



Newsletter

Friday Feb 14, 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

With the Family Day Long weekend about to begin, I would like to wish you all the very best for a restful and enjoyable weekend with family and friends!

Mr. Wilmann

FEBRUARY 2025						
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School News

Highlights this week Include:

- The School Lunar Celebrations Acknowledge the Year of the Snake
- February is Black History Month
- TheoCo Students Learn about the final production: Hades Town
- Students in all grades learn about the need for Cyber Safety
- The first step in planning for the 2025-26 school year begins with students in Grades 8-11 attending course planning assemblies with the Counsellors
- September in January
- Planning for our 100 Year Anniversary

The School Community Celebrates the Year of the Snake

Thank you to all the staff, students and community volunteers for all their work to celebrate the Lunar New Year.



This new Year is recognized as the **Year of the Snake** and was celebrated at our school with a full audience in attendance at this school wide event.

Thank you to **Ms. Amy Wei**, our **Settlement Worker**, for coordinating with staff, students and members of the community to organize this year’s celebrations. Special thanks also to members of the **3-B Club** for all their hard work planning, organizing and running this year’s celebrations.

Student Members of the Project 3-B B begin the Lunar New Year Celebrations at Lord Byng Secondary School



Traditional Games and activities provided a fun-filled lunch on a day filled with celebration.

There was an opportunity to learn Classical Chinese Character writing. How would we grade this student's effort?? Beginning, Developing, Proficient or Extending???

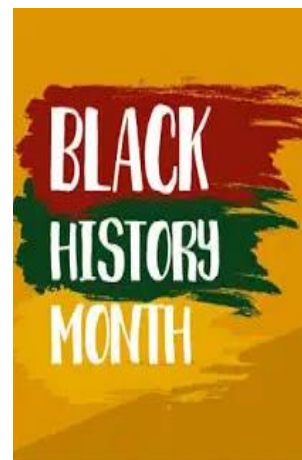


February is Black History Month

February is Black History Month in Canada and an opportunity for staff, students and parents to take a deep dive into learning about the lived experiences of Black Canadians and to support our **Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of Learning**. Helping the school with this important learning journey once again was our resident historian Mr. Andy Johnston who highlighted and recognized [Dr. Dominic Gaspard](#):

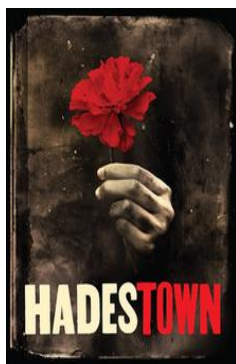
“Living a life devoted to military and community service, Dr. Dominique François Gaspard broke down barriers of race, language, and class, clearing the way for doctors of African descent in Canada. Canadians value learning about the country’s past, in all its richness and complexity. By sharing these stories with Canadians, we hope to foster better understanding and open discussions on the histories, cultures, and realities of Canada’s history.”

*The Honourable Steven Guilbeault |
Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada*



Hades Town Comes to Byng

It was an exciting start to the new Semester for all students and especially for the Theatre Company students that started the semester with an introduction to Darren Hales and the Arts Club Theatre Team.



Our Theatre Company student actors are once again working towards an exciting end of the school year with the final performance of another spectacular Theatre Production. This year’s Theatre production is titled Hades Town and is set in the city of New Orleans.

With auditions about to begin students set out to learn lines and prepare for the task to come.

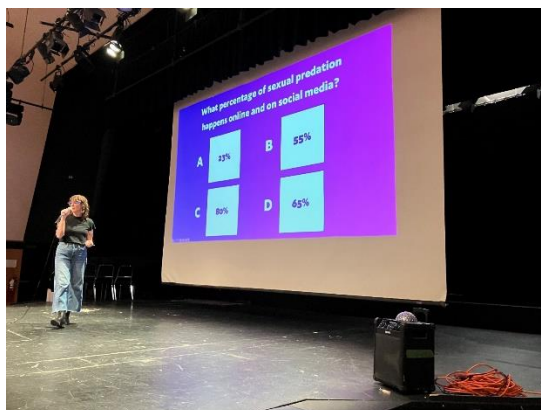
Theatre Company Students begin the Semester with introductions from the Arts Club Theatre Team and Byng TheCo staff Ms. Karli Sawka and Mr. Matt Thiessen.



Students Learn About Cyber Safety

Staying safe online was the focus of assemblies that were presented to all students in the school last week. This important workshop provided students with an opportunity to hear from an outside facilitator about how to stay safe online and to understand the dangers of Sexual Exploitation.

This important learning opportunity was organized by the Byng Counselling Team.



Students in all Grades learned about Cyber safety and understanding the dangers of online sexual exploitation.

Course Planning Assemblies

As well as the Cyber Safety assemblies held last week, students in Grades 8-11 attended the introductory course planning assemblies. These assemblies provide detailed information on the course selection process and how to sign up on MyEd for courses for next year’s schedule. Students were able to sign up for courses after the assemblies and an important information session for parents has been organized by the Counselling Team to provide insight and information for parents for this week.

Among the many highlights of the assemblies students learned about graduation requirements for students in Grades 10

& 11, as well as provided with important up to date information on changes for university applications and the changes to entry requirements at the major Canadian universities.

Additionally, students had an opportunity to learn about new courses that are being offered at the school.



One of the new courses offered to students this year is the Bicycle Mechanics Program.

Thanks again to our Counselling Team for all your work informing our students and for supporting all their learning needs!

September in February?

The past few weeks felt strangely familiar with both students and staff alike asking:

“Is it September in February?”

Counsellors met with students to make course adjustments, staff reviewed course expectations, while students introduced themselves to their peers and teachers and reviewed course outlines for the S2 start. Here is just a quick look at some of the exciting meetings taking place for the start of Semester 2 at the school:

Students introduce themselves to peers and work on exciting new projects for the start of the semester.



Warming up, this group of Grade 9s start a new fitness regime with Mr. Jack at the beginning of their PE 9 Programming



Welcome Back! Student Council President Lincoln St John welcomes students back to school with a hot burger and fries on a cold February day- thanks Lincoln!!!

Byng hosts the Basketball City Championships with finalists receiving their awards at the end of the final game and athletes being recognized for their accomplishments throughout the championships- thanks Mr. Sandher

(Athletics Director) & Mr. Pettifer (Coach & new PE Department Staff Member) for hosting this tournament at our school and congrats to the Byng Senior Boys Team for their accomplishment in the tournament.



Lord Byng Celebrates 100 Years of Teaching and Learning Excellence



This year Lord Byng Secondary School celebrates its 100-year anniversary and is currently planning several significant events to mark the occasion. Helping the school to plan these events is a former Byng graduate and Alumni member Mr. Paul Davidescu. Paul met with a small group on the planning committee on

Friday and provided some important planning ideas for the school with his extensive business, marketing and event planning experience.

Stay tuned for more updates on this very exciting event for 2025!!!

Thanks everyone for the smooth start up for Semester 2 and all that you do to support all our learners at Byng!

Collaboration Dates and Schedule - Wednesday, Feb 19th

This is a reminder that Wednesday, Feb 19th is a Collaborative Day. 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

School Cash Online

Please pay all school fees via School Cash Online. <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Graduates of 2025 – Grad Photos at Artona!

Graduates of 2025: There’s still time to get your grad photos at Artona! You will be included on the class composite if you are photographed by March 31. Please book now by scanning the QR code or visiting artona.com/bookings



When: Today until March 31, 2025

Location: Artona Vancouver Studio - 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver

If you need any assistance in booking your appointment, please contact our customer service team here: artona.com/contact-us

Matchmakers

Students check out their Matchmakers during Wednesday's lunch ahead of Valentines thanks to Lord Byng Student Council.



Sidewalk Closure

Crown St. north of 14th will be closed for February
Likely sidewalks on Crown between 14th and 13th will be affected as well.

Yearbook

Dear parents,

The Lord Byng School 2025 Yearbook is ON SALE NOW but selling fast. This yearbook is extra unique since it is the 100 year anniversary of the school as well as the 25 year anniversary of the Byng Arts program!

Don't wait to reserve your students copy of the Lord Byng Yearbook for just \$50.00. Reserve your copy with payment through school cash online.

These are the days your students will want to remember, captured, and curated with passion by the Byng Yearbook team forever.

We sold out last year! Copies are limited so purchase yours today and don't miss out!

Lost and Found - All Items Need to be Picked Up By Thursday, Feb 13th

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. **Please note all items will be donated to charity by Thursday, February 13th.**

Lord Byng 100 Years Celebration

The first annual of Lord Byng Secondary 1932.

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. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Details to follow.

Byng Athletics

Track & Field

Early morning training will start next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30am in the gym.

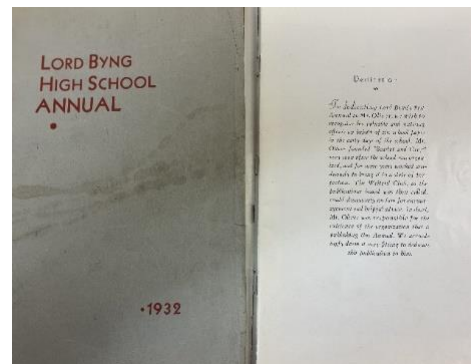


Table Tennis: Student Volunteers Needed

Lord Byng is hosting Table Tennis Provincials Championships on Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1. Volunteers are needed to assist with setup, cleanup, and scorekeeping. Volunteers will earn valuable service hours.

If you are interested, please contact Dan at dmarks@vsb.bc.ca

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.

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 <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 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](#)

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.

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo

H - L Ms. J. Radic

M-T Ms. S. Schumacher

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Course Selection for Next School Year (Student and Parent Presentations)

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

Counsellors will be presenting and will follow up student presentations with **parent presentations**, which will happen on **February 13** (Thursday) in the afternoon in our school's auditorium. Parent presentations will be as follows 5-6pm grade 8s/9s (juniors) and 7-8pm grade 10s/11s (seniors). We look forward to seeing parents come out and hope that you bring all your questions.

All the information pertaining to our Course selection can be found on our [course-planning page](#) (Please note that we are still updating all the information on this page.)

Course selection entries into myed are due on February 19th.

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.

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 Feb 14, 2025

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

Next PAC Zoom meeting: March 5th at 7 PM



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 the **subscribe link**: <https://lordbyngpac.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=af85d7bc4fcc7ac2d125c476c&id=df1ad1ae5c>

We look forward to connecting with you.

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 **\$16,660.00** before Christmas holiday .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**
- **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

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，我们在圣诞假期之前已经筹集到了 \$16,660.00。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。
- 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。

–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.

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 noradyng@hotmail.com

~~ 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 j.crummey@icloud.com (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:

<https://forms.gle/aodKd111ka4jM4k9A>

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.

~~ DPAC INFO ~~

Please see new and important updates on [DPAC Info](#)

Vancouver DPAC is excited to announce a unique opportunity for teens and parents/caregivers to contribute to an international report on the impact of social media on youth well-being. The Archewell Foundation (the nonprofit organization founded by Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex) is leading this initiative, and DPAC is assisting by inviting participation from teens and parents/caregivers in our community.

<https://www.vancouverdpac.org/archewell/>

Please also see the most updated DPAC newsletter shared by DPAC chair here

<https://mailchi.mp/dc2b3dd67188/february2025>.

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

~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

With Graduation only 4 months away, important information regarding Graduation events and tickets will soon start. To stay up to date please provide your contact information by clicking the following link:

<https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfun3Kmba6>

GRAD FUNDRAISERS:

Please check email for the direct drive letter sent out last week to all grade 12 parents/guardians. 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! We will be sending it out again if you missed it. You can also reach out to the grad committee at bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com for more information if needed.

GRAD DATES and LOCATIONS:

- **GRADUATION CEREMONY** - UBC Chan Centre - FRIDAY, June 6, 2025
- **GRAD RECEPTION AND DANCE** - The Nest UBC - SATURDAY, June 14, 2025

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP – Byng has a [Byng Arts Parents Group](https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents) 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

Art News

Expresso Your Love Coffee House

February 12th

Congratulations to Byng Arts Student Council for hosting another fun-filled event. Performances, treats, Byngo, Karaoke, and prizes were had after school on Thursday.

Well done to all the performers.



XOXO

History of Motown with Krystle Dos Santos

As part of Black History Month, the Byng Arts program invited in Krystle Dos Santos and her band to perform. This lively celebration was broadcast to the rest of school through Teams and had students moving to hit by The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, the Temptations and the Jackson 5. Students learned some of the history and interesting facts about how these key artists broke through the colour barrier and their ongoing impact that they have had on today's music.

It was especially exciting to learn that one of our alumni, Cole Tinney (Band Grad class of 2009) was following his passion for music, playing keyboards, for the band.

A big thank you goes out to the Byng Arts program as well as Mr. Booker, Mr. Thiessen, and our tech support student, Ethan Yeung for their help with the broadcast.



Byng Arts

Course Planning for Byng Arts

Use the video below to help with your Byng Arts course planning decisions or reach out to jhartley@vsb.bc.ca with your questions. Good luck.

<https://youtu.be/fJVNj7m3L2w>

Students take

Course Selection

- **TWO CLASSES** in your Fine Art Focus Area



Here is a generalized layout of what a typical Byng Arts year looks like (although the language requirement is no longer a mandatory part of a student's course selection):

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
English 8 BA	English 9 BA	English 10 BA EFWR	English Choice	English Choice	EFP 11, Literary Studies 11, *Literary Studies 11 AP Prep EFP 12, English Studies 12, *English Studies 12 AP Prep
Socials 8 BA	Socials 9 BA	Socials	Humanities Elective	Elective	
Science	Science	Science	Science Elective	Elective	
Math	Math	Math	Math Elective	Elective	
PE	PE/Dance	PE/Dance/FIT	Elective	Elective	
Language	Language	Language	Elective	Elective	
Rotation	Elective/Fine Art	Elective/Fine Art	Additional Art Elect.	Additional Art Elect.	
Fine Art Focus	Fine Art Focus	Fine Art Focus	Fine Art Focus	Fine Art Focus	
Optional OFF T.T.	Optional OFF T.T.	Optional OFF T.T.	Optional OFF T.T.	Optional OFF T.T.	
	CLE 9	CLE 10	CAPSTONE	ART CONNOISSEURS	

Career Programs are taken as a specific Byng Arts cohort and are automatically added to students' schedules in Grades 10-12.

My Ed is organized alphabetically by course code, so this list of the codes is VERY HELPFUL when trying to find your courses:

<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/2025-2026-course-codes.2e32a279046.pdf>

More information is available on TEAMS: [Jon Hartley-Folz: Course Planning PowerPoint and Video](#)

New Applicants to the Program

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

We had over 275 applicants join us at the school for auditions on January 27th and 28th.

Results are being reviewed along with the application packages and first round offers will go out on February 26th. Students who are not in Grade 7 will have to be patient as we will still be working on our numbers and the anticipated number of seats that may be available for September. It is likely that all students in Grades 8 to 11 will remain on our waitlist until later in March. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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/>

Passport totals were sent to all Byng Arts students by email. The expectation was for a minimum of seven unlocked achievements by midnight on January 23rd. Students who did not meet this threshold had the opportunity this week to meet with Mr. Hartley-Folz to get this issue sorted. Additional emails will be sent out next week to students who are not successfully engaging with this mandatory part of the program.

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

Here are some of the most recent Passport options:

<p>ART for ART's SAKE Art</p>  <p>Earned on 2/7/25 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>Expresso Your Love Events</p>  <p>Earned on 2/4/25 Our next Coffee House is February 12, afterschool in the Gallery Foyer. Music, Bingo, Treats and Coffee. Come out for the fun, stay for the karaoke!</p>	<p>History of Motown Events</p>  <p>Earned on 2/3/25 Celebrate Black History Month with Krystal Dos Santos. Byng Arts FAB Assembly, Feb 12th during period 2-2. Passport tickets at the door.</p>
<p>Lunar New Year Celebration at Byng Events</p>  <p>Earned on 2/3/25 Join the festivities on Friday, February 7th in the auditorium. Take a photo and send in the evidence by clicking on Submit Proof above.</p>	<p>Bestest Movies Ever Events</p>  <p>Earned on 2/3/25 Join the second screening of student films from the Byng Film Council. Come to the Theatre, Monday, February 3rd at lunch.</p>	<p>EROS General</p>  <p>Earned on 2/3/25 Record your interactions with the Arts during the month of February.</p>

Everyone who met the threshold of 7 events were entered into a draw for prizes during our FAB assembly. Congratulations to our 10 winners. Thank you to Ms. Pitchford-Yeung for putting together the creative prize packs.

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](#))

February 13 Meeting

- Coffee House FDebrief
- Educators Extravaganza Idea

- Merch for 25th Anniversary Crew Neck House Crest and Colour – orders coming soon.

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