Climate Change
- Sustainable Transportation
- Leadership in Sustainability

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Climate Club and Garden Club join forces and make application for a joint Sustainability Grant from the VSB  
The Climate Club and Garden Club submitted their application before the Winter Break and were rewarded for their efforts with the announcement on Friday that they were successful with their application and would be receiving \$1,000 in funding the building of their garden.

**The project sponsor is Mr. Koscal & Mr. McKeen-Great job Garden & Climate Club!**

### **Bike Club submits a second Sustainability Grant Application**

A second school application was submitted by the teacher sponsor of the Bike Club by the Club sponsor Mr. Alain Raoul. Working on the snow closure day from home Mr. Raoul submitted the application on behalf of the Club ahead of the Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### **Here is part of the rationale for the Grant application:**

The Byng Bike Mechanics Club would like funding for bike parts, more tools and equipment (helmets), and improved storage capacity for the bikes we already have in our school's shipping container to improve ease and accessibility for greater classroom use. The club is seeking to expand the club's size and impact. For the last 4 years we have regularly collected bike donations from Byng's parent community. These bikes were then repaired by the club for two purposes. The first objective is to encourage teachers from all departments to use the class set of bikes to increase outdoor education for regularly enrolled classes so that our students have better and greater access to nature. The second objective is to donate surplus refurbished bikes to Our Community Bikes, a local non-profit organization which runs a program (among others) called Pedals for the People. This program offers financially marginalized people free bikes. We also hope to donate bikes to schools that are deemed low-income within the VSB and Metro Vancouver (we also recently donated a refurbished bike to a refugee student through Byrne Creek Secondary in Burnaby).

**Mr. Raoul is the Bike Mechanics Club Teacher Sponsor-Great work Bike Mechanics Club!**



With the end of S1 just around the corner staff have been working hard to support students to complete final projects and complete the end of semester on time for final S1 reporting at the beginning of February. Thank you to all of you for continuing to work so hard to support all of our students, we recognize how challenging this is with our new model of learning and reporting as well as the challenges of the recent January weather.

## Theatre 9 Show: The Witch's Princess - New Date

**TITLE:** The Witch's Princess

**WHEN:** Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

**WHERE:** Lord Byng Auditorium (off Crown Street)

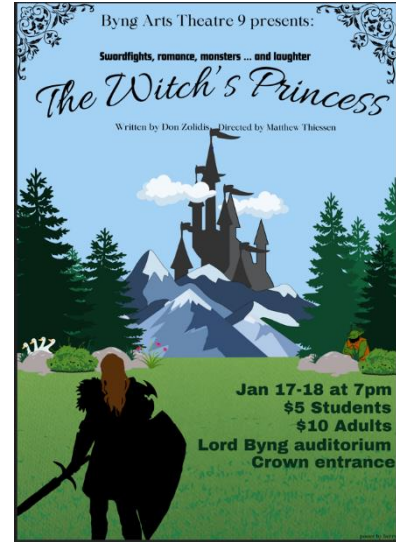
**WHAT:** When Princess Alessandra's father the king offers her hand in marriage to the knight who can slay the evil bog witch and lift the curse, there's only one thing for the princess to do: Sneak out of the castle and kill the witch herself to avoid marriage. But she first assembles a crack crew of the deadliest monsters in myth and legend to help. A rollicking and wild quest of magic and adventure. (Appropriate for all ages)

**LENGTH:** Approx. 1hr 45min

**PRICES:** Students 5\$. Adults \$10.

**Tickets Purchased on:** <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/> or at the door.

**Please note:** For those who have purchased tickets to the January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> show, can attend on either dates (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> or Feb 6<sup>th</sup>). Proof of payment will be required at the door.



## Byng Athletics

### Lord Byng Ultimate Frisbee Team

Open tryouts for the Lord Byng Ultimate Frisbee team will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday), January 31<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday), February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday – Optional), and February 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday). There was an organizational meeting earlier this week with more information, such as what to bring. If students have any questions prior to tryouts, they should see Ms. L. Anderson, Ms. Chen, or Ms. Gretchko.

## PAC News

**NEXT PAC MEETING** – Please join us for our next PAC Meeting, Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 on zoom.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK.** For Parents who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday walks. All are welcome. We will meet at the steps at the front of the school on Wed January 31st at 9:00 am. Please RVSP to Nora at [noradyng@hotmail.com](mailto:noradyng@hotmail.com)

## SUPPORT LORD BYNG WHILE YOU BUY GROCERIES

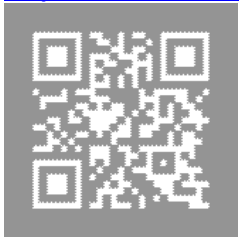
The Lord Byng PAC has partnered with Sungiven and Stongs grocery stores. When you shop at either store, Byng receives a rebate (at no extra cost to you) and these funds are used to support clubs, activities, new programs, and new equipment at Byng.

- **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](http://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](mailto: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** – To join the Parent Grad Committee Distribution list click here: <https://forms.gle/N7jgxoJs7w4LAUNe6>. For any questions about Grad Committee please email [bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com)

**2023/24 PAC Meeting Dates:**

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> . We look forward to connecting with you!

Lord Byng PAC

**Collaboration Day Schedule**

<b>Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am</b>	
<b>No F.I.T.</b>	
<b>Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15; Jan 17; Feb 21; April 24; May 15;</b>	
<b>June 19</b>	
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](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
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## 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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> floor- A100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor– School Office
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor –Rm A316 to obtain key/help

If any other difficulties, please contact the school office.

## 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.

## 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.**

## Counselling Update

A-Gr Ms. Milinazzo [kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca)  
Gs-L Ms. Radic [jradic@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jradic@vsb.bc.ca)  
M-Te Ms. Tanner/Ms. Davies [ktanner@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ktanner@vsb.bc.ca) [cdavies@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cdavies@vsb.bc.ca)  
Tf-Z Ms. VanderKlippe [mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca)

## Semester 2

Semester 2 timetable adjustments will occur as follows:

February 1 Thursday morning 9- 11am for Grade 12s; afternoon 1-3 pm for Grade 11s

February 2 Friday morning 9-11am for Grade 10s, Grade 9s, and 8s.

Please note that our timetable is very full; and that there is a high possibility that we are not able to make adjustments.

Counsellors will see students in the counselling suite.

## 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

### Upcoming Calendar of Art Events @ BYNG

Join us and see what the Fine Art students are doing...

### JANUARY

26 Fri. Strings/Choir Winter Concert – 6:30p.m. Theatre



30 Tues. Band Concert – 6:30p.m. Theatre

FEBRUARY

6 Tues. Drama 9 Presents: The Witch's Princess – 7pm Theatre

You can't get smART without Art!

### Call For Yearbook Art Submissions

Get your artwork into this year's annual!!! [CLICK HERE](#) to submit. Do this today, without delay.



### Byng Arts

**BYNG ARTS AUDITIONS are NEXT WEEK (Feb 1, 2) in the Foyer Area and Lower Cafeteria**

There will be over 200 applicants attending auditions during the Semester Turnaround Days.

The **following areas will be off limits** to Byng students during this time:

1. Gallery Foyer
2. Gallery
3. Drama Studio
4. Media Room
5. Strings Room
6. Band/Choir Room
7. Lower Cafeteria

Thank you for your support.

### New Applicants to the Program –

Auditions take place on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> during the semester turnaround days. Email invitations were sent out to all shortlisted applicants. Our audition list is also posted on our website: <https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

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

Email: [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca) with your questions.




### Byng Arts Passport:

[passport.lordbyng.net](http://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!

## Potential Badges to unlock:

<p>Winter Music Performance <span>Music</span></p>  <p>Winter Music at Byng. Be part of the performance or attend as an audience member between January and March Break.</p>	<p>Drama 9 Presents <span>Drama</span></p>  <p>Attend a performance of the Witch's Princess by our drama students on January 17th or 18th in the Auditorium (7pm curtain).</p> <p><b>NEW DATE: Feb 6th</b></p>	<p>Janus <span>General</span></p>  <p>Did you make a New Year's Resolution to see more art? Post your art events for the month of January by sending in images of your activities! Passport will be checked at the end of the month!</p>
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### 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))

### Meeting Notes

Byng Arts Auditions Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteer Sign Up List Posted on Teams – Please check your time and day.

Coffee House Monday February 12

Teacher Fundraiser (Can you Sing, Can You Dance) – March 13

Foodbank Donations as target

Byng Arts T-Shirts Order Form is on Teams

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