

LORD BYNG SECONDARY

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Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents and Families,

As we end the month of February, I would like to thank all of staff and students that have taken pride at the school to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school through the many projects and activities that were undertaken to celebrate Black History Month in Canada.

Also, this week the school held assemblies throughout the day on February 26th. These assemblies are organized by the Grade 12 Peer Counselling Students supported by the school's incredible Counselling Department Team. Thanks everyone for supporting our Diversity and Inclusion Pillar of Learning and for making our school such an inclusive and welcoming environment for all of our learners.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

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

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.

Please click <u>here</u> for the program on Saturday, May 10th, 2025.

Not Returning to Lord Byng 2025-2026

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

Byng Athletics

Track and Field

Practices:

After school practices will be starting with practices on Monday and Tuesday next week.

We will meet at Camosun Park at 3:30 pm and practices will go finish between 4:45 and 5:00 pm. Future practice days and times will be communicated at a later date.

Oregon Training Camp and Competition:

The coaches are planning a trip to Eugene and Portland, Oregon for the Oregon Relays Track and Field Meet. Students must see Mr. Jack for the information sheets and permission forms. **There is a very tight timeline to get forms and payment in.** Please contact Mr. Jack for more details at bjack@vsb.bc.ca

Meeting Mondays:

The team will meet every Monday during the season. "Meeting Mondays" take place at lunch, usually in the Main Gym.

*Everyone is welcome to join track and field. We do not cut anyone from the team!

Table Tennis

Congratulations to the Lord Byng Table Tennis Team on winning another City Championship! The team was led to victory by captain Ethan Yiu, who played with a fever. The boy are competing this weekend in Provincial Championships, going for their third consecutive title. Good luck boys!





Lord Byng Juvenile Girls Basketball Team





You may never achieve your full potential, but how close you come depends on how much you want to pay the price.

Red Auerbach

Lord Byng's Juvenile Girls Basketball Team played in City Finals last week against the Tupper Tigers. When they met in the regular season, Tupper won by 29 points. Last Thursday, Tupper had a one point lead with less than a minute remaining in the game. With about thirty seconds on the clock, Tupper scored one last basket and the game ended 33-30.

It was a thrilling game to watch, and the team should be nothing but proud of their season. Ms Gudagni and Ms Friesen, and the entire team, were outstanding. Making it to Finals is a great accomplishment that most student athletes never experience.

Team Captain Bonica Chen played all of the game, except for maybe a minute. A terrific two-way player, she lead her team in points and steals. The next day, Bonica was back at school, bruises all over her arms, a scab on her face, and ice on her knee.

For a few members of the team, this was their second trip to the podium. In addition to their Silver medals for basketball, Alice Zhang, Dana Kim, Rina Tashiro, Stella Zhang, and Bonica Chen also won Gold this fall with the Juvenile Girls Volleyball Team.

Lost and Found - All Items Need to be Picked Up By Friday, March 14th

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 over the Spring Break.

Grad Dates and Locations

- GRADUATION CEREMONY UBC Chan Centre FRIDAY, June 6, 2025 4pm
- GRAD RECEPTION AND DANCE The Nest UBC SATURDAY, June 14, 2025

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 14th.

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 irichardson@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.schoolcashonline.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!

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.

<u>School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days</u>

2024-2025 School Calendar Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff
A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo

kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca

H - L Ms. J. Radic
M-T Ms. S. Schumacher
U-Z Ms. C. Davies and Ms. Smith (covering for Ms. Vanderklippe) <u>iradic@vsb.bc.ca</u> <u>sschumacher@vsb.bc.ca</u> <u>msmith@vsb.bc.ca</u> cdavies@vsb.bc.ca

Course Selection for Next School Year

All the information pertaining to our course planning can be found on our <u>course-planning page</u>. Course Planning is now closed. We will be reviewing all the students' requests and start working on building our timetable for next school year. If students have any questions, please contact your counsellor.

Peer Counselling 12 Applications

Grade 11s are all invited to apply to become a Peer Counsellor. Applications are available in counselling suite or on Grade 11 Counselling Teams under general channel. Please if you are interested in this program, and/or need more information, feel free to speak with your counsellor. Applications are due on Friday, March 14 just before spring break.

STS/BCeID

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

Scholarships

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

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 28, 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=ufbYVzGyLbGplVlzQYUkeQmaphbC18.1

Meeting ID: 693 1089 3558; Passcode: 528961

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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 \$22,655 as of Jan 31, 2025. We are looking forward to having more families participate to help us achieve our goal. Now more than ever, we need your support!

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

- Outdoor Learning Space for STEM+ Art
- Adding Auditorium Stage Lightening
- Computer upgrade for Multi-purpose space of Fine Art & Applied Skills Department
- 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1月31日之前已经筹集到了\$22,655。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<u>SchoolCashOnline</u>进行捐款,并确保选择"Lord Byng Secondary PAC"作为捐款目的地 (请注意不要错选成Lord Byng Secondary)。在"Message to School Board"部分的"留言"栏中,您需要填写"Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal"。如果需要,您也可以参阅这份直接捐款网上操作指南2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf.

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

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

让我们共同努力,使Lord Byng成为一个更好的地方,让我们的孩子在这里茁壮成长、学习并取得成功。感谢您一直以来的支持!

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

-Fundraising Initiatives: Grocery Gift Cards-

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

- **SunGiven**(元初) Please fill out the <u>ORDER FORM</u> and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card.
- Stongs Market- shop online at 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 <u>j.crummey@icloud.com</u> (Email and WhatsApp group) or by message 778-788-2585.

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

-Fundraising & Event Organization Committee-

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

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

Next General DPAC Meeting – February 27 at 7:00 PM. See DPAC Info for an important DPAC letter to VSB.

 Please also see the most updated DPAC newsletter shared by DPAC chair here <u>DPAC News Update</u> <u>Document.docx</u>

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:

The Graduation direct drive letter was sent out to all grade 12 parents/guardians, we will be sending it out again for anyone who missed the first send out. This is a great and direct way to raise money for the class of 2025 graduation. Let's make Grad 2025 as special as this class! You can also reach out to the grad committee a 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 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/LebbGtqRocv31UU10A0w38.

~~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

Arts Info

Art for Earth at the United Nations

Art for Earth Environmental Art Youth Club will be showcasing at the United Nations 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) side event, Her Power: Making SDGs the New Fashion, on March 18, 2025, in New York, USA.

Our exhibition, Her Power of Art, A Sustainable Future, will highlight the role of women in sustainable fashion.

Students are invited to submit artwork supporting environmental action and women's empowerment. Scan the QR code below to submit—everyone will receive a certificate for displaying at the UN conference in New York! Join us and be part of this global movement!



Byng Arts

Course Planning Questionnaire

What are your plans for September? You were sent an email with a questionnaire that we would like you to complete. On the questionnaire, you can let us know if you plan to be here in September and what Fine Art classes you have selected. A copy of the questionnaire link is below: https://forms.office.com/r/C0EDMZN643

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 have gone out and we are preparing our second round of offers which go out on Wednesday, March 5th.

Students who are not in Grade 7 will have to be patient as we are still working on our numbers and the anticipated number of seats that may be available for September.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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

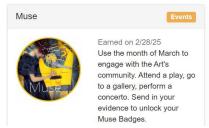
Byng Arts Passport

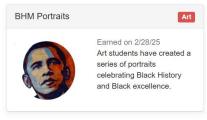
http://passport.lordbyng.net/

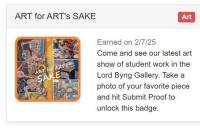
Please meet with Mr. Hartley-Folz if you require help with your Passport. Letters were sent out this month to students who are not successfully engaging in this mandatory part of the program. If you were under the required number of events, please check your folders, including your Junk/Spam folder for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

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

Here are some of the most recent Passport options:







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



THE HOUSE CUP 2025				
HOUSE	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 <u>link</u> to join the Byng Arts email list OR see the Byng Arts section of the PAC website for information on how to join and get involved.

Student Council Info

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

February 27 Meeting

- The Masked Singer 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 (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)