

LORD BYNG SECONDARY

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Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

With only five more days of school remaining before the Winter Break there is still time to buy a Winter Holiday Tree from the Byng Tree Lot. Thank you to everyone that has already purchased a tree, there are still a few left but you may need to hurry as they are selling quickly.



Have a much-deserved restful weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

Figure 1 Happy holidays everyone, come and get a tree before they all sell out!!!



DECEMBER 2024								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1	2	3 UBC Sauder Visit @ FIT A323	4	5 Drama 10 Performance 6:30pm Theatre	6 Fire Drill @1:15pm CANCELLED	7		
8	9	Drama 10 Performance 6:30pm Theatre	11 CE9 Assembly 1-3 @12:15 Auditorium CLE 10 Assembly @1:40 Aud	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18 Gr. 8 Movie Day w/ PC's 12-3pm Aud	19 FIT for Learning – FIT Freeze Deadline Byng Arts Application	Last Day of Classes Airband – PM Blocks	21		
22	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28		
29	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break						

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School News

Highlights for the week just passed included an array of amazing hands-on learning opportunities supporting all four of our school's Four Pillars of Learning:

- Seasonal Preparations for the Year End Celebrations continue
- Project 3-B Members Hold their first training session for another very active year
- Byng Arts Drama Production
- Photography students learn about mysteries of the dark room

With the holiday season already beginning, staff and students are already making plans for the final day of seasonal cheer and merriment. One tradition that has been at Byng for many years has been the end of term Air Band event that is hosted in the school gymnasium for everyone to attend.

Each year thanks to our incredible PE Department led by Ms. Chong-Ping the school holds year-end performances for the enjoyment of the whole school on the final day of term before winter break. This year Mr. Jacob Richardson from the Math Department, Mr. Joshua Sundvick and Ms. Karli Sawka have taken over coordination of this whole school event.

Thanks to both of you and thank you to Ms. Kim Chong-Ping for keeping this Winter holiday tradition alive and well for so many years!



Training Day for Project 3-B

Members of Project 3-B met on Wednesday after school in the library for the very first training session of the 2024-25 school year.

Project 3-B has been an amazing program here at Byng for many years and this year the volunteer program is being organized, run and supported by Ms. Amy Wei. Ms. Wei is our new Settlement Worker and thanks to all her hard work over the past semester she has been able to set up the program for the year ahead.



Figure 2 Just one of the groups rehearsing for the annual Air Band performances for the final day of school.

Here is an update on this incredible event:

VSB SWIS Byng Project 3B is a student-led initiative at Lord Byng Secondary School dedicated to fostering inclusivity, leadership, and community engagement. Our team collaborates with the Vancouver School Board's Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program to support newcomer students and their families, helping them adapt to a new environment with confidence and ease. The 3B stands for Bridging, Bonding, and Building. A volunteer training session takes place every year, supporting new members and newcomer youth at Byng to connect with a broader community and have a smooth transition.

On December 4th, 70 Byng youth attended this year's volunteer training: No Barrier to Volunteer. During the 3-hour session, the participants had group discussions and shared, learned from the presentation and interacted with the guest speakers. At the end, all the participants enjoyed food and juice together at the cafeteria. Thanks to the support from the school admin and staff and the parent volunteers. Thanks to Eric Zhu (Gr. 8) for producing a flyer for the event and Kristina Yu (Gr.12), David Du (Gr.12) and Warren Ran (Gr.9) for sharing their experiences. Thanks to all participants for taking the first step to become volunteers.



Figure 3 Project 3-B Volunteers and mentors attend the first training session for students held on Wednesday evening.



TELL US MORE ABOUT...

- ONE THING YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATE'S SKILLS TALENTS
- ARE THERE ANY SIMILARITIES BETWEEN WHAT YOU HAVE LISTED AND WHAT YOUR CLASSMATES HAVE LISTED?







Figure 4 Supporting all Four of our school's Four Pillars of Learning 3-B student volunteers roll up their sleeves and get to work!

Byng Arts Drama

This week was the launch of the latest Grade 10 Theatre Production, Proof. The play focuses on Catherine, the daughter of Robert, a recently deceased mathematical genius in his fifties and professor at the <u>University of Chicago</u>, and her struggle with mathematical genius and <u>mental illness</u>. Catherine had cared for her father through a lengthy mental illness. Upon Robert's death, his ex-graduate student Hal discovers a paradigm-shifting <u>proof</u> about <u>prime numbers</u> in Robert's office. The title refers both to that proof and to the play's central question: Can Catherine prove the proof's authorship? Along with demonstrating the proof's authenticity, Catherine also finds herself in a relationship with Hal. Throughout, the play explores Catherine's fear of following in her father's footsteps, both mathematically and mentally and her desperate attempts to stay in control.



Drama and to all the actors and volunteers for producing another incredible work of art for us all to enjoy. Byng Theatre is very well respected throughout the city and has produced numerous incredible shows including the annual end of year TheaCo theatre productions.

Mr. Thiessen has done an excellent job supporting the school



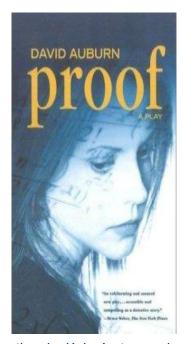


Figure 5 Special effects and lighting allows the school to put on a vast

array of incredible productions. This year the school is hoping to upgrade our current lighting system with the introduction of LED lighting that will facilitate the ability to adjust lighting numerous times throughout performances.

Thank you to Mr. Thiessen, our amazing Theatre Director and BA



in supporting the continued culture of excellence of theatre at the school by upgrading the capacity of the Byng auditorium so that students can continue to explore and develop their skills in all areas of theatre productions including stagecraft, lighting and special effects.



Figure 6 The TheaCo Year End Theatre Productions are just one of the amazing events hosted each year in the Byng Auditorium.

Great job Mr. Thiessen and special thanks to the Byng parent community for your generous support over many years in donating to upgrade the Byng Auditorium. This year's Direct Appeal funding requests include a direct appeal funding request for upgrading the theatre lighting replacing the current lights with LED lighting.

We look forward to enjoying these amazing productions in the Byng Auditorium for years to come!

Photography Students Learn About the Mysteries of the Dark Room

Another exciting learning opportunity in the Media Arts Department that supports our Student Engagement Pillar of Learning is in the basement of the school. Room 006 otherwise known as the Multi-Media Multi-Purpose is home to photography, drafting, animation and a host of other hands-on activities. One of the hidden secrets of the room is the Dark Room at the back of the room where photographs are developed by hand with the use of old-fashioned film and chemicals. This "high security" zone must be accessed through a door with a bell attached to make sure that light does not damage the developing film.

Multipurpose Room (A006) Photography

Our learning space and equipment provide students with endless possibilities to tap into their growth potential in creativity, freedom of identity exploration, collaboration, and personal expression. An upgrade to our school computers would allow students to push further into their learning without the restrictions and complications that the current computers create, such as currently being unable to run editing applications (such as Adobe Creative Cloud) properly without the computer crashing.





The school is also currently working towards replacing the computers in the room to continue to support some of the programming in the room that requires a high level of computer functionality. This includes media art programming, photography and animation.

Figure 7 Just a few of the keen photography students at work action shots around the school before heading into the dark room to begin the developing process.





Figure 8 An industrial scene, just one of the many creative works produced by photography students in Room 006!



Holiday Tree Lot Open for Business

Our traditional fundraiser for Byng Athletics is open for business. Please come support our Byng Athletics program by purchasing a holiday tree.

Our tree lot will be open from Nov 29th – Dec 17th(or until all trees are sold) . Please help support Byng Athletics! Cash and Credit Card will be accepted.

Weekdays: 12:30pm – 8:00pm

Weekend: 10am - 6pm

Grad Wear and Byng Wear Pick Up Rm A309.

If you ordered Byng clothing items, please see Mr. Johnston in room A309 for pick up.

Lost and Found Last Chance!

Please check the lost and found table on the second floor for lost clothing items, shoes, lunchboxes, waterbottles and backpacks, etc. For smaller items, please come to the school office. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the winter break. Any questions, please inquire at the office.

Literacy 12 Assessment

All Grade 12s have been registered to write the Literacy 12 Assessment required for graduation. Students are assigned to a specific date and time from the list below.

- Jan 14 AM 8:30-11:30
- Jan 15 PM 12:00-3:00
- Jan 16 AM 8:30-11:30
- Jan 21 PM 12:00-3:00
- Jan 22 PM 12:00-3:00
- Jan 23 AM 8:30-11:30

Lists will be posted on teams and outside the office next week. All the assessments will be written in the library. Please arrive 5 minutes early to sign in.

Byng Athletics

Cross Country

Two Lord Byng Grey Ghosts represented the Vancouver Thunderbirds at the Canadian Cross Country Championships in London, Ontario on November 30th. Under snowy and cold conditions, Chloe Symon placed 10th in a time of 22:45.7, while Jeevut Sajjan placed 45th, with a time of 23:54.4 out of 185 runners! As a team, the Vancouver Thunderbirds placed 2nd (Silver medal!) just nine points behind first place Central Toronto Athletic Club and nineteen points ahead of third place Newmarket Huskies Track and Field Club. Chloe was also part of the BC Team which placed first (Gold medal!). Congratulations ladies!

Mr. Jack

Athlete of the Week Lord Byng Student - Ethan Yiu

Ethan Yiu was selected as the Athlete of the Week by CityTV/News 1130.

https://vancouver.citynews.ca/2024/12/06/athlete-of-the-week-ethan-yiu-table-tennis/



Lord Byng Secondary School athlete on the way up

For this week's Athlete of the Week, 1130 NewsRadio caught up with Ethan Yiu to talk about his love for table tennis, and what comes next.

vancouver.citynews.ca

Grade 9 Boys Volleyball Open Gym

Starting Friday, December 6th, any grade 9 boys interested in playing volleyball this spring are invited to an open gym Fridays at 3pm to work on skill development before the season starts. Tryouts will be held nearer to the start of the season. For more info, contact Mr. Richardson.

Lord Byng Choir Program – Shredding Fundraiser – Dec 14th

"The Lord Byng Choir program will be offering their annual Shredding Fundraiser this Saturday, December 14 from 10:00am - 2:00pm! Tired of boxes of documents and papers collected over the years? Come by the Byng Staff parking lot on December 14! Stand back, relax, and watch all your documents shredded right before your eyes! We hope to see you there and thank you for your support for music education!"



Peer Counsellors Covenant House Fundraising

The Peer Counsellors are fundraising and doing a food drive for the Covenant House. The Covenant House is a non-profit that supports homeless youth in Vancouver. Please bring cash or non-perishable food donations to the counselling suite from now until December 20th.

The Peer Counsellors will also be selling \$2 tickets for a bag of chips for the Gr. 8 movie day on December 18th. The funds from the chips will also be donated to Covenant House. The tickets will be for sale on December 13th, 16th, and 17th at lunch outside the counselling suite. The chips will then be handed out at the movie for those who bought a ticket. There will not be ticket sales on the day of the movie.

Please email Kathleen Milinazzo for any questions about this fundraiser or gr. 8 movie day.

Student Excused Absences Procedure -Update

When a student is ill, or away for an excused reason, a parent/guardian must email the school at byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca 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.

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 https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca; 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		

School Cash Online

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

Canley Cup 2024

Student Council is collecting donations for the Canley Cup, a district school fundraiser competition that raises money for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Each dollar matters - one dollar donated equates to three cans of food for vulnerable populations.

To donate, there is an online donation form (https://vfd.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/lordbyng24); Student Council grade representatives will also be coming around every Thursday requesting donations, with a donation collection box in the office as well. To incentivize donations, Student Council is running a raffle for food truck credit - students can donate inperson on Thursday in their third block class to be eligible. A newsletter shout-out will also be given to the top online donator!

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

Vancouver Coastal Health – When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School?

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

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

Collaboration Dates and Schedule

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				

How to Sign Up for Flexible Instruction Time "FIT"

Please see link: **HERE** for instructions.

Daily, FIT (Flexible Instructional Time)

FIT time is a period of instructional time built into the Lord Byng schedule that gives our students the opportunity to have choice in their learning time. Examples of some ways to use FIT time include:

- Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments
- Connecting with counsellors
- Individual study time
- Work Experience 11 and 12

- Attending tutorial sessions
- Collaborating with peers on projects
- Career Education lessons and meetings
- Enrichment passion projects

Ultimately, FIT time empowers our students to take ownership of their own learning and gives them the opportunity to develop core competencies such as personal responsibility, self-regulation, goal setting, wellbeing, and communication.

Lord Byng Daily, FIT Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT				FIT
8:40 - 9:20				8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1				
9:20 - 10:20	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00	9:20 - 10:20
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:20 - 10:30	10:00 - 10:10	10:00 - 10:10	10:00 - 10:10	10:20 -10:30
BLOCK 2				
10:30 - 11:30	10:10 - 11:30	10:10 - 11:30	10:10-11:30	10:30 - 11:30
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15
BLOCK 3				
12:15 - 1:35	12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:35	12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:35
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1:35 - 1:40	1:15 - 1:20	1:35 - 1:40	1:15 - 1:20	1:35 - 1:40
	FIT		FIT	
	1:20 -2:00		1:20 - 2:00	
BLOCK 4				
1:40 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	1:40 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	1:40 - 3:00

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

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H-L Ms. J. Radic

M-T Ms. S. Schumacher

U-Z Ms. M. VanderKlippe

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STS/BCeID

Grade 11s and 12s students need to register for BCeID Register for BCeID. 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 (STS login).

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.

Semester 2

We will meet with students for any course adjustments on January 27 (Monday) for grade 12s in the morning and grade 11s in the afternoon, and January 28 (Tuesday) for grade 10s in the morning, and grade 9s and 8s in the afternoon. Please know that we will try our best and that our timetable is very full for certain grades and subjects.

Course Selection

Course selection presentations will be happening on February 6 (period 1 - grade 8s, period 2 - grade 9s, period 3- grade 10s, period 4 - grade 11s) in the auditorium.

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 Dec 13, 2024

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

November PAC meeting:

The PAC meeting on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. held online via Zoom was productive. Mr. Wilmann introduced the 2024-2025 school year's new enrichment programs, the 100th anniversary, and a summary of the Grade 8 camping trip. Please refer to the link for more details.

Direct Appeal letter:

Dear Parents and Guardians of Lord Byng Students,

Today marks the launch of our *Lord Byng PAC Annual Fundraising Campaign*, and we need your support more than ever! Thanks to your incredible generosity last year, we raised over **\$29,281.68 from the Direct Appeal** — an amount that made a *tangible difference* in the lives of our students. With your help, we were able to fund all or partial of crucial projects such as:

- Cardio Equipment for the Fitness Center: Hundreds of students use this space during and after school.
- Important equipment for ADST learning including metal workshop, photography, and foods
- Program support for numerous clubs including Science, Math, Debate, Robotics, Model UN, and many others
- Support for Byng's Indigenous education & Community partnership
- Funding to support Byng youth at risk program
- Anti-racism, inclusion and diversity initiatives
- Multi-purpose learning space (partial)

Every dollar raised was put to use, and nearly every student at Lord Byng benefited directly from these investments. *Thank you* for making that possible!

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
- 2025 Byng 100th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony

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 Principal Letter Direct Appeal 2024.pdf

We are asking families who are able, to consider making a \$150 donation, which will be tax-receipted. Please visit SchoolCashOnline 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 2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf.

Or visit the Lord Byng PAC website at www.lordbyngpac.com 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

Sincerely, The Lord Byng PAC

亲爱的Lord Byng学生的家长和监护人们:

今天,我们正式启动了Lord Byng家长委员会 (PAC) 年度筹款活动,我们比以往任何时候都更加需要您的支持!感谢您去年慷慨解囊,我们通过直接捐赠筹集了超过29,281.68加元,这笔资金在学生们的生活中发挥了重要作用。得益于您的帮助,我们能够资助一些关键项目的全额或部分费用,具体包括:

- 健身中心的心肺设备:成百上千的学生在课后和放学后使用这个空间。
- ADST (艺术、设计、技术与科学) 课程所需的设备,包括金属工作坊、摄影及食品课程等。
- 对多个俱乐部的支持,包括科学、数学、辩论、机器人、模拟联合国等。
- 支持Byng的原住民教育与社区合作。
- 支持Byng的青少年风险项目。
- 反种族主义、包容性和多样性倡议。
- 多功能学习空间(部分资助)。

每一笔捐款都得到了充分利用,几乎所有Lord Byng的学生都直接受益于这些投资。感谢您让这一切成为可能!

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。
- 2025年学校百年庆典活动。

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<u>2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf</u>.

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。

此致

敬礼!

Lord Byng PAC

-- Fundraising Initiatives-

*Byng Student Handmade Greeting Card Sale

Our students had launched a crafted **handmade Greeting Cards Program** for 3 weeks to raise funds for their clubs and the school, while celebrating the holiday spirit. Each card reflects their hopes for society, nature, and the season, charged for **10\$ each**. While they may not be perfect or the best price, these cards are a heartfelt expression of the students' creativity. As you share them with friends and family, you can proudly say, "These are the works of our talented students, you supported and contributed." Your support means a lot to us and will contribute to our school community. Feel free to **place an order** <u>here</u>.

The first batch of greeting cards created by Byng students is being shared with everyone here. Students put a lot of thought into them, and the cards are very meaningful. There are images of homeless polar bears, quotes from Martin Luther King and Michael that touch the soul, and classic, special color combinations. Many of them are quite moving and impressive. Most of the greeting cards have a Holiday theme, not limited to Christmas, and can be used year-round. The students are still creating, and the second batch will be submitted next Tuesday. We hope more parents could **1. Place orders** to support, and **2. Remind your children to participate** in the creation and submit to any of the club leaders they joined before **3pm Dec 17th**. PAC will give volunteer hours to the children who participate, take a **group photo on 3:15pm Dec 17th (Next Tuesday) at the school entrance facing the basketball court** as a keepsake so they can have a great participation experience.



The first batch of cards will be delivered on Friday, December 13, and the second batch will be delivered on Wednesday, December 18, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the school entrance facing the basketball court. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, feel free to contact lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com.

-2025 Byng Winter Fair event preparation-

2025 Byng Winter Fair will be organized on 3-8pm Jan 23th, 2025 Thursday @ Lord Byng Cafeteria (Crown street Entrance).

- Limited Space, First Come First Serve! Register here for a Free Booth now!
- Please feel free to contact lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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 https://www.lordbyngpac.com/ to subscribe. We look forward to connecting with you.

NEW PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee - PAC would like to create 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).

NEW Fundraising & Event Organization Committee: - PAC established this committee primarily to collaboratively ensure sufficient funding for more enriched programs for school students. Please contact PAC Co-chair May Lee Maylca808@gmail.com or Text message to 236-990-9228(Same as Whatsapp) or Wechat: Maylee2023.

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 noradyng@hotmail.com

~~ DPAC INFO ~~

DPAC news. Please see any updates on DPAC Info

DPAC representatives: Cindy cgroner18@gmail.com Nora noradyng@hotmail.com

~~ GRAD 2025 PARENT INFO ~~

Grade 12 Parents List

- Join the <u>Grad Parents Registration form</u> to get updates of Grad related events and important dates throughout this year.
- If you would like to be part of the Grad Committee, please send an email directly to the grad committee bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com

IMPORTANT UPCOMING GRAD FUNDRAISERS

The grad committee is off to a great start with fundraising efforts. We would like to thank everyone who participated in any or all the events in raising \$9,800 so far.

Please watch for more fundraisers and a direct drive coming in 2025 as the grad committee, parents and grads work towards raising enough funds for their June grad events.

GRAD DATES and LOCATIONS:

- Graduation Ceremony UBC Chan Centre FRIDAY, June 6, 2025
- GRAD DINNER AND DANCE The Nest UBC SATURDAY, June 14, 2025

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

Weekly updates Byng Arts PAC sub-committee had an in-person meeting on Dec 4 from 6-7 in the school library.

BYNG ARTS PARENTS SURVEY Mr. Hartley-Folz invites all Byng Arts parents to fill out this <u>short survey</u> to get to know all the parents better.

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

~~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): Nov 20, 2024; Jan 22, 2025, Feb 19, 2025, April 23, 2025, May 21, 2025. 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

<u>Winter Art Market in the Foyer – December 11 to 17th</u>

Food Bank Fundraiser – Buy your candles today!

The Art Department is busy at work making cards and candles for the Winter Art Market.

Come by the gallery foyer to buy your cards and candles in person or use this <u>LINK</u> to order your candle online. (We will add the amount to your School Cash Account for easy payment). Choose from:

- CLARITY: Awaken your senses with Rosemary, Lavender & Mint (\$12)
- CITRUS & SPICE: Enjoy the fragrances of Orange, Cinnamon & Pine (\$12)
- Or choose one of each for \$20

All money earned will be given to our local food bank to help families during the holiday season.

Candles are naturally scented with soy-based wax. Candles and cards were all made with love by our creative art students



Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Online Portal Now Open (Make sure to pick up the paper application first)

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

Deadline is December 19th

The Byng Arts Mini School has a long history at Lord Byng. Established in 1999 to acknowledge the creative energy and strong programs in our senior Strings and Drama departments it has grown to encompass all grades and offer opportunities not only in Strings and Drama but also Visual Art, Band, Choir, and Media Arts, with further opportunities available in Literary Arts in Grade 11 and 12.

Byng Arts, has all the benefits of a large high-school, while also maintaining a strong sense of community. In addition to an enriched curriculum in their fine art focus, all students in Byng Arts participate in events that feature community artists, musicians, and performers, thereby strengthening the collaboration between Byng and the professional arts community.

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

Application envelopes are now available and can be picked up from our office. Online registration starts November 12th (pick up an application envelope before going online). The deadline for submitting both your paper application AND your online submission is December 19th.

Email the coordinator, Jon Hartley-Folz at byngarts@vsb.bc.ca if you have additional questions.

Byng Arts TEAM Page

We hope that you are staying connected with all things Byng Arts related by checking out our TEAMS page for news and updates. Use this link to see what is going on: Byng Arts Info Site (2024-25) | General | Microsoft Teams

Byng Arts Passport

http://passport.lordbyng.net/

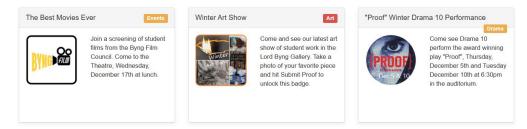
How Many Events Have You Unlocked?!

Everyone should have signed in to their passport account by now. We have sent out a pair of email updates with your current passport tally (number of badges unlocked) and username information.

Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz (<u>jhartley@vsb.bc.ca</u>) if you are having difficulties or review the instructions in the email.

The passport is a fun, but mandatory part of our program at Byng Arts. Byng Arts Passports are reviewed every January and May and students are **expected to have recorded seven or more events** by January.

Here are some of the most recent options:



Get out there and start recording your interactions with the arts!

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.

Student Council Info

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

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