

LORD BYNG SECONDARY

Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

Welcome back staff, students and family members for our final term of the 2024-25 school year!

Special thanks for our smooth opening to our **Building Staff** for all their hard work to have the school ready for opening this week and special thanks to our VSB Maintenance and Construction Teams that

worked throughout the holiday to update the school in preparation for our school's 100 Year Anniversary celebrations in May.

One of the recent updates completed during the break included the addition of a water

With thanks to Byng Staff and Students from the Graduating Class of 2024

fountain on the third floor of our school which was the gift to the school from the Byng Graduating Class of 2024. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the Graduating Class of 2024 for this generous gift and to acknowledge the Parent Grad Committee and former PAC Chair Ms. Kirstin McAllister for coordinating and organizing the fund raising to support the school with the addition of this beautiful newly installed water fountain that will be enjoyed by staff and students for years to come.



OUR //SB

Have a great weekend! Mr. Wilmann

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Lord Byng 100 Years Celebration – Saturday May 10^{th, 2025} – Update

Did you know that Lord Byng Secondary School is turning 100 years old? The event will be on Saturday, May 10th so save the date.

Here is the website for the 100 Year Celebration.

Please visit <u>https://www.byng100.ca/</u> for more details.

Literacy 10 Assessment – IMPORTANT REMINDER

We will be running Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 - April 7-11. All grade 10s have been signed up to write. Lists of dates and times are posted for each student outside the office and on Teams.

We will also be offering all Grade 12s the opportunity to complete any Graduation Assessments that they have missed. There is a small list of students, and they have been notified individually.

Yearbook Last Chance to Purchase!

Please click **HERE** to purchase your school yearbook.

Not Returning to Lord Byng 2025-2026

If you are not planning to return to Lord Byng next year, please complete the required form and return to the office. Please click <u>here</u>.

Collaboration Dates and Schedule

Please note the next Collaborative date is on Wednesday, April 16th. Students start at 10am.

Collaboration Dates						
Sept. 18 • Oct. 16 • Nov. 13 • Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 •						
Apr. 16 ● May 14 ● Jun. 18						
Block 1 (Students Start)	10:00 - 10:40					
Break	10:40 - 10:50					
Block 2	10:50 - 11:30					
Lunch	11:30 - 12:15					
Block 3	12:15 - 1:35					
Break	1:35 - 1:40					
Block 4	1:40 - 3:00					

Block Flip -Starting Monday, April 14th – Rotation 2 1 4 3

Please note the block rotation 2 1 4 3 will be starting on Monday, April 14th to June 24, 2025.

School Cash Online

Please pay all school fees via School Cash Online. https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/

Strings Concert – Friday, April 11th

Join us for an exciting evening of music as Lord Byng's Strings Groups and Junior Symphony take the stage! On Friday, April 11th at 6:30 pm, these talented student musicians will showcase their skills in a vibrant and dynamic concert. The performance will feature a variety of classical and contemporary pieces, highlighting the hard work



and dedication of the students. Don't miss this opportunity to support local talent and enjoy an evening filled with beautiful music at Lord Byng!

Tickets can be purchased here: School Cash Online

Fall 2025 "Sights and Stages" of London International Trip



INFO NIGHT April 16th at 6 PM in the Drama Room

Visit studios, theatres, and performances- London has it all!

Eligible students include *GRADE 11 and 12* students (2025-2026 school year) that are actively participating in Drama, Film and TV here at Byng.

Interested parents and students should join Ms. Sawka, Mr. Thiessen, and Mr. Booker in the Drama Room Wednesday April 16th at 6PM for more information on *potential* drama/ film and TV student trip in Fall 2025.

School Parking Lot

Dear Parents and Students,

Parents and students should not be in the parking lot during school hours. This pertains to both in and out of the car. Also, reminder below:

Due to a serious safety issue, we are asking all parents to:

- please do not park on Wallace Street
- please do not drive through the staff parking lot
- please do not use the drive through at the Lord Byng front entrance

If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us.

VSB Summer Learning 2025



Secondary Program Registration Begins April 30th 2025, at noon.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning https://summerreg.vsb.bc.ca/

Immunization Clinic – Tuesday, May 6th

There will be an immunization clinic on the morning of Tuesday, May 6th in the lower cafeteria for students who received immunization consent forms from VCH. Students were given consent forms in their class. Please return all signed consent forms to the school office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email our school nurse Kylie Dawson at the Pacific Spirit Community Health Centre. Email: <u>kylie.dawson@vch.ca</u>

2025 University of Waterloo Math Contests

Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests are held yearly by the University of Waterloo, providing an opportunity for high school students to explore and develop mathematical problem-solving skills. Byng mathletes continue to excel in and outside of their classrooms. Their success is reflected in the results of this year's contests.

<u>Our top Pascal scorers</u>: Dana Yoo, Angel Dong, Mason Wu (Grade 8), Zhaoyue Wu (Grade 8) and Frank Zhao <u>Our top Cayley scorers</u>: Darren Rao, Tony Xu (Grade 9), Calvin Yang, Yiwen Zhu and Joanna Shou <u>Our top Fermat scorers</u>: Aaron Su (Grade 10), Oscar Chen and Thomas Tan

Special congratulations to:

- Aaron Su who scored perfect on their contest for the second year in a row!
- Our Fermat team who placed 4th in BC and 13th nationally.

Many thanks to PAC for funding support and congratulations to all our Byng mathletes!

Byng Families Spring Bicycle Donation Request

If your family has a bicycle that has gathered dust or needs a new home, Lord Byng would love to have it! For the last 5 years, Byng has repaired and maintained dozens of bikes, many of which are used in Physical Education Classes, and for class bike rides in Pacific Spirit Park. We have also donated many bikes to the non-profit organization, Our Community Bikes, which then donates them to people facing financial hardship. We have also donated bikes to Byrne Creek Secondary in Burnaby, which has a student body with many refugees who are appreciative of donations, including for their Bike Mechanics Club.

We are hoping to acquire another 30 or more bicycles from you to encourage teachers and students to learn more outside, to be environmentally sustainable, and to exercise. No problem If your bike needs repair! Our dedicated Bike Mechanics Club can repair and maintain virtually all bikes donated to us! However, we do ask for bikes that are only big enough for high school students. No kids bikes please.

Contact teacher Alain Raoul (<u>araoul@vsb.bc.ca</u>) if you have a bike to donate so that we can arrange pick up in the staff parking lot at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this worthy contribution to the Byng community!

Byng Japanese Class

We are delighted to share that our students participated in **The 8th Annual Metro Vancouver Japan Bowl** on **Saturday**, **March 8, 2025**, at the **Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre**. Our Japanese class students represented our school with enthusiasm and dedication, showcasing their knowledge and teamwork while gaining valuable experience in a challenging yet rewarding environment. It was truly a memorable day for everyone involved! We are so proud of their efforts and grateful for the support of our school community and parents in making this experience possible.

Byng Athletics

Track and Field

Meeting Mondays:

The team will meet every Monday during the season. "Meeting Mondays" take place at lunch, usually in the Main Gym. *Everyone is welcome to join track and field. We do not cut anyone from the team!

Student Excused Absences Procedure - Update

When a student is ill, or away for an excused reason, a parent/guardian must email the school at <u>byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca</u> Cutoff for each day is 2pm. If we receive your email after 2pm we will record your child's absence the next day.

To avoid confusion due to the block flip, when reporting a partial day absence please report for what period of time your child will be away instead of which period they will be missing.

IMPORTANT: We can only excuse students' absences in MyEd from emails received from the parents' email address not the student's email address.

Please state your child's:

Full Name (first and last name)				
Student Number				
Grade				
Date(s) of Absence				
Reason of Absence				
Duration of Absence: please indicate if this is a full day				
absence or for what period of time your child will be away				
Copy to teachers so they are aware – email addresses located				
on school website				

Student Verification Forms – Important UPDATE

We have updated the information from the verification forms that we have received. Please confirm that the information in MyEd BC is accurate (home address, emails, emergency contacts and numbers).

We have also encountered difficulty reaching parent guardians when a student has been ill. Please ensure that we have a contact number for emergency situations. The school needs current up to date information.

Grade 12's will be mailed their dogwood certificate in the summer so it's very important that their home address is current on MyEd BC. If an address needs to be updated, please let the school office know.

VSB Consent Forms – Please complete ALL FORMS

Consent forms are now online <u>https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca</u>; enter your child's PEN and birthdate; accept the consent for each of the forms; not accepting or completing implies decline.

Please complete ALL forms:

Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for

students)

Adobe CC Consent (for parents/guardians)

Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent

External Media Consent

G4-12 Student AUP

Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent

VSB Media Consent

Yearbook Media Consent

Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

Students experiencing mobility issues should come to the office for an elevator key.

School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days

2024-2025 School Calendar Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo H - L Ms. J. Radic M-T Ms. S. Schumacher U-Z Ms. C. Davies and Ms. M. Smith (covering for Ms. Vanderklippe)

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Summer School

Summer school info is now available: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning

STS/BCeID

Grade 11s and 12s students need to register for BCeID <u>Register for BCeID</u>. Once they have their BCeID, they can log into sts website, and access their transcript, see their provincial exam results, etc. All grade 12 students have been instructed to use STS for sending their transcript to in province and out of province post-secondary institutions (<u>STS login</u>).

Scholarships

Here is some scholarship info: Where Can I Look for Scholarships. This document was shared with grade 11s and 12s on Counselling Teams. Please see <u>link</u>. Also, our Counselling Teams continues to advertise many scholarships on Grade 12 teams page.

Counselling Teams

Counselling teams are now up and running. Please if you are a new student, 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, and work opportunities, to name a few. Each grade has their own Counselling Teams, eg. Grade 12 2024/25 (Counselling), Grade 11 2024/25 (Counselling), and so on...

PAC News

PAC News Apr 04, 2025

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

NEXT PAC Meeting: Apr. 30 at 7pm

The Apr. PAC Meeting will be held **in-person** in an exciting new venue, <u>Paul Kyle Gallery</u>, Apr. 30, 7pm. Address: 258 E 1st Ave Unit 4, Vancouver, BC V5T 1A6.

PAC Continental Breakfast

Join PAC and help with LB 100th celebration with the **PAC Continental Breakfast** from 11 to noon on May 10, Saturday. *Details and sign up for volunteers*, please see this document <u>100th Anniversary PAC Continental Breakfast</u>. We need your support!

• See Updates from First Preparation Meeting in the above document, too.



JOIN THE PAC EMAIL LIST

The PAC sends out monthly PAC newsletters with important information for the parents and guardians. Please use this QR code to sign up for our newsletter or *visit our website* <u>https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</u> to the subscribe link: <u>https://lordbyngpac.us14.list-</u> manage.com/subscribe?u=af85d7bc4fcc7ac2d125c476c&id=df1ad1ae5c

Direct Appeal letter:

Dear Parents and Guardians of Lord Byng Students,

Thanks to your incredible generosity this year after we launched our Lord Byng PAC Annual Fundraising Campaign, we had received \$24,305 as of Mar 01, 2025. We are looking forward to having more families participate to help us achieve our goal. Now more than ever, we need your support!

This year, our funding goals have grown, with an anticipated need of over **\$158,000** to continue improving the educational experience for our students. Some of the key areas that need your support include:

- Outdoor Learning Space for STEM+ Art
- Adding Auditorium Stage Lightening
- Computer upgrade for Multi-purpose space of Fine Art & Applied Skills Department

Many of these 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. For more details, please refer to <u>Principal Letter_Direct Appeal 2024.pdf</u>

We are asking families who are able to consider making a **\$150 donation or more**, which will be tax-receipted. **Please** visit <u>SchoolCashOnline</u> to donate.

Be sure to select **"Lord Byng Secondary PAC"** (*NOT* Lord Byng Secondary) *as the fund destination. In the "Message" field under the section* "Message to School Board", *please make sure that you write* **"Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal"**. *Please see a step-by-step instruction here* <u>2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf</u>.

Or visit the Lord Byng PAC website at <u>www.lordbyngpac.com</u> and click the "**DONATE NOW**!" button.

Every donation—large or small—makes a *real impact* on your child's education and experience at Lord Byng. Your investment directly supports the programs that enrich their lives, both inside and outside the classroom.

Together, we can make Lord Byng an even better place for our children to grow, learn, and succeed. Thank you for your continued support!

Any questions please email lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

亲爱的Lord Byng学生的家长和监护人们:

衷心感谢您在今年我们启动 Lord Byng PAC 年度筹款活动后展现出的慷慨支持。凭借您的帮助,我们在3月1日之前已经筹集到了 \$24,305。为了实现我们的目标,我们期待更多的家庭加入我们,您的参与和支持对我们至关重要。我们相信,凭借大家的共同努力,我们一定能够取得更大的成就。我们迫切希望能继续得到您的支持,与您一起为孩子们的未来贡献力量!

今年,我们的筹款目标有所增加,预计需要超过158,000加元,以继续改善学生们的教育体验。一些关键领域需要您的支持,包括:

- STEM+艺术的户外学习空间。
- 增设礼堂舞台照明。
- 为美术与应用技能部门的多功能空间进行计算机升级。

许多这些请求来自于我们敬业的教职员工,他们慷慨地志愿奉献时间和专业知识,以确保这些项目和倡议的成功。您的捐款使我们能够为他们提供所需的资源,继续他们的伟大工作。更多详情,请参阅 校长信-直接捐赠 2024Principal Letter_Direct Appeal 2024.pdf。

我们请求有能力的家庭考虑捐赠150加元,这笔款项将会获得税收回执。请访问<u>SchoolCashOnline</u>进行捐款,并确保选择"Lord Byng Secondary PAC"作为捐款目的地(请注意不要错选成Lord Byng Secondary)。在"Message to School Board"部分的"留言"栏中,您需要填写"Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal"。如果需要,您也可以参阅这份直接捐款网上操作指南2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf.

您也可以访问Lord Byng PAC网站: www.lordbyngpac.com,点击"立即捐赠!"按钮进行捐款。

每一笔捐款—无论大小—都对您孩子在Lord Byng的教育和成长产生了真实的影响。您的投资直接支持了丰富他们 课堂内外生活的各类项目。

让我们共同努力,使Lord Byng成为一个更好的地方,让我们的孩子在这里茁壮成长、学习并取得成功。感谢您一 直以来的支持!

如有任何问题,请通过电子邮件联系: lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com。

-Fundraising Initiatives: Grocery Gift Cards-

The PAC can get rebates on gift cards purchases from the following vendors.

- SunGiven(元初) Please fill out the <u>ORDER FORM</u> and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card.
- **Stongs Market** shop online at <u>www.stongs.com</u>, and **select Lord Byng Secondary At checkout** under "Select the school for our rebate program".

Save on food and Safeway gift cards will officially launch in early 2025. Please stay tuned.

If you have any questions or if you have any other Grocery Card rebate program, feel free to send us email at lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Walks - For parents/guardians who want to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday 9 am walks.. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email to Nora at <u>noradyng@hotmail.com</u>

~~ Inclusion and Diversity Committee ~~

PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee - PAC has a space for discussing issues related to inclusion and diversity at Byng. Please contact PAC Co Chair Jacqueline Crummey <u>j.crummey@icloud.com</u> (Email and WhatsApp group) or by message 778-788-2585.

- Due to conflicts, PAC Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting date has been changed to Feb. 11, Tuesday, 6:30pm. Location: Zoom.
- Please email or message Jacqueline (contact info. above) for the meeting zoom link.

-Fundraising & Event Organization Committee-

Fundraising & Event Organization Committee: all PAC members are in this committee.

We encourage **long-term volunteers** to join our committee, please register to join us with this form:

<u>https://forms.gle/aodKd111ka4jM4k9A</u>. We plan to contact the registered **long term volunteers gathering on April 22th. Time and venue TBD**.

- 1. Preventing Vaping Workshop preparation: Education and Strategies for Parents at Home
- 2. Upcoming school events brainstorming

Please contact PAC Co-chair May Lee at Maylca808@gmail.com for more detail.

~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

With Graduation around the corner, the grad committee will be sending out important information regarding graduation events and ticket sales starting Monday. To stay up to date, if have not done so already, please provide your contact information by clicking the following link: <u>https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfun3Kmba6</u>

GRAD FUNDRAISERS:

The Graduation direct drive letter will be sent out again to all grade 12 parents/guardians, please check your email from the school for anyone who missed the first send out. This is a great and direct way to raise money for the class of 2025 graduation. Let's make Grad 2025 as special as this class! You can also reach out to the grad committee a <u>bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com</u> for more information if needed.

GRAD DATES and LOCATIONS:

- GRADUATION CEREMONY UBC Chan Centre FRIDAY, June 6, 2025 3pm -7pm
- GRAD RECEPTION AND DANCE The Nest UBC SATURDAY, June 14, 2025 6:30pm-10:30pm

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP – Byng has a <u>Byng Arts Parents Group</u> and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please join! <u>https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents</u>. Stay connected on WhatsApp. Join the "All Parents" and the subgroup you belong to <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/LebbGtqRocv31UU1OA0w38.</u>

~~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,说中文的家长可以将他们的问题或者疑虑发中文邮件到lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

Upcoming PAC meetings (all at 7pm): Jan 22, 2025, Feb 19, 2025, April 23, 2025, May 21, 2025. For any PAC-related questions or concerns please email us at <u>lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</u>

We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

Arts Info

To Tea or Not to Tea? Coffee House – April 24th

Next Coffee House - Date: April 24th, afterschool. To Tea or Not To Tea (Poetry Themed)

• Auditions: Monday, April 14th (Afterschool), Tuesday, April 15th (FIT) Form is available on Teams, due by next Thursday.

Upcoming Art Performances at Byng

Fri. April 11 – Strings Concert – 6:30pm Tues. April 15 – Band Concert – 6:30pm Thurs. April 17 - LBSO Concert – 6:30pm



Some Assembly Theatre Company Presents: Our Last Tree – May 2 & 3

May 2nd and 3rd, starting at 7:30 PM at the Roundhouse Performance Centre. Tickets can be purchased at https://someassembly.ca/.

Summer Programs in Toronto at OCUAD

International Summer Program in Art & Design Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 25, 2025 Join us for a **three-week**, **in-person studio experience**, designed for high school students and youth wanting to visit and create in Toronto, Canada.

Deadline: June 4, 2025 Info Session: April 10 at 8:00am ET, register here.

More Info: <u>2025 ISADR Application Form</u> 2025 Summer Workshops July 7 to July 11 July 14 to July 18 July 21 to July 25

Encourage your students to spend five days inside our main campus studios, learning from our faculty and creating portfolio-ready work.

Info Session: April 17 at 5:00pm ET, register here. Find out more: <u>Summer Workshops</u>

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program

https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/

Welcome to all our new applicants. We have completed our steps for Grade 8 and will continue to monitor Grades 9 to 12. We will reach out to students on the waitlist if things open up further.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Email the coordinator, Jon Hartley-Folz at <u>byngarts@vsb.bc.ca</u> if you have additional questions.

Byng Arts Passport

http://passport.lordbyng.net/

Keep going with your interactions with the arts.

The next tally will be done at the end of May (seven <u>new</u> events are expected for this submission for a minimum of 14 unlocked events).

Your events contribute to group House points. Our current leader is Hepburn House, but for how long?

BYNG ARTS Parent Group – Link: Byng Arts Parents Group

Byng Arts has a strong parent group, and they are reaching out to connect with other Byng Arts Parents. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already.

If you haven't done so, please use this <u>link</u> to join the Byng Arts email list OR see the Byng Arts section of the PAC website for information on how to join and get involved.

We will be planning for a Welcome Event for new Byng Arts applicants and their families in April. Please look for an email requesting volunteers in your inbox this weekend.

Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram (<u>@byngartstudentcouncil</u>)

Meeting Notes

Next Coffee House - Date: April 24th, afterschool. To Tea or Not To Tea (Poetry Themed)

- Ice Tea
- Lemon Squares
- Decorations Under the Poet -Tree
- Auditions: Monday, April 14th (Afterschool), Tuesday, April 15th (FIT) Form goes up tomorrow, due by next Thursday.

Sign up to Volunteer for the New Family Welcome (Tuesday, April 15th) on the form in Student Council section of Teams.

Wednesday, May 28th Byng Arts Alumni Reception ahead of Hadestown. This is part of our 25th Anniversary celebration. There will be access to the Senior Art show and finger food. Volunteers will be needed. Crew neck Merch is in process

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