



## Newsletter

Friday, Nov 8 2024

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

As we take time this weekend with Remembrance Day on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> to reflect and to think about the sadness of war and conflict in our World, I would ask you all to also to take a moment as a caring and respectful community of learners to remember that at Lord Byng **“We Are One”**.

This was the message of our assemblies that were held on Friday to remember and to honor the fallen Canadian service men and women that gave so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms and peace that we all have today.

On Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> please take a moment to remember this and to remind one another that as one Lord Byng family we will never forget.

Have a restful Remembrance Day weekend. We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday and just a reminder that we will be starting the week with a schedule block flip **(2,1, 4, 3)**.

Mr. Wilmann

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**School News**

Highlights included:

- A week of Halloween fun fills classrooms, hallways and the whole school with seasonal fun and spirit
- Byng Arts Open House and Information Evening showcased both the school and the program for Grade 7 students and parents
- Modern Language Students Celebrate Latin American Heritage Month
- Weightlifting Club Build Strength and Resilience as well as Community

**Halloween Fun**

It was a fun filled week of seasonal fun and games for staff and students culminating in the annual Halloween Fashion Show sponsored by Student Council.

Other highlights included the annual Pumpkin Carving Competition as well as unique Science 10 Halloween pumpkin experiment, a Halloween Movie Night and much, much more!

Here are just a few of the activities taking place at the school bringing seasonal fun and activity into the school!



*Figure 1 A new member of the Office Admin Team was at work for the start of our Halloween Day of celebrations & fun, he looks rather familiar is it Mr. Vicent Van Folz??? I will have to check our staff records for the day!!*

*Figure 2 Another interesting group of I think EOC teachers showed up for the lunch time event in the main gymnasium, I'm not sure where the regular school staff were-help please???*



*Figure 3 The Dance Squad began the lunch time activities followed by the annual parade of Halloween characters!*

*Figure 4 Here is Just one of the very creative teams that participated in the Halloween fashion parade-great job everyone!*

Meantime, one group of young scientists in Ms. Ho's Science 10 Class were challenged with a pumpkin experiment and were found dissecting and analyzing pumpkins as well as producing some incredible artwork!!



*Figure 5 These young scientists took time to consider all of the facts as they conduct their pumpkin dissection experiment!*



*Figure 6 And here are just a few of the results created by our very talented young scientists, or are they artists?*

*Figure 7 The student Council Pumpkin competition winners celebrate their victory!!!*



*Figure 8 Special thanks to Student Council Team for keeping the seasonal Halloween spirit alive with movie night, the fashion show and the pumpkin carving competition, one group of volunteers were found multi-tasking working on homework while helping out on the Movie Night. Great job everyone!!!*





Thank you to all the staff that showed the spirit of Halloween and helped create a fun, safe and inclusive environment for the school during this very busy week.

Special recognition to all the staff responsible for setting up our events on the day including our PE Department members and Department Head Ms. Kim Chong-Ping as well as Student Council teacher sponsors Mr. Kevin Sandher and Ms. Katrina Schnieder for your support of these multiple Halloween events throughout the week.

Also thank you to our parents for your support and to students for respecting the important guidelines for the Halloween week!!



### Byng Arts Open House and Information Evening

Another major undertaking of the week just passed was the Byng Arts Information evening for applicants to the Byng Arts District Mini School Program.

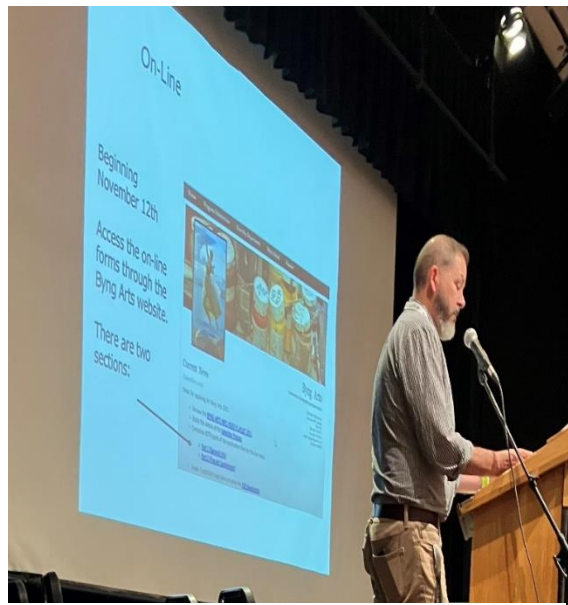


Figure 9 Program head Jon Hartley-Folz addresses parents at the BA information evening

The evening was action packed with presentations by Mr. Jon Hartley-Folz, a Byng Arts parent representative, a strings performance as well videos and short stories that captured experiences of past students in the Program.

While all this was taking place staff from the Program were giving presentations to Grade 7 student applicants that are hoping to get into the Program for September 2025. Thank you to Mr. Jon Hartley-Folz and to all members of the BA Team that came out to present at the evening event, the incredible work that you all do does so much to showcase our school as an amazing place to work and learn!





Figure 80 While parents enjoyed an amazing presentation by the Strings Orchestra and were provided with a detailed description of the application process for the Program, Grade 7 applicants were provided with a series of presentations by Byng Arts Staff highlighting the program.

### October Is Latin America Heritage Month

Modern Languages students had an opportunity to learn about the heritage and culture of Latin America as part of their Modern Languages Grade 11 Program and how other Latin cultures celebrate the Halloween season.

Here is a quick summary of this learning experience by their class teacher Ms. Shelby Calman:

The Spanish 11 class went on a field trip to Granville Island for LatinCouver's [Latin American Heritage Month](#). They learned more about the Mexican holiday el Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). They saw an altar created by the Mexican artist Paloma Morales for the holiday, as well as art by Adrián Edgar connected to the event.



Thanks, Ms. Calman, for this update on this engaging learning opportunity-great work!

Figure 91 Byng Modern Language 11 students visit the Latin American Month celebrations hosted at Granville Island.

### Weightlifting Club: Building Strength, Resilience and Community

Each week our Byng School Liaison Officer Constable Dhiren Kumar, runs a weightlifting and fitness Club at the school providing an opportunity for students to build fitness as well as connect with other students and build community.

Here is a quick update on the Program by Constable Kumar:



The Iron Bulldogs Health Club (The club) is a Vancouver Police Department School Liaison Unit initiative that promotes resistance training and powerlifting at the high school level. The club, led and coached by School Liaison Officers Cst. Dhiren Kumar and Cst. Josh Cheng, began in September 2023 and currently operates at Kitsilano, Lord Byng, and Churchill secondary schools. The club has the support of the VPD and of participating school administration.

Powerlifting consists of three weight training exercises: the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift. Cst. Kumar, Cst. Cheng, and sponsor teachers from the three participating secondary schools ensure that student athletes are applying the correct form and technique to these exercises. Safety measures such as spotters and safety bars are mandatory.

*Figure 102 Constable Dhiren Kumar provides instruction to students on the safe use of equipment during the Wednesday meeting of the Fitness Club at Byng.*

Thanks, Constable Kumar, for providing this great opportunity for our students at Byng!



### **Block Flip - Tuesday Nov 12 – Rotation 2 1 4 3**

This is a reminder that Tuesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> is block flip. The new rotation is period 2, 1, 4, 3 and the schedule remains unchanged for FIT.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, November 21st**

Please follow this [link](#) for information regarding Parent Teacher Conferences. This information was also emailed directly to all Byng Parents/Guardians.

**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.**

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 Go Cards Ready for Pick Up**

If you haven’t picked up your student go card yet, please come to the school office.

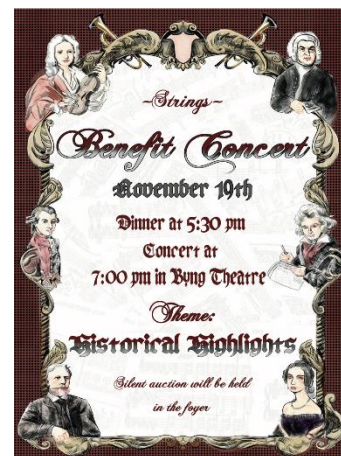
**Strings Concert – Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

We are pleased to formally invite you to the **Strings Benefit Concert on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Dinner:** 5:30 PM
- **Concert:** 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening filled with beautiful music as our talented strings musicians take the stage to delight and inspire you. Your presence will help support a great cause and enjoy an unforgettable performance.

The concert poster with ticketing information is attached. We look forward to seeing you there! Please see link: [Benefit Concert Poster](#)



**Lost and Found**

Please check the lost and found table on the second floor for lost clothing items, shoes, lunchboxes, waterbottles and backpacks, etc. For smaller items, please come to the school office. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the winter break.

**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>

### **Byng Athletics**

#### **The BC High School Cross Country Championships**

The BC High School Cross Country Championships took place on Saturday, at Jericho Beach Park, in extremely muddy and wet conditions. The Juniors ran just over 4 kilometers, and the Seniors ran just over 5 kilometers.

In the Jr. Girls race, Aleen Watson had an excellent race and placed 47th out of 266! Vanessa Seebaran ran a good race for herself. It bodes well for next year, as they were both grade 8's competing against grade 9's and 10's!

Nathan Adkins was our only Jr. Boy. He ran a very good race and finished in the top 1/4 at 69th out of 271! Both Nathan and the coaches were happy with his performance.

For the highlight of the weekend, Lord Byng's very own Chloe Symon had an incredible race and paced herself perfectly. In the end, she sprinted to the BRONZE medal! That was the best performance by a female Lord Byng athlete since the meet began in the 1969! Pretty good for someone whose specialty is 400 and 800 meters! Jeevut Sajjan also had an outstanding race and was 8<sup>th</sup>, to top off an excellent 2024 school cross country season for her! Dorothy Chen and Corina Von Trebra-Lindenau, showed a lot of grit and helped us to a solid team finish (11<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams)!

This was the same venue where, on the men's side, Lord Byng's Kieran Lumb got the victory at the 2016 BC High school Championships, in one of the muddiest and wettest races in recent memory. Kieran has gone on to run professionally and participated in the recent Paris Olympics in the 1500 meters! This shows that the sky's the limit for Lord Byng athletes if they put their minds to it!

Thanks to the managers who attended, Ayven Xu and Liyun Chernovsky, for all of their time and effort during this meet and the zone finals!

Thank you to Mr. Sandher's leadership class for volunteering. They did a fantastic job, setting up the course and working various jobs on meet day.

Way to Go Team!

### **Basketball Intramurals**

Any students who are interested in playing Basketball Intramurals, please sign up your team starting on Monday, Nov 4 on All Student TEAMS. Please complete the Microsoft Form, with all the names of your team members. The deadline to register is Friday, November 8th. There will be a Captains meeting on Tuesday, November 12, and the games start on Wednesday Nov 13-Thursday Nov 21.

**Collaboration Day - Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Students Start 10AM**

<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

**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
VSBC Media Consent
Yearbook Media Consent

**Medical Conditions / Care Plan Forms**

If your son/daughter has a medical condition: diabetes, seizures, anaphylaxis, asthma, or other medical concerns, please come to the office to pick up a medical care plan form. It is important that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school and have updated information on file.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or backpack which travels to class and on field trips with them.

**Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues**

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

## School Cash Online

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

## School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day](#)

## 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
<b>FIT</b> 8:40 - 9:20				<b>FIT</b> 8:40 - 9:20
<b>BLOCK 1</b> 9:20 - 10:20	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 8:40 - 10:00	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 8:40 - 10:00	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 8:40 - 10:00	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 9:20 - 10:20
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## Counselling Update

### **Counselling Staff - Upcoming Changes**

We would like to welcome Ms. S. Schumacher to our department. Ms. Schumacher will be starting at Byng on Oct. 28 and will be responsible for students with Last names M-T. We are excited to have her join our team. Ms. V is back on Tuesday, Nov. 13 and we would like to thank Ms. Smith and Ms. Davies for helping us with coverage. We also wanted to take this opportunity and let all of you know that we had to adjust our alphabet and will proceed as follows:

**A-G Ms. Milinazzo**

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

**H - L Ms. Radic**

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

**M-T Ms. Schumacher**

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

**U-Z Ms. Vanderklippe**

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

### **Trades Opportunities**

Students and families interested in learning more about how training and apprenticeship in a construction trade could be part of a graduation pathway are invited to join us and a number of employers and training providers on November 19th at 6:30pm in the Tupper Auditorium.

Student who pre-register will get a BONUS entry in the draw for door prizes. Please pre-register using this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/0cc6kb02xD>.

### **University Visits**

This coming week, we will be hosting McMaster University on Monday, Nov. 4 after school, SFU on Nov. 5 during lunch, and UoCalgary on Nov. 7th during Fit. Next week we will welcome McGill on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Waterloo on Nov. 13. These presentations are ideal for grade 11s and 12s. Here is a link to the entire schedule: [University Visits 2024/25](#)

### **Scholarships**

Here is some scholarship info: Where Can I Look for Scholarships. This document was shared with grade 11s and 12 on Counselling Teams. Please see [link](#).

### **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 Nov 8th, 2024**

#### **~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~**

### **November PAC meeting:**

The next PAC meeting is scheduled to take place on 7:00pm November 20th, online via Zoom. See Zoom link below.

Topic: **Byng PAC meeting** (Time: Nov 20, 2024 07:00 PM Vancouver)

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/69310893558?pwd=ufbYVzGyLbGpIVlzQYUkeQmaphbC18.1>

Meeting ID: 693 1089 3558; Passcode: 528961

## 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 subscribe. We look forward to connecting with you.

## New PAC Team Announcements

- Thank you for a great turnout at the October PAC meeting/AGM. We voted in the new Exec, added new Members at Large. For more details, please refer to the AGM slides [Oct 23th PAC AGM meeting](#)
- Parents who might be interested in becoming a Member At Large, pls email [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com)

## Gaming Grant Fund

The 2024-2025 Gaming Grant allocation was approved at the AGM. For more details, please refer to the AGM slides [Oct 23th PAC AGM meeting](#)

## Fundraising Initiatives: Grocery Gift Cards

The PAC can get rebate 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 and get to know how to receive the 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” .

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)

**\*NEW\* PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee** - PAC would like to create 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).

**\*NEW\* Fundraising & Event Organization Committee:** - PAC established this committee primarily to collaboratively ensure sufficient funding for more enriched programs for school students. Please contact PAC Co-chair May Lee [Maylca808@gmail.com](mailto:Maylca808@gmail.com) or Text message to 236-990-9228 (Same as Whatsapp) or Wechat: Maylee2023.

**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)

## ~~ DPAC INFO ~~

**Next DPAC GENERAL MEETING:** NOV 28th, THU 7 – 9pm Zoom Meeting

See DPAC news updates on [DPAC Info](#)

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

## ~~ GRAD 2025 PARENT INFO ~~

## Grade 12 Parents List

- Join the [Grad Parents Registration form](#) to get updates of Grad info.
- If you would like to be part of the Grad Committee, please send an email directly to the grad committee – [bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com](mailto:bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING GRAD FUNDRAISERS

1. **Bottle Drive NEW Date!!** Keep saving your bottles/cans.
  - NEW DATE: Saturday, November 16, 2024
  - TIME: 9am - 2pm
  - LOCATION: Lord Byng Parking Lot (next to tennis courts)
  - WHAT TO DROP: All BEVERAGE containers - PLASTIC, GLASS, ALUMINUM AND METAL.
  - Alcoholic: beer cans/beer bottles/liquor bottles/wine/wine boxes
  - Non-alcoholic: all jugs and cartons of milk/plant-based milk substitutes and all sizes of juice boxes/pouches.
2. **GRAD 2025 Purdy's Fundraiser** - [Order Form](#). Order deadline is November 25th. Pick up date is December 7th. Contact [janinekobyka@gmail.com](mailto:janinekobyka@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks for your support!
3. **Growing Smile Fundraiser** - Purchase poinsettias, wreaths and indoor plants for the holiday season and help raise money for the 2025 Grad. Orders due by November 14, 2024. Pick up dates November 27 and November 28. Please find the link to order [here](#). Thanks for all your support for the class of 2025!

### ~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

**Weekly updates** Byng Arts hosted its annual in-person introduction for prospective Grade 7 parents from across the Vancouver School Board on the night of Oct 29. Mr. Hartley-Folz delivered a comprehensive presentation on the application process, while the principal shared insights into the school's accomplishments. A highlight of the event was a beautiful short film created by the Media Arts students, which won an award and focused on the theme of reconciliation.

### NOV. Byng Arts Parents Meeting

- Wednesday Nov 13 6:30-8pm Byng Library.
- Purpose: to brainstorming ways to support the Byng Arts program and to form the PAC Byng Arts Subcommittee.
- Please RSVP on the BA All Parents Whatsapp. See below.

**BYNG ARTS PARENTS SURVEY** Mr. Hartley-Folz invites all Byng Arts parents to fill out this [short survey](#) to get to know all the parents better.

**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 7pm): Nov 20, 2024; 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

## Byng Arts

### ART NEWS

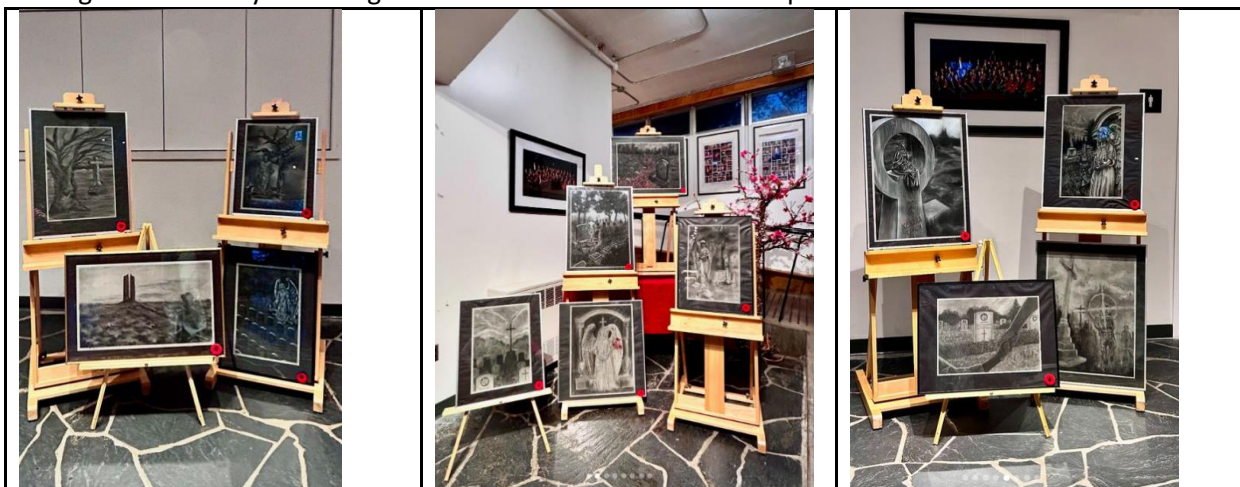
#### Upcoming Performances at Byng

Congratulations to our Band Department for starting off the Fall/Winter performance schedule with a successful concert on Wednesday. We hope you make the most of the upcoming concert opportunities:

- Friday, November 15: Choir Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre
- Tuesday, November 19: Strings Benefit Concert, 7pm in the Theatre (see message above about registering for the dinner and silent auction beforehand)
- December 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: Drama Performance in the Theatre

#### Senior Visual Artists Contribute to the Remembrance Day Assemblies

Thank you to all the artists who submitted their work as part of our Remembrance Day ceremony. Your work was very moving and showed your thoughtful consideration of the themes presented.



#### Call for Artists

The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia is thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for young, emerging visual and digital artists.

The Chan Centre invites talented visual artists between the ages of 15 and 22 to collaborate with us at our upcoming concert, **GET CLASSICAL! With Ian Parker**, part of the *Inspired at the Chan* family series. This unique project will allow selected artists to have their work projected onstage during a live music performance by Vancouver's acclaimed pianist, Ian Parker, on **Sunday, March 9, 2025**.

This collaboration is designed to let young artists contribute their vision and creativity to a live performance for an audience of 1,000. We're seeking artists who can create visual content—such as animations, film, photography, or sequential images—that will complement and enhance the music, providing an immersive experience for our audience.

## Key Details:

- **Who:** Young visual and digital artists (ages 15–22)
- **What:** Visual art to complement live music on stage
- **Event:** GET CLASSICAL! With Ian Parker, March 9, 2025, at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
- **How to Apply:** Interested artists should submit the attached application form by **December 6, 2024**.

## [APPLICATION FORM](#)

## Art School Visits at Byng

We are pleased to welcome the following art schools on the following dates:

- **SVA:** School of Visual Art, New York: Thursday, November 14th
- **MICA:** Maryland Institute College of Art: Monday, November 18th
- **OCAD:** Ontario College of Art and Design University: Wednesday, November 20th

**All presentations take place during last period (1-3) in room A223, Mr. Hartley-Folz's art room.**

Find out more about the specific programs, portfolio requirements, and the opportunities for careers in the arts. All senior students are welcome, but you must speak to your classroom teacher and let Mr. Hartley-Folz know that you plan to attend.

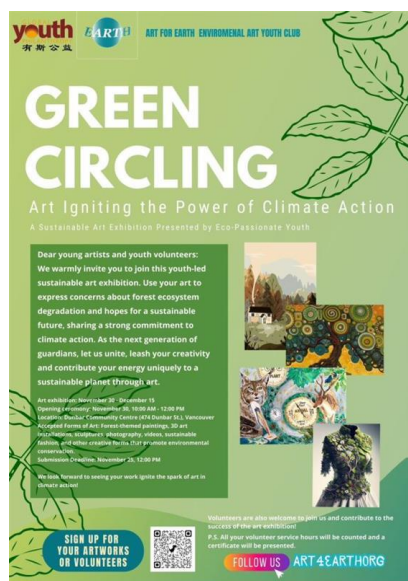
## Art for Earth Event – November 30<sup>th</sup>

The Art for Earth Environmental Art Youth Club's *Green Circling* exhibition is happening on **November 30**—a great chance to showcase your art and talent while earning volunteer hours! 🌱 🎨 The theme is recycling and forest conservation, and we welcome all young artists to join.

## Important Details:

- **Submission Deadline:** November 25, 12:00 PM
- **Exhibition Dates:** November 30 - December 15
- **Opening Ceremony:** November 30, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Location:** Dunbar Community Centre, Vancouver

**Scan the QR code** on the poster to register, and we'll be in touch with more details soon! Let's come together to inspire climate action through art. 🌍 ❤️





## Byng Arts

**New Applicants to the Program – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE**

**Online Portal Opens November 12<sup>th</sup>** (Make sure to pick up the paper application first)

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

The Byng Arts Mini School has a long history at Lord Byng. Established in 1999 to acknowledge the creative energy and strong programs in our senior Strings and Drama departments it has grown to encompass all grades and offer opportunities not only in Strings and Drama but also Visual Art, Band, Choir, and Media Arts, with further opportunities available in Literary Arts in Grade 11 and 12.

Byng Arts, has all the benefits of a large high-school, while also maintaining a strong sense of community. In addition to an enriched curriculum in their fine art focus, all students in Byng Arts participate in events that feature community artists, musicians, and performers, thereby strengthening the collaboration between Byng and the professional arts community.

If you are interested in joining the Byng Arts program, please visit our website for the most up to date information on the application process: <http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

Application envelopes are now available and can be picked up from our office. Online registration starts November 12<sup>th</sup> (pick up an application envelope before going online). The deadline for submitting both your paper application AND your online submission is December 19th.

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?!**

Everyone should have signed in to their passport account by now. Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)) if you are having difficulties or review the instructions on TEAMS. You can sign up during FIT on Friday's and see Mr. Hartley-Folz in the Gallery - <https://byng.myweeklyplanner.net/>

The passport is a fun, but mandatory part of our program at Byng Arts. Byng Arts Passports are reviewed every January and May and students are **expected to have recorded seven or more events** by January.

Here are some of the most recent options:

<p>Neptune <span>General</span></p>  <p>Earned on 11/8/24 Take part in an art event during the month of November. Take a photo to document and hit Submit to redeem.</p>	<p>Wednesday Night at the Movies <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Earned on 11/8/24 Come out for movie night in the auditorium on Wednesday, October 30th. Event starts at 3:45. Cost \$2. Treats available for purchase. In partnership with main school student</p>	<p>Fall Music Performance <span>Music</span></p>  <p>Earned on 11/7/24 You attended a concert or performed as part of one of our ensembles (Band, Choir, Strings) during October and November.</p>
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Get out there and start recording your interactions with the arts!

**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.

### BYNG ARTS GALA – November 27<sup>th</sup>



Each year the Byng Arts program holds an art celebration at the **Roundhouse Community Center**. This is a highlight of our year, and we are excited to return to the Roundhouse on **Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

The event will begin with a series of student performances followed by a sit-down dinner with all the healthy food choices of pizza, chips, and soda. We will conclude with a costume contest, dance, and games area for those who don't feel like dancing. Doors open at 5pm and the event begins formally at 5:30. The evening ends at 9pm. The theme is **Once Upon a Winter**. We will have a costume contest so time to start planning your ideas –

snowman, Christmas Tree, or perhaps the North Wind – the possibilities are limitless.

We will send out an **RSVP** form to all Byng Arts students and post a link on Teams, so check your Inboxes and Junk folders or look for details on Teams: [Byng Arts Info Site \(2024-25\) | General | Microsoft Teams](#). Deadline to sign up is November 15<sup>th</sup>!!!



We also have opportunities for parents to help volunteer. We will send out further details in the email to let you know how to 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](#))

**Gala is ONE MONTH away on November 27<sup>th</sup>!!!** The theme is Once Upon a Winter!!! Mural volunteers meet every Monday and Wednesday in the Art Rooms. Plans are starting to take form. Get going on your costume ideas. Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any Byng Arts questions ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca))