



## Newsletter

Friday Jan 31st, 2025

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

January 27 was Holocaust Remembrance Day. This solemn day marked the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and honours the memory of the six million Jews and millions of others who perished during the Holocaust. Remembering this tragedy teaches us the dangers of hatred and intolerance and reminds us to stand against discrimination and injustice.

As a school community with families from diverse backgrounds, let us take this opportunity to educate ourselves and our children about the Holocaust, fostering empathy, respect, and a commitment to promoting peace and understanding among all people.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and restful weekend.

Mr. Wilmann

FEBRUARY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11 Fire Drill @9:40am CLC 11 Assembly FIT- AUD	12 BA FAB Assembly 2-2 10am Aud 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
16	17 Family Day	18 Last Day to Drop Semester 2 Classes	19 Collaborative Day Students Start 10Am	20 Black History Assembly	21 BA Career ED Workshop AUD @ FIT	22
23	24	25	26 Pink Shirt Day Pink Shirt Assmblly Math Contest Byng Arts First Round Offers	27 FIT for Learning FIT Freeze	28 Byng Arts First Round Offers Deadline	

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**School News**

**Highlights this week!**

- Community Connections and Cultural Bridging: Celebrating our Cultural Diversity the school and community make plans to welcome the Year of the Snake.
- Winter Festival and Celebrations for the new Lunar Year bring parents, families and students together for a fun filled evening.
- The Strings Winter Band Concert Celebrates the Winter Season
- A Race to the Finish Students and teachers work hard to complete S1 assignments, projects and assessments.
- Artist and Educator Dave Robinson is Recognized for his academic accomplishments at the UBC House of Learning.



**Community Connections and Cultural Bridging**

With the Lunar New Year Celebrations about to begin parents, students and staff worked together to decorate hallways with lanterns and to prepare a range of performances for the holiday season that is about to begin.

Special thanks for supporting our community celebrations this year go to members of our parent community for their support, staff, especially our Settlement Worker Ms. Amy Wei and to students from the 3-B Club for their volunteer work and preparations for this major school event on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Here is quick visual update on the plans so far:



*Figure 1 The Classical Chinese Parent Dance Team practice their performances in preparation for the February Lunar New Year Celebrations at the school.*



*Figure 2 One new Byng member of staff joined the dance team for the practice but it's not clear if he will be selected for the performance unless he improves his dance moves.*

### The Winter Festival Welcomes the Year of The Snake

With the Lunar New Year festivities beginning, parents, students, staff and members of the Byng community came out on a cold Thursday to run the annual Winter Fair Fundraiser. Special thanks to the parents, staff and student volunteers and organizers of this event and everyone purchased some of the items on sale at the market with proceeds raised going to the school. One very special guest in attendance was the “God of Fortune” who wished everyone the very best for the coming year.

Thanks everyone for building our community and celebrating the rich cultural diversity of Byng Secondary School!!!!



*Figure 3 The God of Fortune wishes the Byng parents, the students, staff and community members the very best for New Year, the Year of the Snake that is just about to begin. Thanks God of Fortune or should I say Mr. Ted Fung!!!*

### The Strings Winter Band Concert Celebrates the Winter Season

Thank you to all the staff, students, parents and community members that came out last week to attend the Band and Strings Winter Concerts. The Junior Ensemble was held on Tuesday night and the Senior Ensemble on Thursday. Special thanks to our hard-working music teachers Ms. Pauline Lo (Band) and Ms. Ruth Anderson (strings). Thanks also to our very talented students for performing for our school community.

Figure 4 The Senior Strings Ensemble perform for the Byng community during the Thursday night concert.



### A Race to the Finish

It was a race to the finish last week as students completed projects, worked on final assignments and caught up on any missing tasks for S1.

Thank you to the staff for working to support students with completing these tasks and for supporting all learners to achieve their learning potential and to demonstrate their understanding.

Here is what some of this looked like for students at the school:

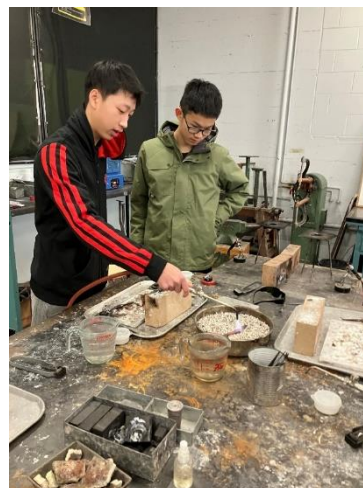


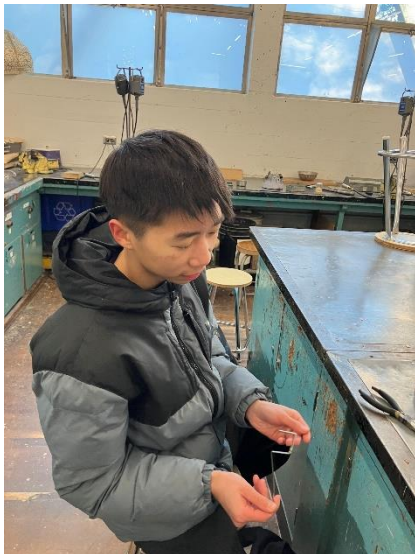
Figure 5 Mission Accomplished-This very proud group of Grade 8 students celebrate their accomplishments in completing all 6 of the ADST rotations with the completion of their final project in woodwork!

Figure 6 Metalwork students heat up a strip of metal to be used in a final metalwork project.

Figure 7 One group of student film makers complete a story board for their final film project of the semester.



*Figure 8 Working towards completing Capstone 12, this engineering student examines a key component in his aeronautics project, making a fully functional model aircraft. Who knows, perhaps he will be working for Boeing some day!*



*Figure 9 With great pride this young Studio Arts student points out a completed artwork of his hanging in the Byng Art Gallery.*

### **Congratulations Doctor Dave Robinson**

It was a day of celebration and accomplishment for Indigenous Artist and Cultural Educator Dave Robinson. Dave spent Monday at the UBC House of Learning defending his Doctoral Thesis focused on his transformative carving work, much of it having taken place at Byng over the past 5 years.

Dave was deeply appreciative of the Byng community for the work he has been able to do with staff, students and parents and is looking forward to continuing working at Byng with his new recognition as Doctor of Medicine. VSB staff that were at the Doctoral Defense included Director of Instruction Dr. Chas DesJarlais from the Indigenous Education Department, Principal Damian Wilmann from Byng Secondary School and Indigenous Education Lead Teacher Mr. Scott McKeen also from Byng Secondary.



*Figure 4 Dave Robinson provides teachings for staff and students in the carving cage at Byng in 2021.*



Figure 5 A proud moment, Dave Robinson stands with UBC Faculty and staff at the end of his doctoral thesis at the UBC House of Learning.

Figure 6 Moving forward, Dr Dave Robinson steps forward for the next step in his incredible learning journey

**Congratulations Dave and thank you for all your service for our Byng Learning Community!**

**Thanks everyone and Happy Year of the Snake!**

**新年快乐 恭喜发财身体健康新年大吉**



**School Cash Online**

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

**Sidewalk Closure**

Crown St. north of 14<sup>th</sup> will be closed for parts of Feb.  
Likely sidewalks on Crown between 14<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> will be affected as well.

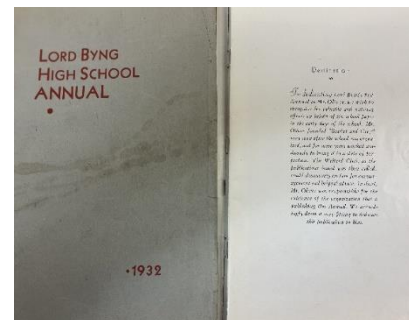
**Lost and Found - All Items Need to be Picked Up By Thursday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

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 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**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? Today is exactly 100 days until the celebration. The event will be on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> so save the date. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Details to follow.



**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)

**Lunar New Year Celebration – February 7<sup>th</sup>**



**Byng Project 3B Club sincerely invites you to:  
2025 Lunar New Year celebration**

**Date:** next Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Schedule of Events:**

- 9:30 am – 10:30 am **Performance @ Auditorium**
- 11:30 am -12:10 pm **Interactive Games @ Art Gallery & Foyer**

**Lion Dance, Lucky Draw, Free Gifts and Snacks...**



**If you would like to volunteer for the events, please feel free to sign up:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/TMhjPKgy5F>





**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](#)

**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:

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:**

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](#)

**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	10:40 - 10:50
<b>Block 2</b>	10:50 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 - 12:15
<b>Block 3</b>	12:15 - 1:35
Break	1:35 - 1:40
<b>Block 4</b>	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:

- 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.

## Lord Byng Daily, FIT Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT 8:40 - 9:20				FIT 8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20
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BLOCK 4 1:40 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 2:00 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 1:40 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 2:00 - 3:00	BLOCK 4 1:40 - 3:00

## Counselling Update

### Counselling Staff

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M-T Ms. S. Schumacher

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

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### Semester 2 Timetable adjustments

Timetable adjustments will resume on Monday, February 3 (seniors) and Tuesday, February 4 (juniors). Please note that our timetable is very full and we will try our best to accommodate all of our students. We are also asking students to be patient and thoughtful about their requests, as we are working really hard to meet everyone's needs.

### 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 31, 2025

#### ~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

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#### 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

**The 2025 Byng Winter Fair** was a great success, thanks to the support of Principal *Mr. Wilmann*, our generous *Caishen Mr. Ted Fung*, Teacher *Edwan Chan* and the *Decoration Club* students, as well as *all the dedicated booth owners, donors, and volunteers*. We also received partial decoration material sponsorship from *SIWIS officer Amy*. We are excited to announce that we raised a total of **\$1,631.25** up to date, which will be donated to the school after covering a small portion of event-related expenses.

More details will also be updated on [PAC website](#) next week.

**A special thanks** to Teacher *Edwan Chan* and our talented students from the School Decoration Club for their invaluable contributions to the fair's festive atmosphere.

We also wish to express our **sincere gratitude to all the families** for their contributions.

The PAC Event & Fundraising Subcommittee is currently seeking **long-term volunteers**. If you have extra free time and are interested in supporting the school, please consider completing our long-term volunteer application form here: <https://forms.gle/bx9hdk41PkNGr32C6>. We will reach out based on your availability and skill set as needed.

Once again, thank you all for your generous support!

### 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.

We encourage long-term volunteers to join our committee.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **1:00 PM-2:00 PM on February 11st** (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](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](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

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

## Byng Arts

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

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](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/>

Passports were tallied last week, and we will email students an update on their progress. The expectation was for a minimum of seven unlocked achievements by midnight on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Late submissions will be added to the next round of tabulation, ending in May (seven event is expected for each submission for a minimum of 14 events unlocked). Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)) if you are having difficulties with the Passport process you should book a time during FIT with Mr. Hartley-Folz so we can get you on track for the next review at the end of May.

Here are some of the most recent Passport options:

 <p>Hey Grade 8 artists, come to A223, the art class, to do our next Art Event!</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>You attended a concert or performed as part of one of our ensembles (Band, Choir, Strings) during January and February.</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>Make an Art Start to 2025. Send in evidence of your interactions with the arts to unlock this badge.</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>Join a screening of student films from the Byng Film Council. Come to the Theatre, Tuesday, December 17th at lunch.</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>Come see Drama 10 perform the award winning play "Proof", Thursday, December 6th and Tuesday, December 10th at 8:30pm in the auditorium.</p>

Everyone who met the threshold of 7 events will be entered into a draw for prizes that will take place during our FAB assembly on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **BYNG ARTS FAB Assembly – Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **The History of Motown with Krystal Dos Santos**

All Byng Arts students will attend this lively celebration that will have the audience moving as the band explores the peak of Motown Music from the late 1950s to 1980s. Krystal's powerful and interactive medleys will share hits by The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, the Temptations and the Jackson 5. Students will learn interesting facts about these key artists and about the historical and significant impact that Motown music has had on contemporary soul music today.

### **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 30 Meeting

- Coffee House Feb 12th planning
- 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))