



Newsletter

Friday March 7, 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents and Families,

Thank you to all the parents and community members that continue to support our school’s learning journey through the very generous donations that have been made for this year’s Direct Appeal Fund Raising Campaign.

Priorities for this year have included the refurbishment of computers in the Animation Studio and several other significant projects. These important learning resources ensure that staff can continue providing the very latest and up to date educational opportunities for all our students.

Have a much-deserved restful weekend and thanks once again for all your support!

Mr. Wilmann

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School News

Recent Highlights Included:

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- Pink Shirt Day Assemblies Celebrate Diversity and Inclusion
- Black History Month Concludes a Month of Acknowledgement
- Byng Rugby Team Join Students from Throughout the District attending the Rugby 7s Tournament hosted in Vancouver.
- Student Leaders Host UBC Sauder Business Competition
- JABC & UBC Sauder School of Business Engage Byng Students with Financial Literacy, Goal Setting and Entrepreneurship



This week Mr. Marks led the Boys Table Tennis Team to the finals in the City Championships with team members David Xu, Roy Huang, Tedrick Sak, Darren Rao, Nathan Yiu, and Ethan Yiu bringing home the Cup for Team Byng.

On top of this accomplishment Mr. Marks hosted the Provincial Table Tennis Finals at the schools with school teams throughout the Lower Mainland coming to the school to participate in a very active two-day championship

Here is a summary of the recent Provincial Championship concluded on Saturday afternoon from Mr. Marks:

This weekend, Byng hosted Table Tennis Provincial Championships and our students dominated. Byng won the Boys Team title for the third year in a row. Byng also won the Boys Doubles and Boys Singles divisions. Ethan Yiu, Darren Rao, Nathan Yiu, and David Xu are the top teams in the province; Ethan and David are the top pairing; and Ethan was the singles winner. Over a dozen Byng students competed, and over thirty students volunteered long hours to ensure that the tournament was a success.

The team wishes to thank the Office Staff, the Admin, Kevin Sandher, Mary Smith and Helping Hands, Amy, Wei, Katrina Schnieder, all their teachers, and the custodial staff. And thanks to Nina, from Yearbook, who came out to photograph the event.

Special thanks go to Kim Chong-Ping and everybody in the PE department; their support went far beyond just giving up their teaching space.



Mr. Marks is truly one of our “Hidden Heroes” that quietly works each day to provide learning support for our students as well provide athletics opportunities for our whole school. Thanks Mr. Marks, you are a rock star!!!

Byng Celebrates Canadian Inclusion & Diversity Throughout the Month of February: Black History Month in Canada

The Month of February was a month filled with acknowledgement and celebration as the school recognized Black History Month in Canada. Just a few of the amazing events that occurred throughout the school included presentations in the Modern Languages Department recognizing the achievements of Canadian Civil Rights activist Viola Desmond:

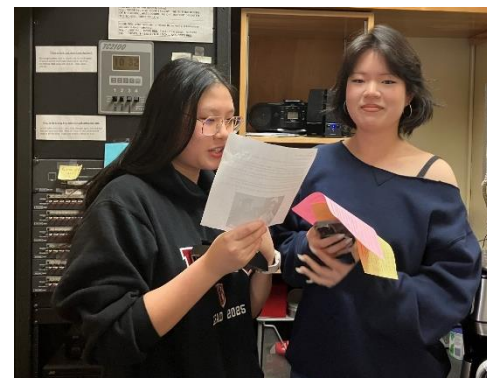
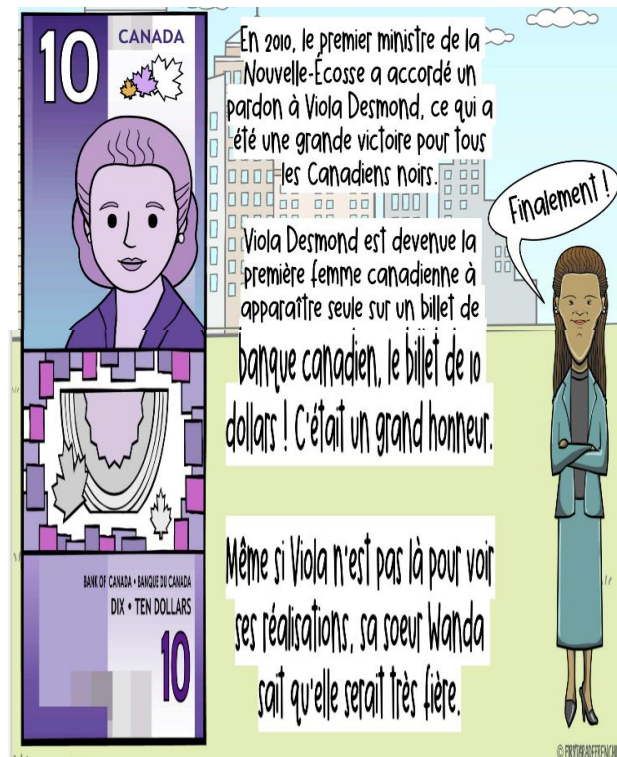
Viola Irene Desmond was a Canadian civil and women's rights activist and businesswoman of Black Nova Scotian descent. In 1946, she challenged racial segregation at a cinema in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, by refusing to leave a whites-only area of the Roseland Theatre.

As well as weekly updates on the PA by both Mr. Johnston and his Team of student broadcasters, staff and students

have been working to understand Black History in Canada through a variety classroom and school activities. This work has also been supported by the Vancouver School District that provided another learning opportunity on Thursday with the Black History Month Teams presentation that was transmitted to the entire Vancouver District on Microsoft Teams.

Another contribution to our school celebration of Black History Month included the work of Fine Arts students from Mr. Jon Hartley Folz’s Senior Studio Arts class. The focus for the students was to represent the portrait of significant Black Leaders from recent history.

These incredible works of art were then displayed throughout the school as a tribute to Black History Month and the deep dive that students learned along the way.



The Byng PA Team acknowledge the work of Canadian Dr. Clotilda Adessa Yakimchuk during Friday’s Black History Month update for the school.

Student artwork on display in the hallways to celebrate BHM in Canada!!!

Inspiring work Mr. Hartley-Folz-and thank you for sharing with the whole school!!!



Pink Shirt Day Assemblies: Celebrates Canada's History of Inclusion and Diversity



The recent Pink Shirt Day assemblies provided students in all grades with an opportunity to learn about the importance of standing up to bullying as well as learning about another piece of Canadian History.

This year's presentation provided a background on the History of this important day in our national calendar as well as giving students an understanding of how and why this day started with its origins in Nova Scotia:

The original event was organized in 2007 by two grade 12 students named David Shepherd and Travis Price of [Berwick, Nova Scotia](#), who bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a ninth-grade student Chuck McNeill was bullied for wearing a pink polo shirt during the first day of school at [Central Kings Rural High School](#) in [Cambridge, Nova Scotia](#).^{[4][5]} That year, former [Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald](#) proclaimed the second Thursday of September (aligning with the start of each [school year](#)) as "Stand Up Against Bullying Day" in recognition of these events.^[6]

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against [bullying](#) held in [Canada](#) and [New Zealand](#).^{[1][2]} Participants wear pink shirts and attend or host informative events to raise awareness about bullying, particularly in schools. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada, where it is held on the last Wednesday of February each year.^[3] It was adopted in [New Zealand](#) in 2009 and is observed annually on the third Friday of May.^[3]



Thank you to all the Peer Counsellors and Ms. Milinazzo for supporting our school standing up against bullying with this year's amazing Pink Shirt Day Assemblies.

Byng Rugby Team Join Students from Throughout the District attending the Rugby 7s Tournament hosted in Vancouver

The Senior Rugby Team members, led by Team Coach Mr. Scott McKeen, made an excursion to see Rugby in action played by nations from around the world competing in this year's Rugby 7s Competition held in Vancouver.

The Byng Team had an opportunity to see some great games as well as to learn some ideas as they head into the start of the new rugby season. Great work Mr. McKeen and good luck for the season ahead!



The Byng Senior Rugby Team watch as Team USA face off against Team Spain in this year's Rugby 7s Competition hosted in Vancouver.

Byng Students Learn About Entrepreneurship with The Help of UBC Sauder School of Business

Byng Business students recently had an opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship with the help of UBC Sauder School of Business Faculty and Staff members. This student-led case competition was organized by senior students Michael Li and Ana Radic with the help of Ms. Katrina Schnieder.

Here is a summary of this great learning initiative by Grade 11 Business student Michael Li:

Lord Byng's inaugural case competition has successfully concluded! We extend our gratitude to all the students who participated and to the executive team for their dedication in making this event possible.

We were honored to welcome Professor Yi Qian from the UBC Sauder School of Business, as well as Tom and Kelly from the Prosper Foundation for delivering an insightful workshop on case competition fundamentals.

We also extend our appreciation to Beeta Education for their generous sponsorship. Looking forward to seeing you at our next competition!



Case Conference Organizers open the Case Conference Competition in the Byng Library-great work Michael and Ana!!!

The Winning Case Conference Team are presented with the award for their successful case conference presentation-great work everyone!!!

Great work everyone and thanks Ms. Schnieder for all your support and encouragement for our Byng Business students!!!

The second event was organized by the VSB Indigenous Education Department and is currently run by Faculty from UBC and VSB staff with the help of Byng staff members Ms. Sarah Schumacher and Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo. On Thursday volunteers working for the Junior Achievement British Columbia were on site coaching students and providing them with a project to work on in teams.

Thursday's gathering was the third meeting for this group of Byng students and a total of 14 weekly sessions are currently being held culminating in both grade credits and certification for the successful completion of the program.

Byng students met with JABC volunteers and brainstorm for business plans that they will develop in teams over the next two months.

Important Dates

Spring Vacation Period

Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 28th, 2025

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

Lord Byng 100 Years Celebration – Saturday May 10th, 2025 – Update

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 [here](#) for the program on Saturday, May 10th, 2025.



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.schoolcashionline.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 [here](#).

Literacy 10 Assessment

We will be running Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 - April 7-11. All grade 10s will be signed up to write and will be notified for what date and time.

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.

Pet & Friends Therapy Program



[Pet & Friends Therapy](#) program (every 2 weeks at Byng during lunch). Students get to connect and destress during their lunch hour with trained therapy dogs. Skye - Golden Retriever and Boo Bear - Keeshound.

Byng Athletics

Lord Byng Golf Team

There will be a meeting in room a311 at 11:50 on Monday March 10 for any student grade 8-12 that is interested in playing competitive golf as a team against other high schools in the province.

There will not be a try out. There is a skill requirement.

Players competing this year should have an index that is 8 or lower. In other words the student should have a score in the 70's on a full course, counting all penalties according to the rules of golf, 8 times out of 20 rounds.

If you are a player that does not meet the requirements but would like to play maybe next year you can touch base with Mr. Yuen eyuen@vsb.bc.ca or come to the meeting.

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 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!

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

Collaboration Dates and Schedule

Collaboration Dates	
Sept. 18 • Oct. 16 • Nov. 13 • Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 • Apr. 16 • May 14 • Jun. 18	
Block 1 (Students Start)	10:00 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:50
Block 2	10:50 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 - 12:15
Block 3	12:15 - 1:35
Break	1:35 - 1:40
Block 4	1:40 - 3:00

School Cash Online

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

Graduates of 2025 – Grad Photos at Artona!

Graduates of 2025: There’s still time to get your grad photos at Artona! You will be included on the class composite if you are photographed by March 31. Please book now by scanning the QR code or visiting artona.com/bookings



When: Today until March 31, 2025

Location: Artona Vancouver Studio - 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver

If you need any assistance in booking your appointment, please contact our customer service team here: artona.com/contact-us

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.

VSBC Consent Forms – Please complete ALL FORMS

Consent forms are now online <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>; enter your child’s PEN and birthdate; accept the consent for each of the forms; **not** accepting or completing implies decline.

Please complete ALL forms:

Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)
Adobe CC Consent (for parents/guardians)
Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent
External Media Consent
G4-12 Student AUP

Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent
VSB Media Consent
Yearbook Media Consent

School Parking Lot

Dear Parents and Students,

Parents and students should not be in the parking lot during school hours. This pertains to both in and out of the car.

Also, reminder below:

Due to a serious safety issue, we are asking all parents to:

- please do not park on Wallace Street
- please do not drive through the staff parking lot
- please do not use the drive through at the Lord Byng front entrance

If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us

Vancouver Coastal Health – When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School?

Vancouver Coastal Health – When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School? Please keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider. You can refer to the Vancouver Coastal Health resource: <https://www.vch.ca/en/when-should-i-keep-my-sick-child-home-school>

Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

Students experiencing mobility issues should come to the office for an elevator key.

School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day](#)

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo

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Course Selection for Next School Year

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

Course Planning is now closed. We will be reviewing all the students' requests and start working on building our timetable for next school year. 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 [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 Mar 07, 2025

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

~~ DPAC INFO ~~

- **Advocating for a healthy universal school food program (*Immediate Action Needed!*)** See the beginning of the PAC news updates.

Partly repeated here. Please fill out the form [here](#) and or use the QR code below. Add your **full name** and **email** (you can skip all the other fields) and click submit – then share this page with your contacts!



- Please also see the most updated DPAC newsletter shared by DPAC chair here [DPAC News Update Document.docx](#)

DPAC representatives: Cindy cgroner18@gmail.com Nora noradyng@hotmail.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>

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 [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。

要。我们相信，凭借大家的共同努力，我们一定能够取得更大的成就。我们迫切希望能继续得到您的支持，与您一起为孩子们的未来贡献力量！

今年，我们的筹款目标有所增加，预计需要超过158,000加元，以继续改善学生们的教育体验。一些关键领域需要您的支持，包括：

- STEM+艺术的户外学习空间。
- 增设礼堂舞台照明。
- 为美术与应用技能部门的多功能空间进行计算机升级。
- 2025年学校百年庆典活动。

许多这些请求来自于我们敬业的教职员工，他们慷慨地志愿奉献时间和专业知识，以确保这些项目和倡议的成功。您的捐款使我们能够为他们提供所需的资源，继续他们的伟大工作。更多详情，请参阅 [校长信-直接捐赠 2024Principal Letter Direct Appeal 2024.pdf](#)。

我们请求有能力的家庭考虑捐赠150加元，这笔款项将会获得税收回执。请访问[SchoolCashOnline](#)进行捐款，并确保选择“**Lord Byng Secondary PAC**”作为捐款目的地 (请注意不要错选成Lord Byng Secondary)。在“Message to School Board”部分的“留言”栏中，您需要填写“**Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal**”。如果需要，您也可以参阅这份直接捐款网上操作指南[2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf](#)。

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

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

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

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

—Fundraising Initiatives: Grocery Gift Cards—

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

- **SunGiven (元初)** - Please fill out the [ORDER FORM](#) and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card.
- **Stongs Market**- shop online at www.stongs.com, and select **Lord Byng Secondary At checkout** under “Select the school for our rebate program” .

Save on food and **Safeway** gift cards will officially launch in early 2025. Please stay tuned.

If you have any questions or if you have any other Grocery Card rebate program, feel free to send us email at lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Walks - For parents/guardians who want to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday 9 am walks.. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

~~ Inclusion and Diversity Committee ~~

PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee - PAC has a space for discussing issues related to inclusion and diversity at Byng. Please contact PAC Co Chair Jacqueline Crummey j.crummey@icloud.com (Email and WhatsApp group) or by message 778-788-2585.

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

–Fundraising & Event Organization Committee–

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

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

<https://forms.gle/aodKd111ka4jM4k9A>

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

Please contact PAC Co-chair May Lee at Maylca808@gmail.com for more detail.

~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

The grad committee is now on to busier days as we are 4 months out from grad month. We would like to thank everyone who participated in any or all the events in raising \$15,000 so far. In order to keep ticket prices as low as possible, we will be continuing to push our direct drive and will send out the letter again shortly. All information can be found out the Byng PAC website as well as in the weekly newsletter.

If you haven't signed up to be on the grad 2025 mailing list, you can do so from the link on the PAC website or from the school newsletters. Important information will soon start to come out more, especially the closer we get to the events. Please go sign up!

GRAD DATES and LOCATIONS:

- GRADUATION CEREMONY - UBC Chan Centre - FRIDAY, June 6, 2025(4-6pm)
- GRAD RECEPTION AND DANCE - The Nest UBC - SATURDAY, June 14, 2025(6-10:30pm)

Graduation ceremony is run by the school not the Grad committee. There is no cost for the graduate and they each get 2 additional tickets for parents/guardians. Additional tickets will come available later, depending on availability.

The Grad Committee will post all information about the Grad reception and dance and any other events directly to parents and guardians via email and the website. Ticket information and times will be posted shortly. They will be available for purchase through school cash online.

Tickets for the event outside of the school will be available for purchase online and that information will be out after spring break via email or on the PAC website.

Stay tuned!

~~ 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>.

- Strings' Senior Honor Tour: Mar 12 - Mar 21
 - 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 lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>

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

Arts Info

The Masked Singer Educators Extravaganza

March 13th (Food Band Fundraiser Talent Show) at Lunch in the Auditorium

Which teacher is behind the mask and who will rule the stage?

Join us in the auditorium at lunch on Thursday, March 13th.

Entrance wrist bands go on sale for \$2 in the Foyer on Wednesday.

All proceeds go to the Food Bank.

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

New Applicants to the Program

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

Second round offers went out this week and we are awaiting final results before looking at our overall enrollment at each grade and if we still have additional space. 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/>

Keep going with your interactions with the arts.

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

Here are some of the most recent Passport options:

<p>Muse Events</p>  <p>Earned on 2/28/25 Use the month of March to engage with the Art's community. Attend a play, go to a gallery, perform a concerto. Send in your evidence to unlock your Muse Badges.</p>	<p>BHM Portraits Art</p>  <p>Earned on 2/28/25 Art students have created a series of portraits celebrating Black History and Black excellence.</p>	<p>ART for ART's SAKE Art</p>  <p>Earned on 2/7/25 Come and see our latest art show of student work in the Lord Byng Gallery. Take a photo of your favorite piece and hit Submit Proof to unlock this badge.</p>
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Your events contribute to group House points. Congratulations to Hepburn House, our current point leader.



THE HOUSE CUP 2025

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

BYNG ARTS Parent Group – Link: [Byng Arts Parents Group](#)

Byng Arts has a strong parent group, and they are reaching out to connect with other Byng Arts Parents. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already.

If you haven't done so, please use this [link](#) to join the Byng Arts email list OR see the Byng Arts section of the PAC website for information on how to join and get involved.

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 ([@byngartstudentcouncil](#))

Meeting Notes

- 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.
- New Families Welcome – tentative date April 17th (align with LBSO concert)

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