



## Newsletter

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Staff and Community Members,

Thank you to all the parents, staff and students that attended the important meetings held this week for course selection hosted by the Byng Counselling Team.

One new update regarding this process is that the deadline for completing course selection in MyEd. has been extended past the February 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. There will be a new deadline sent out shortly.

Special thanks also to all the Byng Arts parents and students that attended the online meeting held the same evening. The information gathered at this meeting will be used to by the Admin Team to review the recent changes to the course selection for the Senior Byng Arts Program in consultation with the PAC working group.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful long Family Day Weekend!

Mr. Wilmann – Lord Byng Principal

FEBRUARY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 NO FIT Semester Turnaround Day Byng Arts Auditions	2 NO FIT Semester Turnaround Day Byng Arts Auditions	3
4	5 Semester 2 Begins	6 Last Day for Course Changes Semester 2 Drama 9 Show - 7pm Theatre	7 Course Planning Assemblies - Auditorium AM & PM	8 Semester 1 Final Reports MyED Published CLE 10 - Assembly FIT	9	10
11	12	13 CLC 11- Assembly FIT CANCELLED	14	15 Gr. 7 Parent Info Night 5-6pm Course Planning Night 6-7pm	16 District Wide PRO-D Day School Not in Session	17
18	19 Family Day Stat Holiday School Not In Session	20	21 Collaborative Day AM (Students Start 10am)	22 Black History Assembly@FIT On TEAMS	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day Assembly Byng Arts 1 <sup>st</sup> Round Offers	29 Lion Dance 10-12 CLE 10 @FIT Assembly/ Math Contest-FIT PM-4	1	2

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## School News

February is [Black History Month](#) and an opportunity for us to acknowledge and support our students of Black ancestry as well as to strengthen **Equity and Inclusion** that are key learning components of the [VSB Ed. Plan 2026](#) as well as our **Four Pillars of Learning** and the [School Plan](#) here at Byng.

The VSB will create an equitable learning environment where every child can experience a deep sense of belonging and is free to pursue pathways of learning in ways that are authentic to themselves. (VSB Ed. Plan 2026)



Each year this unique learning opportunity provides students with a chance to research and learn about Black History in Canada and throughout the world.

**Here is a quick snapshot of some of the projects and learning opportunities from the week just passed:**

Daily PA Broadcasts Celebrate Black Excellence

Staff and Students Study Black History Through Research Projects and class-based learning opportunities.

The Cultural Bridging Program at Byng receives support from the Byng PAC.

### Inclusion and Diversity

What pedagogical practices can we use to support all our learners?

### Black History Month

Mr. Andy Johnston began the school's Black History Month acknowledgements with the first broadcast of the month of February.

The broadcast gave an overview of the life and career of Canadian jazz musician Oscar Peterson:

**Oscar Emmanuel Peterson** [CC](#) [CQ](#) [OOnt](#) (August 15, 1925 – December 23, 2007)<sup>[1]</sup> was a Canadian [jazz](#) pianist and composer. Considered a [virtuoso](#) and one of the greatest [jazz pianists](#) of all time, Peterson released more than 200 recordings, won eight [Grammy Awards](#), as well as a lifetime achievement award from the [Recording Academy](#), and received numerous other awards and honours. He played thousands of concerts worldwide in a career lasting more than 60 years. He was called the "[Maharaja](#) of the keyboard" by [Duke Ellington](#), simply "O.P." by his friends, and informally in the jazz community, "the King of inside swing".



Figure 1 Mr. Andy Johnston begins Black History Month at Byng with daily PA updates to the school-with Oscar Peterson the Canadian Jazz Musician the focus of the first broadcast-Thanks Mr. Johnston!



While students were introduced to our Month of acknowledgement and celebration of Black History by our Senior History teacher Mr. Andy Johnston, staff took this opportunity to embrace our school's Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of learning

through class based learning and deep learning opportunities. One example of this was in Ms. Michelle Moldowan’s Grade 8 English classes where each student researched an individual and then created a picture poster board outside of the school library.

**Here is an update on the project from Ms. Moldowan:**

Ms. Moldowan’s Grade 8 Byng Arts English class celebrated Black Excellence Day by creating infographics highlighting accomplishments and contributions made by Black Canadians. Students have been working on developing writing and design processes to plan, develop and create engaging and meaningful literary and information texts.



Here are some examples from Ava Rudd and Nina Turin in Grade 8: When I designed this poster for Black Excellence Day, my goal was to highlight the impactful contributions of Viola Desmond. Viola, the first Canadian woman featured on a Canadian banknote, played a crucial role in advancing the rights of people of color in Canada. This poster is a tribute to Viola's strength and passion, aiming to reflect her values and the impact she had.

*Figure 2 Ava Rudd shares here project for Black History Month*

Nina Turin also in Grade 8 shares her thoughts on her experience of deep learning in the class:

I was assigned a project in my Byng Arts English class with Ms. Moldowan to do some research on an inspiring Black person who has or had an impact on Canada for Black Excellence Day and Black History Month.

I chose to focus on Fabienne Colas who is a Haitian-born model, actress, director and producer who lives in Montréal. I found her story inspiring and enjoyed learning more about her and her achievements. I think it's important that we continue to recognize and celebrate people from all backgrounds who have faced challenges and persevered to achieve impressive things. I enjoy projects where I get to do research and learn about living people who have made an impact on our communities.



*Figure 3 Nina Turin reflects on her project for Black History Month.*

Great work Nina and Ava and thank your Ms. Moldowan for sharing the great work from your class! Happy Black History month!

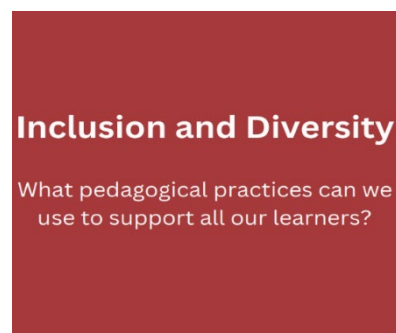
Another important event that will be taking place this month for the celebration of Black History in Canada will be a Cultural Bridging workshop facilitated by Nigerian American community member Adaeze Opotu Anu. Adaeze was at Byng last year for Black History Month and joined the Grade 8 camp last fall to facilitate the Cultural Bridging workshops that were experienced by all Grade 8s as part of their 2 day orientation to the school.

This year Adaeze will be working with staff and students to facilitate a school wide workshop on the theme of Cultural Allyship.

**Here is a summary of the Cultural Bridging Program:**

The Building Cultural Bridges program will provide Lord Byng students with the knowledge, skills, and tools to recognize, challenge, and work toward dismantling racism and bias in their communities. By promoting understanding and respect for diverse cultures and experiences and empowering students to take action against racism, this program aims to create a more just and equitable community.

Adaeze Oputa Anu is the founder of the [Empowered Black Girl Program](#) in which Byng students took part during last year’s summer Program.



Byng student panelists discuss why Black History Month is important to them in a youth panel discussion facilitated by Aadaeze Oputa Anu in February 2023.

## Mission

To inspire and empower young Black girls to become high-achieving leaders.



*Figure 4 Black Youth including students from Byng and throughout the Lower Mainland participate in The Empowered Black Girl Mentorship Program in the summer of 2023.*

Special thanks this year goes to our amazing Byng parent PAC community for raising and funding the Cultural Bridging Program for the school. The funds to support the Program at the school were approved at last week's PAC Meeting. Thanks also to all of the staff for all that you have done to promote Black History Month at the school and to support the School's Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of learning. Below are some valuable resources from the [VSTA website](#) that can be used with students throughout the month of February to support learning in our classrooms:

## Resources

- [365 Days and Ways to Celebrate Remarkable Black Canadians](#) an Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario resource
- [28 Black Picture Books that aren't about Boycotts, Buses or Basketball](#)
- [Black History Canada](#)
- [Black Lives Canada Syllabus](#)
- [Black Strathcona](#): Ten videos with a study guide that brings alive Vancouver's first and only black neighbourhood from the early 1900s-1960s.
- [The Harriet Tubman Institute](#)
- [Historica Canada](#). The contribution of black soldiers in the War of 1812
- [Films about the Black community in Canada](#)
- [How civil rights icon Viola Desmond helped change course of Canadian History](#)
- [Poems that explore the black experience in America](#)

Thanks everyone for supporting our important Four Pillars of Learning and all the work that you have done to support Equity and Inclusion at our school!



## 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.

## School Nurse Visit

Did you know our public health nurse Alana has office hours at lunch time every other Monday?! Come in to introduce yourself and feel free to ask any questions. Everyone is welcome! 😊

## Byng Athletics

### Sr. Girls Soccer

All students in Gr. 9-12 interested in playing soccer this spring please attend a sign-up meeting at lunch in the main gym on Tues Feb 20th.

### Girls Softball

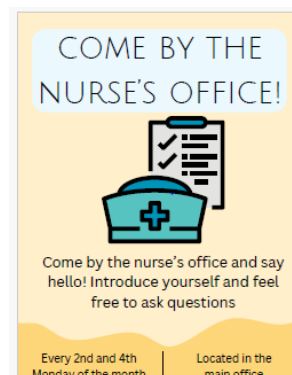
Girls Softball - All girls Gr. 10-12 wanting to play Softball this spring please attend a sign up at lunch in the main gym Tues Feb 20th.

## Track and Field

Track and Field is starting! Anyone interested in being on the school track and field team this year, please sign up with Mr. Jack in the PE office. Pre-season training will take place at 7:45 am, in the gym, every Tuesday and Thursday in February. Starting in March, most practices will be after school from 3:30 to approximately 5 pm at Camosun Park (days of the week have not been determined yet). Some specialty practices, like hurdles and high jump, will continue to take place in the mornings. Competition days are also to be determined. A full schedule will be available after Spring Break. Also, after Spring Break, meetings will take place every Monday at lunch in the main gym. If there is no school on a Monday, the meeting will be on a Tuesday.

The Track and Field team is the largest team in the school. It is co-ed and all grades. We don't make cuts (no one will be eliminated from the team). The team won 11 City Championships in a row ending in 2023. Last year, we placed second to Kitsilano, so this year we will try to recapture the title. Despite our competitive nature, we are still an all-inclusive team. We encourage students of all abilities to join. Managers are also needed. The Track and Field team is a great way to get involved at Byng, work on your general fitness, improve your strength, power, speed, and endurance for another sport, or make new friends.

Mr. Jack



## Collaboration Day Schedule

<b>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</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>

## Lord Byng Daily Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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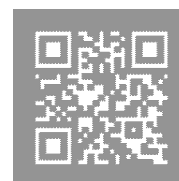
## Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found table located outside the school office on the second floor for lost clothing items, umbrellas, shoes, binders, backpacks, water bottles etc.

For smaller items, please come to the school office. All items will be donated to charity at the end of the month.

## PAC News

**\*NEW\* PAC BYNG ARTS PARENTS SUBCOMMITTEE** In response to the recently-announced restructuring of the Byng Arts Mini School, the PAC has started a Byng Arts Parents subcommittee. Please contact the Byng Arts Parents Group: [byngartsparents@gmail.com](mailto:byngartsparents@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved. The PAC subcommittee will be working closely with the Byng Arts Parents Group that formed a few months ago, and will be communicating regularly with Byng Administration. The PAC also understands that the announced changes will also affect non-Byng Arts students and families. We will maintain open communications with all Byng families. Please join our email list if you haven't already.



**Byng Arts Parents are encouraged to 1) Join the Byng Arts Parents WhatsApp group and to 2) Share their contact info so that important information can be emailed directly to them.**

**1. Byng Arts Parents Group:** Several parents have started a Byng Arts parents group and parents are connecting over WhatsApp. Please see the Byng PAC website for info for how to connect and join.

<https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents>

**2. Byng Arts Parents Contact Info:** If you would like to stay updated on Byng Arts related programming and activities, please share your contact info here: <https://forms.gle/49bjoRYQ4B5EHE616>

### Safety Sub Committee Update

A new safety sub-committee has been struck and has begun some work to help bring about some long overdue changes to our busy school streets. The committee has forwarded some excellent ideas and suggestions from parents at the recent PAC meeting for consideration. Improved safety along our busy 16th avenue corridor continues to be at the forefront of everyone's mind and we have so far received some feedback from CREST, a joint venture between ICBC and the VPD. There are some potential road safety education programs available to our students and to the new drivers in our Byng community as well as some scheduled speed enforcement from our local community policing volunteers with some potential follow up by the VPD as well. The CBC has also reported that the City of Vancouver is also committed to installing a crosswalk at the corner of 16th and Wallace in early 2025. The committee will be meeting next week and is open to all our parents' suggestions. Feel free to email the chair of this committee Karrie Bogart at [karriebogart@gmail.com](mailto:karriebogart@gmail.com) with your concerns, questions or ideas.

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/flashing-beacons-to-be-installed-at-site-of-serious-crash-near-vancouver-school-1.6763743>

**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 Feb 21st 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:** 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 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

### 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.

### 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.**

## Graduation Status Update-Information for Families

Starting in the 2023-24 school year, students in Grades 10-12 will receive a Graduation Status Update with their February and June report card. [This is a brochure](#) from the BC government with more information. If you have questions about your child's Graduation Status Update, please contact the school counsellor. Also, please visit the Grade 12 page on the school website. [Graduation Status Update Information For Families, Updated Feb 1, 2024](#)

What information is included in the Graduation Status Update?

### Graduation Pathway

- Students are on one of two graduation pathways from grade 10 to 12: Dogwood or Dual Dogwood (French Immersion). Click [here](#) for more information on the graduation pathways.
- For students on a modified school program, click [here](#) for information on the Evergreen School Completion Certificate.

### Required & Elective Credits

- Students must complete a minimum of 80 credits (52 required credits + 28 elective credits). Click [here](#) for more information on graduation requirements.

### Provincial Assessments

- Provincial assessments will only show as completed once they have been processed by the Ministry. Click [here](#) for more information on these assessments.

### Indigenous Grad Requirement

- All students must complete a course which fulfills this requirement. In many cases, this course will also satisfy another graduation requirement in English or Social Studies. Click [here](#) for more information on the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement.

Where is the Graduation Status Update located in MyEd?

The screenshot shows the MyEducation BC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Pages', 'My Info', 'Academics', 'Calendar', and 'Locker'. Below this, there is a 'Welcome to MyEducation BC SDTest' section. A red arrow points to a link in the 'Published Reports' section that says 'Published Grad Status Report will be displayed here'. The page also includes sections for 'Overdue Online Assignments', 'Upcoming Personal Information', and 'How to Navigate MyEducation BC'.

## 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

Tuesday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Last Day For Course Changes Semester 2

## Course Planning Assemblies

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Grade 11s period 2-1

Grade 10s period 2-2

Grade 9s period 2-3

Grade 8s period 2-4

Course requests must be entered into MyED by February 20 (Tuesday). If students have any trouble, feel free to see your counsellor.

## Gr. 7 Parent Info Night & Course Planning Info Night – Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – 5-6pm School Auditorium (Incoming Grade 8's)

Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

- Grades 8-9 – Library 6-7pm
- Grades 10-11 – Auditorium 6-7pm

A Big Thank you to all the parents/guardians who came out to support and help us with the course selection process. We want to say that we truly appreciate your help with guiding all of our students when choosing their courses for the upcoming school year. We hope that they all have a smooth September start.

All of the information regarding Course planning can be found on our [Course Planning Page](#)

## 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

### Art Info

#### Last Call for Artwork for the Gallery

Attention Seniors (Grades 10 to 12), help us get the semester off to a strong creative start and drop off your artwork in the Lord Byng Gallery for our next show. Work should be brought in Tuesday and Wednesday. Label the back of your work with your name.

Looking forward to sharing your work with the rest of the school.

#### Call For Yearbook Art Submissions

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

Coffee House: "CAUTION CONTENTS HOT!" – Monday, February 12th afterschool in the Foyer

What a great evening of music, treats, comedy, and prizes. Thank you goes out to Byng Arts Student Council for organizing this event for the whole school. Congratulations to all the fantastic performers and to our excellent host, Zara! To everyone – U R GR8!



## Byng Arts

### New Applicants to the Program –

We are currently reviewing each application, artwork, and auditions as we work on creating a list of offers. We will email all applicants on February 28<sup>th</sup> with the results of our First Round of Offers. This will include either a message with an offer, a message with no offer, or a message indicating that the applicant is on our waitlist and still under consideration for the second round of offers. If offered a seat you will have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to respond. A second round of offers will go out March 6<sup>th</sup>.

For students in Grades 8 to 11, offers will go out as soon as we determine our available seats in each grade – this may happen after the second round offers go out – please be patient.

Further information and our timeline can be found below or on our website: <https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

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

### Byng Arts Passport:




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

Passport tallies have been completed – we will send out this information in a specific Byng Arts Newsletter. If you did not complete the minimum number of entries, please sign up to see Mr. Hartley-Folz during FIT

(<https://byng.myweeklyplanner.net/>) to get your passport requirements sorted. We will require everyone to have another seven entries by the end of May.

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>FEB Coffee House - Monday, Feb 12th</p>  <p>BE MINE and join the talented performers in the foyer on Monday, Feb 12th.</p> <p>Events</p>	<p>Eros</p>  <p>Show your I&lt;3ve for the ARTS by attending a show or participating in a performance in the month of February.</p> <p>General</p>	<p>Winter Music Performance</p>  <p>Winter Music at Byng. Be part of the performance or attend as an audience member between January and March Break.</p> <p>Music</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

We returned to our larger meeting with all members welcome. Executive will meet again in Ms. Pitchford-Yeung's room on Tuesday during FIT to finalize fund raising ideas for the Food Bank.

Teacher Fundraiser – Educators Extravaganza will take place March 13<sup>th</sup>

Target for future planning – spring event.

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