



Newsletter

Friday Feb 21, 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

Thank you to all our staff and students for another very successful week of teaching and learning and to all our parents for your continued support.

Our school is currently planning for our 100-year celebrations that will be held on Saturday May 10th and will include an open house for parents, students and past graduates of Byng to participate. Staff are currently working hard to create a day of celebration and excitement to commemorate this very important day in our school's history.

This week was also an important week in the history of our country with the 60th anniversary of the Maple Leaf Flag celebrated on Saturday as well as the incredible hockey game with Canada winning the Four Nations Hockey Tournament-Go Canada!!!

Happy weekend everyone!

Mr. Wilmann

FEBRUARY 2025						
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9	10	11 Fire Drill @9:40am CLC 11 Assembly FIT- AUD	12 BA FAB Assembly 2-2 10am Aud Black History Assembly 10:30-11:30 on Teams Coffee House Gallery/ Foyer @3:30pm	13 Course Planning Info Night -AUD 5-6:30pm & 7-8:30pm CLC 12 Assembly FIT-AUD	14 District Wide Pro-D Day	15
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School News

Highlights from last week:

- Musical Cheer Brings Valentines Spirit to the school
- Byng Students Visit UBC Sauder School of Business
- Black History Month Celebrates the History of Motown
- Clubs Update: Robotics & Bike Club Make Strides

Valentines Day Cheer Comes to Lord Byng



Thank you to our incredible Library Team, Ms. Moldowan and Ms. Rezler for the beautiful display cases in our library!

Special thanks to all the staff for the fun we experienced celebrating Valentines Day at school on Thursday. Highlights included the Matchmaker event organized by the Student Council sponsored by Mr. Sandher and Ms. Schnieder.

Thanks also to Ms. Lan for the beautiful singing telegrams that attended classes throughout the school, including the office on Thursday.



Byng Students Visit UBC Sauder School of Business

Byng students were amongst a group of students from throughout the VSB District that attended an introductory event hosted by UBC School of Business at the University on Thursday.

This event was organized by Mr. Trent Gautier for the VSB's Indigenous Education Department working alongside UBC Faculty member Mr. Dennis Thomas-Whonoak a member of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. This first meeting included an introduction to the Dean of the Faculty of Business as well as a presentation from JABC.



Mr. Dennis Thomas-Whonoak, a member of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation opens the UBC event hosted by the UBC Sauder School of Business.

School staff including members of the Career Education and Counselling Teams at Byng have been actively engaged with supporting this partnership initiative to build a direct link connecting the UBC School of Business, Junior Achievement BC and Indigenous students attending school in Vancouver.

Thank you to Byng staff that have been supportive and engaged in this dialogue to support our students and special thanks to Ms. Sarah Schumacher and Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo for creating the opportunity for Byng students to attend this event alongside youth from Point Grey, Van. Tech and Britannia.

Byng Celebrates Black History Month in Canada



The Byng Learning Commons Team celebrate Black History Month in Canada showcasing materials available for student to study and research in the school library!

Thank you to all the staff that are working throughout the Month of February to recognize Black History Month in Canada.

Another event this week celebrating Black History Month included the school-wide presentation organized by the Byng Arts staff, Mr. Jon Hartley-Folz, Mr. Nicholas Booker and Matt Thiessen.



Ms. Krystle De Santos performs for Byng students and tells the History of Motown Music as part of the school wide acknowledgements of Black History Month during the Month of February

This musical history event led by musician Ms. Krystle De Santos featured a musical tribute to the pioneers of Motown Musica and celebrated the political and social phenomenon that swept the United States and was deeply connected for the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King Junior.

Thank you, Byng Arts, for sharing this event throughout the school on Microsoft Teams!

Clubs Update: Robotics & Bike Club Make Strides

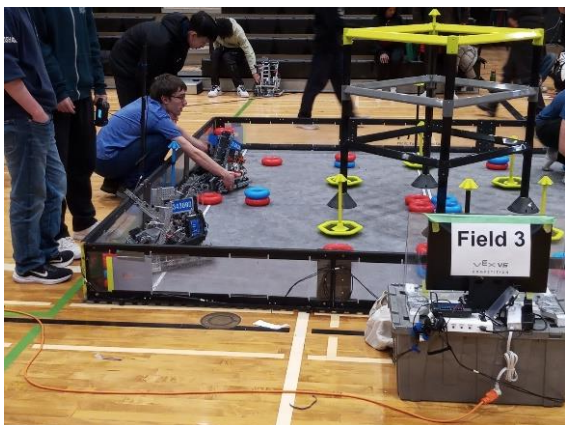
This week two prominent Byng Student led Clubs made some important steps forward. The Byng Bikes Mechanics Club was able to set up their new Bike Mechanic area located on the ground floor in the location of the former Bike storage area. The Club is sponsored and led by Mr. Alain Raoul with Club members meeting after school each Wednesday. As well as hosting regular Bike Mechanic workshops the Club promotes Active Transportation and community engagement. The Club has made community partnerships with the VPD (receiving donated Bikes), Our Community Bikes and frequently builds and repairs bikes that are donated to our local community.



Mr. Raoul thanks a former Byng student for his support for the Club with frequent donations of bike parts and tools.

The newly installed wall brackets and storage capacity provides the Byng Bike Club with important working space to complete bike repair and mechanics-thanks Byng PAC for continuing to support and fund the Club by providing the money to buy and install this equipment.

Another Byng Club that meets each week and engages students through hands on learning opportunities is the Byng Robotics Club led by Mr. Jacob Richardson. The Club recently participated in a robotics competition. Accompanied by Mr. Richardson, four Byng Robotics Team members attended an event in Surrey BC and qualified for the Round of 16! Student participants included: Theo Reinsberg, Connor Tsoi, Eric Bingxin Li, and Eric Li.



Byng students participate in a recent Robotics Competition hosted at a school in Surrey BC.

Career Education

"We are looking for parents and local businesses with job interviewing experience to participate in conducting Mock Job Interviews with our Grade 10 students, as part of their career employability skill development for CLE 10 course.

These mock interviews will take place on Thursday, April 17th from 8:30am-12pm, in our school library. If you are able and interested in volunteering your time to interview our students, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, please email Kim Chong-Ping at kchong@vsb.bc.ca. Please let us know as soon as possible, as we would like to confirm our volunteer interviewers by March 14st. "

Adamas Esports Summer Camp: Play, Learn, and Grow!

Join world-class coaches for an unforgettable summer of action, fun, and learning at the Adamas Esports Summer Camp! Week-long camps blend the excitement of esports with personal development. From strategy to communication, focus, and resilience, we provide a comprehensive learning experience that will help your child thrive both in gaming and in life. For more info, please reach out to Mr. Richardson at jrichardson@vsb.bc.ca.

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

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

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.

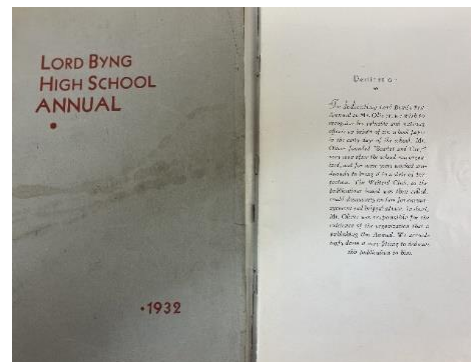
These are the days your students will want to remember, captured, and curated with passion by the Byng Yearbook team forever.

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

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.



Byng Athletics

Track & Field Training & Meeting

Early morning training will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30am in the gym for the month of February.

There will be an important track and field meeting on Monday, Feb 24th at lunch in the Main 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](#)

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo

H - L Ms. J. Radic

M-T Ms. S. Schumacher

U-Z Ms. C. Davies and Ms. Smith
(covering for Ms. Vanderklippe)

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

Thank you to all the parents who attended our course selection presentation on February 13. We appreciate your support.

All the information pertaining to our course planning can be found on our [course-planning page](#) .

Course Planning is now closed. We will be reviewing all the students' requests and start working on building our timetable for next school year.

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 21, 2025

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

Next PAC Zoom meeting: March 5th at 7 PM

Byng PAC meeting, Time: Mar 5, 2025 07:00 PM Vancouver

Zoom Meeting: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/69310893558?pwd=ufbYVzGyLbGpIVzQYUkeQmaphbC18.1>

Meeting ID: 693 1089 3558; Passcode: 528961

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>

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

Byng Arts

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Course Planning for Byng Arts

Next week, a questionnaire to review each Byng Arts student's Fine Art course selection will be sent by email to parents and students. Please review the video below and ensure that you are on target with your Byng Arts Fine Art course requests.

<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.

Reach out to jhartley@vsb.bc.ca with your questions. Good luck.

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.

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 Passport







<http://passport.lordbyng.net/>

Please meet with Mr. Hartley-Folz if you require help with your Passport. Letters were sent out last week to students who are not successfully engaging in this mandatory part of the program. If you were under the required number of events, please check your folders, including your Junk/Spam folder for this email.

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:






LORD BYNG SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

<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>

Your events contribute to group House points. Congratulations to Hepburn House, our current point leader.



THE HOUSE CUP 2025

HOUSE	CURRENT POINT TALLY
	22,475
	21,900
	19,200
	19,000
	18,825

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 20 Meeting

- Educators Extravaganza – March 13th (Food Band Fundraiser Talent Show)
- Merch for 25th Anniversary Crew Neck House Crest and Colour – orders coming soon.

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

