



## Newsletter

Friday Jan 24th, 2025

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Family Members,

With January 29<sup>th</sup> coming up next week I would like to wish all of you the very best for the start of the coming Lunar New Year and the celebrations that will be taking place to acknowledge the Year of the Snake.

**新年快乐 恭喜发财身体健康新年大吉**

The next two instructional days are Semester Turn Around Days January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and are intended for students to catch up on any missing assignments, projects or assessments that need to be completed. Students should arrange time with their individual teachers on these days to complete these assignments.

Thank you to all our parents, students and staff for all your support throughout Semester 1.

Mr. Wilmann

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

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## School News

### Highlights Included:

- **A Moment in Byng History:** The School and Community Celebrates our history as a school as the Musqueam House Post and Welcome Figure is Installed in front of the school.
- **Fine Arts Students Show Their Talents:** Winter Concert and Theatre Productions Start the 2025 School Year
- **A Gift to the School:** Byng Bike Club Receives a Community Donation
- **Black Excellence Day:** Celebrates Community Accomplishments and Celebrates Black Excellence in Canada

### A Moment in Byng History

It was a very proud moment for the school and the community last week with the installation of the Musqueam Welcome Figure, **The Woman of the Grass**, in front of the main school entrance on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

In attendance during this historic moment were Martin Sparrow, Ramsey Louis, Caitlyn Sparrow and Shona Sparrow. For the past two years Musqueam Artists Martin and Ramsey have been working alongside staff, students and parents to carve the figure to recognize the land and to create an important moment in time as the school celebrates its 100-year anniversary and to support the school with our continued Reconciliation journey.



*Figure 1 Musqueam Artists Martin Sparrow, Ramsey Louis, Shona Sparrow and Caitlyn Sparrow enjoy a proud moment in history as the Woman of the Grass Welcome Figure (below) is lifted into place by the VSB Team.*



parents that would like to participate to share in this learning journey.

As our Reconciliation Journey continues, staff, students and parents are invited to participate in the Paddle Project that is taking place simultaneously to the House post celebrations as another important moment in the school's history. Already twelve classes have begun this work and will be completing the paddles during the coming weeks. Two additional paddles have been reserved for any staff that did not get an opportunity to participate with their classes as well as an opportunity for any



*Figure 2 Byng students share their gratitude and thanks to the Musqueam Nation for honoring their school with the gifting of The Woman of the Grass house post to mark the 100-year school anniversary.*

**Stay posted for more updates on this and other important events as we celebrate 100 years of Learning and plan for the next 100 years!**

## **Byng Fine Arts Students Showcase Their Talents in Back-to-Back Musical and Theatre Performances**

It was another beautiful moment on Friday when Byng Choir students performed for the community during the spectacular winter concert, Shine On.

With performances by the Junior Concert Choir, the Intermediate Concert Choir, Junior Chamber Choir and Senior Chamber Choir, the evening brought joy and happiness for the entire audience on a cold January evening.

**Thank you, Ms. Lan, for the incredible learning opportunities that continually provide for our students and school, great work!**

Another highlight of the week was the recent theatre performance of **Theatre Follies** presented by the Byng Arts Junior Theatre students.

With an incredible range of learning opportunities from stage craft to lighting, acting and performing, the multiple showings of this production provided a great start to the school year to showcase the hard work and dedication for our theatre students throughout Semester 1.

Thanks, Mr. Thiessen, for providing such a wonderful creative learning opportunities for our talented young Byng actors, stage crew and supporting our Student Engagement Pillar of Learning so well!!!

## **A Gift to the School**

Special thanks this week go to a former student at Byng Secondary School for showing his gratitude to staff and the Byng students by donating a vast array of spare bike parts including frames, wheels, inner tubes and other supplies.

All these parts and materials went to support the Byng Mechanics Club. The Bike Mechanics Club is run by Modern Languages, Career Education and Social Justice teacher Mr. Alain Raoul.

Mr. Raoul and his students were delighted to receive these resources as they are currently working with students, staff and the VSB Trades Department to organize the Bike Room on the ground floor of the building.

The Club recently received support from the Byng PAC to buy shelving and other storage units to allow bikes to be stored in the room without taking up floor space. Materials belonging to the Club had previously been stored in the Engineering Room adjacent to the Wood and Metal Shops. This multi-purpose space in the shop area is also shared by the Fine Arts Department who can now store the materials needed for the ceramics program in the room previously used by the Bike Mechanics Club.



*Figure 3 Byng Bike Mechanics Club maintains and services a fleet of bikes as well as donates refurbished bikes back into the local community.*

*Figure 4 Former Byng student, Mr. Kooner Lachnit, donates a rich supply of materials for the Byng Bike Mechanics Club. Thanks Kooner!!*

### Black Excellence Day

Another important date in our school calendar, **Black Excellence Day**, was recognized on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

During the morning PA Mr. Johnston and his student team of broadcasters explained to the school the importance of the day, highlighting these important facts:

- **Black Excellence Day was created by Ninandotoo Society and takes place on January 15th each year, or the preceding Friday if it falls on a weekend or holiday. In 2024, Black Excellence Day is on January 15th.**
- **January 15th is in honour of the great US civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.**
- **The contributions of Black Canadians and the ongoing civil rights struggle of Black Canadians often go unacknowledged in our history books and school curriculum.**
- **The term Black Excellence was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960s.**



Special thanks Mr. Johnston and to all staff at the school for including this important date in your curriculum and for educating all our students on this important day that supports our **Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of Learning**.

**Byng Mathletes Excel at the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC)**

Fifteen Byng mathletes took part in the COMC this year, a nationwide contest held by the Canadian Mathematical Society. Our top scorers for this year are:

- Melanie (Zhixuan) Li (Grade 12) Honourable Mention BC
- Pendency (Pengjin) Yang (Grade 12) Performance with Distinction
- Dharaneeswar Dadibathina (Grade 12) Performance with Distinction

Congratulations to all of those who took part in one of Canada’s most difficult high school math contests! Many thanks to PAC for the funding support that enables students to write these contests.

**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](mailto:dmarks@vsb.bc.ca)

**Byng Course Planning Guide 2025-2026**

The 2025-2026 Course Planning Guide is available online on the school website.

Please see link: [Course Planning Guide 2025-2026](#)

**Lost and Found**

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.

**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](mailto: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:

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|--|
| Full Name (first and last name)  |
| Student Number   |
| Grade  |
| Date(s) of Absence   |
| Reason of Absence  |
| <b>Duration of Absence: please indicate if this is a full day absence or for what period of time your child will be away</b> |
| 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:**

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| 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**

| <b>Collaboration Dates</b>  |               |
|---|---------------|
| Sept. 18 • Oct. 16 • Nov. 13 • Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 • Apr. 16 • May 14 • Jun. 18 |               |
| <b>Block 1</b> (Students Start)   | 10:00 - 10:40 |
| Break   |               |
| <b>Block 2</b>  | 10:40 - 10:50 |
| Lunch   | 10:50 - 11:30 |
| <b>Block 3</b>  | 11:30 - 12:15 |
| Break   | 12:15 - 1:35  |
| <b>Block 4</b>  | 1:35 - 1:40   |
|   | 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"> <li>• Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments</li> <li>• Connecting with counsellors</li> <li>• Individual study time</li> <li>• Work Experience 11 and 12</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending tutorial sessions</li> <li>• Collaborating with peers on projects</li> <li>• Career Education lessons and meetings</li> <li>• Enrichment passion projects</li> </ul> |
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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<br>8:40 - 9:20       |                          |                          |                          | FIT<br>8:40 - 9:20       |
| BLOCK 1<br>9:20 - 10:20  | BLOCK 1<br>8:40 - 10:00  | BLOCK 1<br>8:40 - 10:00  | BLOCK 1<br>8:40 - 10:00  | BLOCK 1<br>9:20 - 10:20  |
| BREAK<br>10:20 - 10:30   | BREAK<br>10:00 - 10:10   | BREAK<br>10:00 - 10:10   | BREAK<br>10:00 - 10:10   | BREAK<br>10:20 - 10:30   |
| BLOCK 2<br>10:30 - 11:30 | BLOCK 2<br>10:10 - 11:30 | BLOCK 2<br>10:10 - 11:30 | BLOCK 2<br>10:10 - 11:30 | BLOCK 2<br>10:30 - 11:30 |
| LUNCH<br>11:30 - 12:15   | LUNCH<br>11:30 - 12:15   | LUNCH<br>11:30 - 12:15   | LUNCH<br>11:30 - 12:15   | LUNCH<br>11:30 - 12:15   |
| BLOCK 3<br>12:15 - 1:35  | BLOCK 3<br>12:15 - 1:15  | BLOCK 3<br>12:15 - 1:35  | BLOCK 3<br>12:15 - 1:15  | BLOCK 3<br>12:15 - 1:35  |
| BREAK<br>1:35 - 1:40     | BREAK<br>1:15 - 1:20     | BREAK<br>1:35 - 1:40     | BREAK<br>1:15 - 1:20     | BREAK<br>1:35 - 1:40     |
|                          | FIT<br>1:20 - 2:00       |                          | FIT<br>1:20 - 2:00       |                          |
| BLOCK 4<br>1:40 - 3:00   | BLOCK 4<br>2:00 - 3:00   | BLOCK 4<br>1:40 - 3:00   | BLOCK 4<br>2:00 - 3:00   | BLOCK 4<br>1:40 - 3:00   |

## Counselling Update

### Counselling Staff

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U-Z Ms. C. Davies (in for Ms. Vanderklippe)

[cdavies@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cdavies@vsb.bc.ca)

### Semester 2 Timetable adjustments

Course adjustments are scheduled for 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 our timetable is very full and we will try our best to accommodate all of our students.

### 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. )

### 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 Jan 24, 2025**

### ~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

#### **Jan PAC meeting:**

The PAC meeting on Jan 22 at 7:00 p.m. held online via Zoom was productive. Mr. Wilmann introduced recent events at Byng and the school's achievements in career education. He also highlighted important upcoming events, e.g., Course Planning Information Night, which is open to parents. Please refer to the [link](#) for more details.

#### **2025 Byng Winter Fair**

2025 Byng Winter Fair was held **on Thursday, January 23rd, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria**. Families and kids had a great time finding great deals at the booths, enjoyed the activities and foods, and visited the exhibition of artwork by our outstanding students.

**Number of booths:** 30 booths booked

**Donated Items:** Over 150 items donated

#### **Great thanks to all the wonderful participants and volunteers!**

A total of **48 families** registered for the Fair, with **over 30 volunteers** contributing to marketing, decoration, transportation, setup, and cleanup. Including those who came to help spontaneously, nearly **100 families** actively participated in the Winter Fair.

Special **thanks to PAC executives and members:** May, Jacqueline, Qian, Bilge, Cindy, Jerry, Nora, Aviva, and Jenny, as well as volunteer team leaders Belinda (decoration), Michael (donut walk game), and Simon (photographer).

We also **thank all PAC booth sellers, cleanup helpers, booth owners, volunteers, and donors**. A full **acknowledgment name list and fundraising amount update will be shared next week** as contributions continue to grow.

This is a deeply connected school community bonding event. We couldn't have accomplished this without your generous support!—thank you all!

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

We look forward to connecting with you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:j.crummey@icloud.com) (Email and WhatsApp group) or by message 778-788-2585.

- The next meeting for the committee is Tuesday, Feb 4th, 4pm. Location: TBA
- Michael Stephen talked about possible projects to support inclusive learning in academic subjects such as Math, English, and Science. Please reach out to the ID committee to get involved.

## –Fundraising & Event Organization Committee–

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

Thank you to all the non-PAC volunteers who contributed to this Winter Fair. We encourage long-term volunteers to join our committee.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **1:00 PM on February 3rd** (location TBA). The topic is

1. **Preventing Vaping Workshop preparation:** Education and Strategies for Parents at Home
2. **Upcoming school events brainstorming**

If interested, please contact PAC Co-chair **May Lee** at:

- Email: [Maylca808@gmail.com](mailto:Maylca808@gmail.com)
- Phone: **236-990-9228 (WhatsApp & SMS)**
- WeChat: **Maylee2023**

## ~~ DPAC INFO ~~

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

DPAC representatives: Cindy [cgroner18@gmail.com](mailto:cgroner18@gmail.com) Nora [noradyng@hotmail.com](mailto:noradyng@hotmail.com)

## ~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

With Graduation only 5 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:

- We would like to thank everyone who participated in any or all the events in raising \$9,800 so far. Please watch for a direct drive letter coming today as the grad committee, parents and grads work towards raising enough funds for their June grad events. Let's make Grad 2025 as special as this class

## 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/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](mailto: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](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>

We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

### Art News

#### **Espresso Your Love at the Next Coffee House**

February 12th - Afterschool in the Gallery Foyer

The next coffee house is all about our love of coffee. Mark your calendars and use the link below if you wish to audition to perform. This is open to all students to join or perform. It takes place outside the gallery after school. Performances, treats, bingo, and prizes. XOXO

Coffee House Audition Sign Up Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScm8F5f5LS3bSpils7GscHC39BgoADF4MUuh45IEiaxOxCsyw/viewform?usp=header>

#### **Chinatown Postcard Event**

Postcard Designing Art Workshop January 25th

Hey students!

Do you want to get your designs printed on postcards and possibly souvenirs? Join us for the Postcard Designing Art Workshop hosted by the Vancouver Youth Art Society (VYAS), a student-led non-profit organization!

Chinese Lunar New Year is coming up soon, and beautiful decorations will be put up in Chinatown to celebrate!

Hopefully, it will be a snowy day to make the event even more magical! We're excited to invite young artists like you to design beautiful scenery and landscape artwork inspired by this festive season. Winning designs will be printed onto items like postcards and souvenirs.

Our event is this **January 25**, from **10:00am - 12:30pm**, and all students from grade 6-12 are welcome. Save the date and join your fellow artists!

Use the link below to sign up!

<https://forms.office.com/r/ninS4N6xKj>

### **Byng Arts**

#### **New Applicants to the Program**

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

Shortlists for auditions have gone out and auditions are January 27th and 28th.

Email the coordinator, Jon Hartley-Folz at [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto: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?!**

Passports uploads were due Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. A minimum of seven events is the expectation.

Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)) if you are having difficulties so we can get you on track for the next review at the end of May.

Here are some of the most recent options:

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| <p>Grade 8 Visual Art Event - January 23 <b>Art</b></p>  <p>Hey Grade 8 artists, come to A223, the art class, to do our next Art Event!</p>  | <p>Theatre 9 Presents Furniture Follies <b>Drama</b></p>  <p>January 15th and 16th in the Theatre. Attend Theatre 9's series of short comedic performances. Enjoy the show, get a badge - what could be better?</p> | <p>Winter Music Performance <b>Music</b></p>  <p>You attended a concert or performed as part of one of our ensembles (Band, Choir, Strings) during January and February.</p>                              |
| <p>Byng Arts Career Ed Workshops <b>Events</b></p>  <p>This is part of the Grade 10-12 grad program. Guest writers, make up artists, and other professionals will be presenting. Make sure to check the dates and sign up with your Career Ed/Capstone teachers.</p> | <p>Janus <b>General</b></p>  <p>Make an Arty Start to 2025. Send in evidence of your interactions with the arts to unlock this badge.</p>   | <p>Air Band 2024 <b>Events</b></p>  <p>Join the celebration 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 <b>Events</b></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 <b>Art</b></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 <b>Events</b></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> |

Everyone who meets the threshold of 7 events will be entered into a draw prize.

## 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](#))

### January 23 Meeting

- Volunteer Sign Up for Byng Arts Auditions
- Coffee House Feb 12th please sign up to audition Form posted on TEAMS
- Passports Due Jan 23rd, Midnight - 7 events
- FAB Assembly Period 2-2 History of Motown - Feb 12th
- Merch for 25th Anniversary Crew Neck House Crest and Colour

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