



Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

Thank you to parents and students for your support throughout the year, on behalf of the school staff we wish you all the very best for the Winter Holiday Season! School will start back on Monday January 6th, 2025.

Mr. Wilmann

Lord Byng Principal



Figure 1 Peer Counsellors share their seasonal musical talent for the Grade 8 movie afternoon.

JANUARY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			New Year's Day ¹	Winter Break ²	Winter Break ³	⁴
⁵	School Reopens ⁶	ADST Rotation 6 Begins ⁷	CLE 10 Assembly 1-3 @12:15 AUD CLC 11 Assembly 1-4 @1:40 AUD ⁸	⁹	Fire Drill @1:15pm ¹⁰	¹¹
¹²	¹³	Gr. 12 Literacy Assmnt Library – AM ¹⁴	Black Excellence Day / Collaborative Day Students Start 10am ¹⁵	Gr. 12 Literacy Assessment Library-AM ¹⁶	¹⁷	¹⁸
¹⁹	²⁰	Gr. 12 Literacy Assessment Library-PM ²¹	Gr. 12 Literacy Assessment Library-PM ²²	Gr. 12 Literacy Assmnt Lib-AM PAC Winter Fair 3-8pm ²³	²⁴	²⁵
²⁶	Semester Turnaround Day Byng Arts Auditions ²⁷	Semester Turnaround Day Byng Arts Auditions ²⁸	Lunar New Year Start of Semester 2 ²⁹	FIT for Learning FIT Freeze Semester 1 Report Card MyED BC ³⁰	³¹	

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School News

Other highlights from the past week included:

- **Social and Emotional Learning: Jack.Org Presents to Grade 9 & 10 Career Education Students**
- **Student Engagement Through Hands on Learning: Physical Education Students Learn about Critical Care and First Aid**
- **Byng Students Haul in the Prizes in a Canada Wide Career Education Competition**
- **Indigenous Teaching and Learning: Student Volunteers Complete Many Nations Room Wall Mural**

Careers Education Students Learn about Mental Health

Supporting our students to understand Mental Health both the causes and supports was the focus of this week’s Career Education 9 and 10 presentations. Guest presenters from jack.org met with students during the Tuesday Flexible Instructional Time period and provided insightful and informative information on how to understand both the causes and consequences of mental health conditions and how to get help.

As well as providing information and resources the presenters gave students the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer discussion period and students each were given an assignment to complete that will contribute to their Career Education Program assessment for this term.

Jack Talks are mental health presentations that use the power of personal stories and peer-to-peer connection to spark open dialogue about mental health challenges, support, and resources.

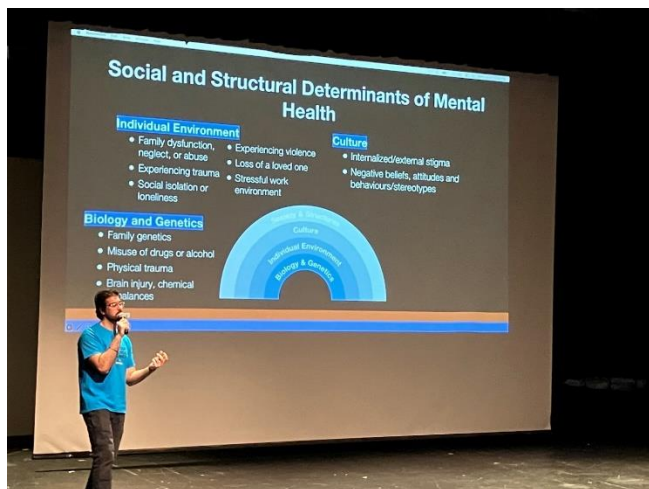


Figure 2 Jack. Org presenters support the school’s Social and Emotional Pillar of learning by helping students to understand mental health during a presentation at Byng Secondary School.

Learning Through Doing: Byng Students Engage in Hands on Learning with Lifesaving Teachings, WheelChair Basketball and Dance

The PE Department at Byng does an outstanding job to provide students with resources and tools to support them at school and into their adult lives.

Last week both Grade 9 & 10 PE Students had the opportunity to learn life safe CPR and first aid training during their classes last week. This type of learning aligns with the BC Curriculum Guide for both Core and Curricula Competencies and supports our school’s Four Pillars of Learning.

Other exciting hands on learning opportunities that took place in the PE classes included Wheelchair Basketball and learning how to dance.

Physical and Health Education 10

[Background Information](#) ▾ [Change Grade](#) ▾

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Core Competencies

Communication ▾

Thinking ▾

Personal and Social ▾

Big Ideas

Understanding our strengths, weaknesses, and personal preferences helps us plan and achieve our [goals](#).

Trying a variety of [physical activities](#) can increase the likelihood that we will be active throughout our lives.

Healthy [choices](#) influence, and are influenced by, our physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Personal [fitness](#) can be maintained and improved through regular participation in physical activities.



Figure 3 Physical Education Students Learn about CPR during a PE lesson

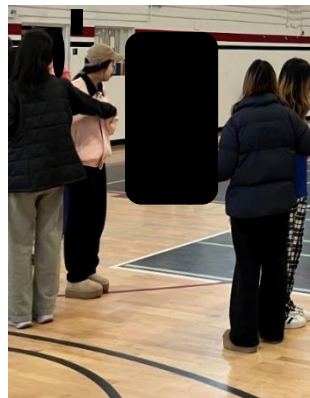


Figure 4 Ms. Kim Chong -Ping and Ms. White Demonstrate a dance routine during another interactive PE learning opportunity.



Figure 5 As well as having fun students learn about inclusive learning as part of this valuable PE Lesson on Wheelchair Basketball.

Chatter High: Byng Students Haul in the Prizes in a Canada Wide Career Education Competition

Career Education students at Byng had the opportunity to participate in a Canada wide Career Education competition this Fall and did exceedingly well. Ms. Kim Chong-Ping provides an update on the outcome for our school and students:

Our school competed in a Canada wide Career Competition. Over 300 schools participated, and our school won first place in the Quad A division, and our school will receive a \$1200 cheque! In addition, we had 73 students receive \$100 bursaries, and two students at our school won \$600 bursaries. That means as a school, we won a total of \$9,500!

Engage And Assess Learners With Digital Information

Our award-winning content engagement platform is simple to use, engages students, and raises awareness to better prepare them for future success.

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We will be having a special presentation on December 20th, at the beginning of Airband. The CEO of Chatterhigh will be here in person to award us a school banner for finishing first place, and he will also announce the names of all the students' names who won money, and I will give each of the students their cheque after airband is over. We will have

the CEO of Skills Canada join us remotely for the presentation, and Ryan Fullerton from VSB, and local media have also been invited.

Congratulations Byng Students and thank you Career Education staff for supporting our students to learn about Career Education through the Chatterhigh learning platform!

Indigenous Teaching and Learning: Student Volunteers Complete Many Nations Room Wall Mural

Supporting our school's Indigenous Teaching and Learning Pillar of Learning Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo and several students have been working hard throughout the Fall Term to complete the artwork that was started by Indigenous artist Jason Taylor in the Many Nations Room.

For those of you new to the school creating the Many Nations Room was the vision of former Byng Indigenous Education Worker Mr. Chad Carpenter who wanted to create a safe inclusive space for students at Byng from all countries, continents, cultures and religions. Much of the artwork in this space was completed by Kwakwaka'wakw artist from Vancouver Island. Jason Taylor had left several ovoid shapes and designs with the intention that this work would be completed by students.

Finally, with the leadership of our amazing counsellor Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo the room is getting the attention that it needed with the last coats of paint being added to the wall mural with the help of our student Indigenous Leadership Team.

Figure 6 A proud moment, members of the Indigenous Student Leadership Team take a moment to celebrate their success in completing the Many Nations Room Wall Mural-great job everyone!!!



And of course, as well as all the active learning taking place at the school the seasonal merriment and celebration has been lifting the school spirit as we head ever closer to the Winter Break holidays!

Seasonal Highlights from the week included:

- The Strings Winter Concert
- The Art Department Foodbank Fundraiser
- The Tree Lot Sale inches closer to the finish line

Entertaining our elementary partner schools the talented Byng Band and Strings students performed a series of beautiful season tunes for the captive audience.

One surprise visitor that came close to upstaging the event was a visit by Santa Claus, although it's not clear if this was the real one or an imposter-time will tell!



Figure 7 Ms. Ruth Anderson checks out Santa makes sure that Santa behaves this year!!

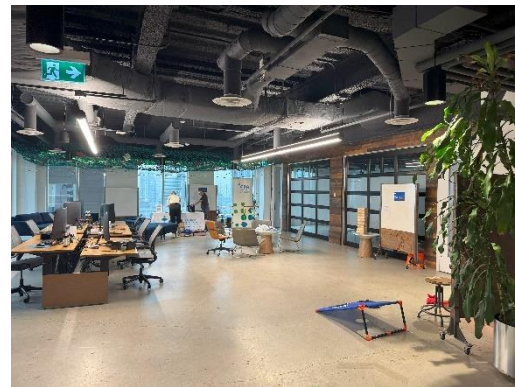
Figure 8 The holiday spirit comes to life throughout the school



Figure 8 It was a rush to the end as the final tree sales flew off the lot!!!

KPMG Discovery Day

Ms. Schnieder's Accounting 11 and Accounting 12 classes attended KPMG's Discovery Day at their head office downtown. Students heard from a panel of accountants in various roles, learned about the different areas of accounting, networked, enjoyed carnival games and had a tour of the offices. CPA BC was also in attendance to teach students about the professional accounting pathway. Thank you again to KPMG for having us!



American Mathematics Competition (Grade 10 and 12)

More than 300,000 students worldwide participate in the AMC 10 and 12 annually. This is an opportunity for students to put their problem-solving skills to work in a mathematical setting. While some of the problems are based on curricular concepts studied in class, many require the use of creative thinking and strategies. Congratulations to our top scorers this year!

- Our top three scorers for the AMC 12 this year are: **Cindy Wu (Grade 11), Oscar Chen (Grade 11) and Aaron Su (Grade 10)**
- Our top three scorers for the AMC 10 this year are: **Tim Yang (Grade 10), Claire Yao (Grade 8) and Ryan Wu (Grade 8)**

We have nine Byng students who have qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) this year. Only students with scores in the top 5% (AMC 12) or top 2.5% (AMC 10) are invited to write this contest. Good luck to our AIME qualifiers who will write the contest in February.

Again, this would not be possible with the generous financial support of PAC. Thank you!

Lost and Found Last Chance!

Please check the lost and found table on the second floor for lost clothing items, shoes, lunchboxes, water bottles 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.

Career Education

This year was Lord Byng's second year competing in ChatterHigh's "**Let's Talk Careers: Canada's Most Informed School & Student**" competitions. There were over 330 schools nation-wide that participated in the 40-day contest this Fall. Last year Lord Byng finished 2nd place in the Nation with just our Career Life Education 10 students participating. The reigning champion for the past 5 years was W.J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford and this year we wanted to earn the title! We involved students in our Career Life Education 10, Career Education 9, and Career Life Connections 11 to participate. In total, we had 752 participants. Not only did Lord Byng win the AAAA competition this year, and win \$1200 for the school, but we also had two students earn \$600 in Bursaries and we also had an additional 70 students earn \$100 Bursaries, for a total of \$9400!

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.schoolcashionline.com/>

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments • Connecting with counsellors • Individual study time • Work Experience 11 and 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending tutorial sessions • Collaborating with peers on projects • Career Education lessons and meetings • Enrichment passion projects |
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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 8:40 - 9:20				FIT 8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20
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Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo

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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 [link](#). 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 20, 2024

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

Dec PAC group gathering:

The PAC executives and some members at large met on December 16 to strengthen team cohesion and discuss ways to enhance communication with parents and increase PAC's influence in supporting the school and students.



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 or more**, 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[SchoolCashOnline](#)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。

此致
敬礼！
Lord Byng PAC

--Fundraising Initiatives--

*Byng Student Handmade Greeting Card Sale

*Exciting Update on the Handmade Greeting Card Fundraiser

We're thrilled to announce that we totally received **75 greeting cards**. The first batch of greeting cards has completely sold out!. The students are incredibly engaged in the last 3 weeks. **A special thank you to the student club coordinator and the following clubs and their leaders: Youth Voice Club, WithMe Club, and 3B Club.** We truly appreciate your participation and contribution in boosting our community!

The cards feature a "Winter" theme, which isn't limited to Christmas, so they can be used for other occasions in the rest of the year or even in future years. Your thoughtful contribution of \$10-\$20 will not only support the children's original artwork but will also bring a warm boost to our community!

We hope that all parents, whether your children have participated or not yet, please support this initiative by purchasing more cards.

To Order or Support via E-transfer: please use the link here: <https://forms.gle/qhUruiVfJPEkp4gF7>

All funds raised will go directly to support the school's general and student clubs.

For those who are just ordered: Most parents have already picked up their cards. All new orders will be available for pickup after the holiday break, from **9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on January 10th, 2025, at the school entrance facing the basketball court.** If you need to pick up your order urgently for the holiday, please feel free to text **236-990-9228** to book an appointment.

Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, feel free to contact lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com.



–2025 Byng Winter Fair event Registration–

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!** The donation percentage is voluntary. Please check the details in the registration form above
- Please feel free to contact lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com if you have any questions.

–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 [ORDER FORM](#) and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card.
- **Stongs Market**- shop online at www.stongs.com, 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.

For those who ordered during the holiday season : please feel free to text **236-990-9228** to book an appointment.

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

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 j.crummey@icloud.com (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 [Grad Parents Registration form](#) 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 [short survey](#) 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): 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

Winter Art Market Food Band Fundraiser

Thank you for putting the FUN into FUNdraising! Our Winter Market finished on Tuesday and we raised over a \$1000 in proceeds. This was a Food Bank Fundraiser and we will send a check with all the profits to our local Vancouver location, just in time for the holidays.



Thank you to the artists who made the candles and cards and to the volunteers who gave up their time to run the market. Well done everyone, you are all on Santa's nice list!! Happy Holidays.

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program

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

Deadline for the envelope and Part 1 of the online form was December 19th

Part 2: The Fine Art Supplemental should be submitted before January 1st.

Confirmation emails will be sent out when we return in January. Short lists for auditions will go out later in January. Audition dates are January 27th and 28th.

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?!

We have sent out a pair of email updates last week with your passport tally (number of badges unlocked) and username information.

Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca) 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:

<p>Air Band 2024 Events</p>  <p>Join in the celebration in the gym on the last day of school before Winter Break. Document the performers busting a move and hit submit to unlock this badge.</p>	<p>The Best Movies Ever Events</p>  <p>Join a screening of student films from the Byng Film Council. Come to the Theatre, Tuesday, December 17th at lunch.</p>	<p>Winter Art Show Art</p>  <p>Come and see our latest art show of student work in the Lord Byng Gallery. Take a photo of your favorite piece and hit Submit Proof to unlock this badge.</p>
<p>"Proof" Winter Drama 10 Performance Drama</p>  <p>Come see Drama 10 perform the award winning play "Proof", Thursday, December 5th and Tuesday December 10th at 6:30pm in the auditorium.</p>	<p>Luna General</p>  <p>Tis the holiday season. Unlock your art related events for December by sending in photo proof of your activities. Only two months to go until the first passport tally!</p>	<p>Once Upon A Winter - November 27th Events</p>  <p>Winter is coming November 27th at the Roundhouse Community Center. Gala theme is all things winter - come in costume. Dinner is pizza, chips, and pop. Dance and games to follow. Sign in at the event to unlock this badge.</p>

Get out there during Winter Break and record 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 [link](#) 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)

Happy Holidays to everyone.