

# LORD BYNG SECONDARY

OUR VSB

# Newsletter

Friday March 14, 2025

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# Message from the Principal

# Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

Have a much deserved and restful Spring Break holiday!

See you all back at school on Monday March 31st!

Mr. Wilmann

APRIL 2025							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	March 31 <sup>st</sup> First Day Back to School	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment Library	8 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment Library	9 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment Library	10 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment Library	11 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment Library Strings Concert 6:30pm Theatre	12	
13	14 BLOCK FLIP 2 1 4 3	15 BLOCK FLIP 2 1 4 3 Band Concert 6:30pm Theatre	16 Collaborative Day Students Start 10am	17 CLE 10 Mock Interviews AM – Lib LBSO Concert 6:30pm Theatre	18 Good Friday Statutory Holiday School Not In Session	19	
20 Easter	21 Easter Monday Statutory Holiday School Not In Session	22	23	24 FIT for Learning – FIT Freeze S2 Mid-Semester Reports Published	25 Fire Drill @9:30am	26 City of Vancouver Reuse & Recycling Byng Parking Lot 9am-2pm	
27	28 District Wide Pro-D Day School Not in Session	29	30				

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əỳəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwəta<del>l</del> (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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### **School News**

#### **Important Dates**

<u>Spring Vacation Period</u> Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> , 2025

School Re-opens After Spring Vacation - Monday, March 31st , 2025

# Lord Byng 100 Years Celebration – Saturday May 10<sup>th, 2025</sup> – Update

Did you know that Lord Byng Secondary School is turning 100 years old? The event will be on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> so save the date.

Here is the website for the 100 Year Celebration.

Please visit <u>https://www.byng100.ca/</u> for more information.



#### Literacy 10 Assessment - UPDATE

We will be running Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 - April 7-11. All grade 10s will be signed up to write. Lists of dates and times will be posted for each student outside the office and on Teams.

We will also be offering all Grade 12s the opportunity to complete any Graduation Assessments that they have missed. There is a small list of students and they will be notified individually.

## **Yearbook**

Hello Lord Byng families,

Relive the moments, Cherish the memories - **Get yourself a yearbook!** This is a very special year for our school as we are **celebrating Lord Byng Secondary School's 100th year anniversary**, as well as the **Byng Art's program's 25th year anniversary**. This unique edition captures special moments from the 2024/2025 school year and also showcases how our school has grown and changed over the last 100 years.

We are selling out quickly! Last chance to purchase a yearbook is on March 30th, don't miss out! Secure your memories - order your yearbook today on School Cash Online! https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/

#### 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**

#### **Track and Field**

#### **Practices:**

After school practices will be starting with practices on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 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. There are still a few spots available! Please contact Mr. Jack for more details at <u>bjack@vsb.bc.ca</u>

#### **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!

# **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

## **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 <u>artona.com/bookings</u>



When: Today until March 31, 2025 Location: Altona Vancouver Studio - 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver

If you need any assistance in booking your appointment, please contact our customer service team here: <a href="https://artona.com/contact-us">artona.com/contact-us</a>

## Student Excused Absences Procedure - Update

When a student is ill, or away for an excused reason, a parent/guardian must email the school at <u>byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca</u> 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 <u>https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca</u>; 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: <u>https://www.vch.ca/en/when-should-i-keep-my-sick-child-home-school</u>

## **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**

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 (<u>STS login</u>).

#### **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 Mar 14, 2025

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

#### **PAC Meeting**

**The March PAC Meeting** was held on Mar 05 from 7-8:30 on zoom. Meeting Chair May Lee, PAC co-chair May Lee hosted the meeting with updates from the Principal, Mr. WIlmann, and other PAC members. Please view a PDF copy of **the meeting slides** here 2025 Mar 05 PAC Meeting-with Principal slides.pptx.pdf

#### **PAC Continental Breakfast**

Join PAC and help with LB 100th celebration with the **PAC Continental Breakfast** from 11 to noon on May 10, Saturday. *Details and sign up for volunteers*, please see this document <u>100th Anniversary PAC Continental Breakfast</u>. We need your support!



#### 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* <u>https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</u> to the subscribe link: <u>https://lordbyngpac.us14.list-</u> 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 \$24,305 as of Mar 01, 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 <u>Principal Letter\_Direct Appeal 2024.pdf</u>

We are asking families who are able to consider making a **\$150 donation or more**, which will be tax-receipted. **Please** visit <u>SchoolCashOnline</u> 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* <u>2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf</u>.

Or visit the Lord Byng PAC website at <u>www.lordbyngpac.com</u> 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3月1日之前已经筹集到了 \$24,305。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<u>2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf</u>.

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 <u>www.stongs.com</u>, 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 <a href="https://www.ubace.com">https://www.ubace.com</a> (bpacgiftcards@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 <u>noradyng@hotmail.com</u>

#### ~~ 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: <u>https://forms.gle/aodKd111ka4jM4k9A</u>

- 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.

#### ~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

With Graduation around the corner, the grad committee will be sending out important information regarding graduation events and ticket sales soon. Information can be found on the Byng PAC website as well under the Grad Committee. To stay up to date, if have not done so already, please provide your contact information by clicking the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfu3Kmba6">https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfu3Kmba6</a>

#### **GRAD FUNDRAISERS:**

The Graduation direct drive letter was sent out twice now to all grade 12 parents/guardians, please check your email from the school 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 <u>bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com</u> for more information if needed.

#### **GRAD DATES and LOCATIONS:**

- GRADUATION CEREMONY UBC Chan Centre FRIDAY, June 6, 2025 3pm -7pm
- GRAD RECEPTION AND DANCE The Nest UBC SATURDAY, June 14, 2025 6:30pm-10:30pm

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

**BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP** – Byng has a <u>Byng Arts Parents Group</u> and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please join! <u>https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents</u>. Stay connected on WhatsApp. Join the "All Parents" and the subgroup you belong to <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/LebbGtqRocv31UU1OA0w38.</u>

- Strings' Senior Honor Tour: Mar 12 Mar 21
  - o Rome, Florence, Verona, Venice, Assisi, Pompeii
- Drama: Hadestown production
- Senior Chamber Choir: trip to Spain in Apr.

## ~~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 <u>lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</u>

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

## Arts Info



#### Congratulations to the Organizers of The Masked Singer Educators Extravaganza

The question of which teacher was behind the mask and who would rule the stage was answered this week when seven masked performers took to the auditorium stage as part of a fun Foodbank Fundraiser.

Thank you to Byng Arts Student council, Mr. Booker, Ms. Guadagni, Mr. Hartley-Folz, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Sawka, and Mr. Thiessen for giving us this entertaining conclusion to our final week before Spring Break.

#### 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!



Invitation to Experience Vancouver Film School



This is your exclusive backstage access to Vancouver Film School's industry-leading Foundation Visual Art & Design preparatory program and a chance to explore how your imagination could turn into a career.

You'll meet our faculty, experience a professional film set, take part in an Animation character design demo, learn how product packages are designed and made, and hear industry tips and insights on entertainment industry career pathways from VFS alumni.

Bring your family and friends for an exciting day of learning! Register here: https://vfs.edu/events/vfs-all-access/fd.

#### **Event Details:**

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2025

Time: 10 AM - 1:30 PM PDT

Location: 151 West Cordova Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5K3

We're also having a <u>Digital Design</u> All Access Pass on the same day, check it out here <u>https://vfs.edu/events/vfs-all-</u> access/dd.

#### Upcoming Art Performances at Byng after the Break

Fri. April 11 – Strings Concert – 6:30pm

Tues. April 15 – Band Concert – 6:30pm

Thurs. April 17 - LBSO Concert - 6:30pm

**Byng Arts** New Applicants to the Program

#### https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/

Welcome to all our new applicants. We have completed our steps for Grade 8 and will continue to monitor Grades 9 to 12. We will reach out to students on the waitlist if things open up after Spring Break.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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

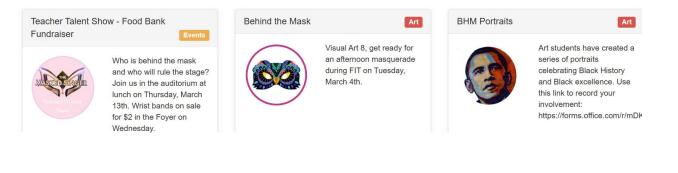
#### **Byng Arts Passport**

#### http://passport.lordbyng.net/

Keep going with your interactions with the arts.

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. Our current leader is Hepburn House, but for how long?



#### 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.

We will be planning for a Welcome Event for new Byng Arts applicants and their families in April. Please look for an email requesting volunteers in your inbox this weekend.

#### **Student Council Info**

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

- Merch for 25th Anniversary Crew Neck House Crest and Colour orders coming soon.
- New Families Welcome tentative date April 17th changed to April 15<sup>th</sup> (align with Band LBSO concert)

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

# Have a Great Spring Break!

