



Newsletter

Friday, Oct 11 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents and Families,

Thank you to all the teachers, students, volunteers and staff that worked so hard to make the Terry Fox Run held at the school a great success!

This year the goal was to fundraise \$4,000 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our community the school has surpassed this year's goal.

Well, done everyone, have a much deserved and restful Thanksgiving Weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

OCT 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sept 30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	1 Western University visit @ lunch	2 Queens University visit @ lunch	3 Gr. 12 Student Assembly 12:45-2pm / Gr. 12 Parent Night 7-8 pm Auditorium	4 U of Alberta Visit @ lunch	5 World Teachers Day
6	7	8	9 Clubs Day	10 Semester 1 Interim Reports Published MyEd Gr 12 Parent Night 7-8pm Aud	11 Terry Fox Run AM Last Day to Withdraw from Semester 1 Classes	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	15 Earthquake Drill – 10:17am UVic Visit – FIT Auditorium	16 Collaborative Day Students Start 10am	17 Gr. 8 Camp Gr. 10 – 1-1 / Gr. 9 1-2 Assembly CLE/CLC 1-3 Gr.10 / 1-4 Gr. 11 FIT Cancelled	18 Gr. 8 Camp The Social Dilemma: 1-1 Gr 9 / 1-2 Gr. 10 Workplace Safety 1-3 Gr 11/1-4 Gr 10 FIT Cancelled	19
20	21 ADST Rotation 3 Begins	22 U. of Toronto Visit @lunch	23 Dalhousie Visit @ lunch	24 Immunization Clinic / Coffee House @3pm Gallery Foyer	25 Pro D Day School Not in Session	26
27	28 Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment (Monday Oct 28- Thursday Oct 31 st)	29 Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment Byng Arts Info Night 7pm Theatre	30 Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment Math Contest 8:45-11:30) LIB	31 Gr 10 Numeracy Assessment Gr 12 MADD Assembly @FIT FIT FREEZE		

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School News

Highlights include:

- **Truth and Reconciliation:** Byng acknowledges Truth and Reconciliation with Musqueam Elder Martin Sparrow completing the school’s Welcome Figure and the Helping Hands Club creating a hallway display.
- **High School and Beyond:** Counsellors provide important post-secondary information and updates for students and parents supporting all **Four Pillars of Learning**.
- **Terry Fox Run:** The school gets ready for the annual **Terry Fox** run preparing for this important community building event.
- **Fall Sports Are Underway:** Students turn out to pre-season warmups for the basketball Junior Basketball Teams.

Byng acknowledges Truth and Reconciliation

Thank you to all the staff for the incredible work that has been taking place at the school to support Truth and Reconciliation.

As a school community the school continues to make strides to align our curriculum with TRC call to action #62:

Canada indigenize public school curricula in order to educate students on the culture of indigenous peoples, and the history of residential schools.

Examples of how that work is taking place at the school includes the number of Indigenous focused Grade 10-12 Social Studies and English classes as well as the projects that are on going in classrooms and throughout the school. Two impressive examples of this is the completion the school Welcome Figure by Musqueam Elder Martin Sparrow and the incredible work of Metis Elder Ray McKeown that so many of you have invited into your classrooms to work with your classes!

Musqueam Elder Martin Sparrow welcomes the “Woman of the Grass”

**Truth and Reconciliation
Through Indigenous
Teaching and Learning**

How do we authentically promote, embrace, and engage with the First Peoples Principles of Learning in our classrooms?

The month of September was an important milestone on the school’s Truth and Reconciliation Journey, with Musqueam Elder and Artist Martin Sparrow completing the School’s Welcome Figure “The Woman of the Grass”.



Helping Hands Club Create a Hallway Display



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Thank you to all the students in the Helping Hands Club for all your work to showcase the work of Ms. Shaw’s Textile’s Classes for Truth and Reconciliation Month in Canada. Special thanks also to our counsellor Ms. Smith for returning to our school and working with the Helping Hands Club on this and other amazing school and community projects!!!

High School and Beyond

Special thanks to our counselling team Ms. Radic, Ms. VanderKlippe & Ms. Milinazzo for providing a very rich program of events that provide students and their parents with important information to transition from high school into post-secondary institutions.

This week representatives to the school provided updates on the University of Alberta and Queens University in Ontario as well as our counselling team providing an important information session for all Grade 12s that was held during FIT time on Thursday.

This fully comprehensive program ensures that all students in Grade 12 have all the information required to compete their high school requirements, reviewing all options for after high school as well as ensuring that they have information for Career Education as well as tools to navigate stress and anxiety as well as staying informed on the best ways to navigate the challenges of leaving high school.

A big piece of this process is of course university and post-secondary institution applications. Other important themes included:

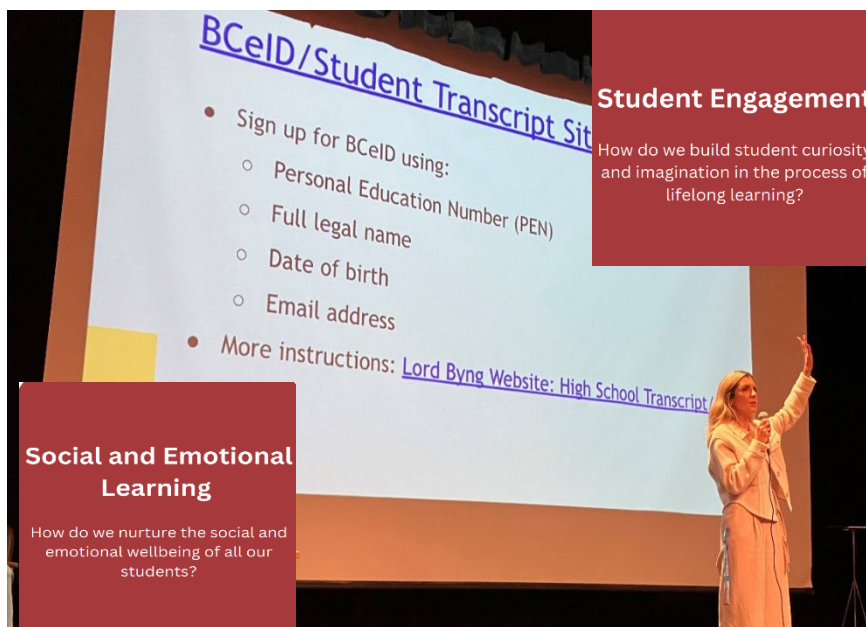


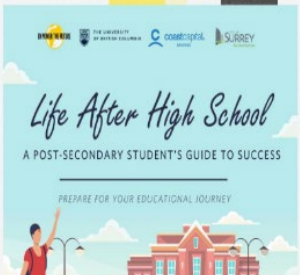
Figure 1 Ms. Radic and the Byng Counselling Team provide a comprehensive workshop to Grade 12 students on life after high school.

- An update on where to find important information (website, Microsoft Teams, etc.).
- How to access career support
- Important timelines throughout the school year for applications.
- Graduation requirements including Career & Life Connections and Capstone.
- Scholarships and how to apply.

University Applications

PDF copy available in link below:

- [CUE event](#)
- [Schedule of Uni Visits](#)
- [Life After High School guide](#)



Inclusion and Diversity

What pedagogical practices can we use to support all our learners?

Truth and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning

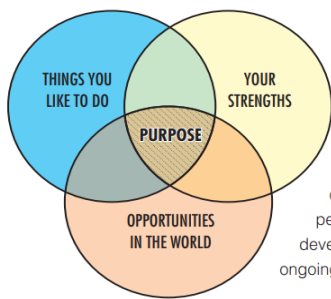
How do we authentically promote, embrace, and engage with the First Peoples Principles of Learning in our classrooms?



Figure 2 Just one of the representatives at the school last week was from the U of A., sharing information on programming, campus life and supports for students at the 3 campus locations of the university.

The information provided through this series of workshops, presentations and individual Grade 12 year is very important and students

supports throughout the at Byng are very well supported by the Counselling Team and the Career Education Program. This alignment of the two areas aligns directly with the Ministry of Education’s mandate to support a sense of purpose as they journey through high school and beyond.



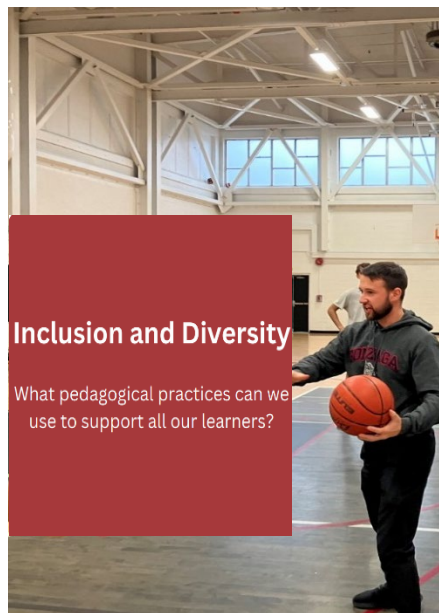
Sense of purpose

Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections are designed to assist students in reflecting on where their personal interests and strengths overlap with emerging career-life opportunities in the world. Students can develop a sense of purpose when these three qualities overlap, offering possible career-life directions that are both personally meaningful and viable. This type of purposeful career-life development is facilitated by the learning standards of CLE and CLC and ongoing mentorship opportunities throughout the secondary years.



Fall Sports Are Fully Underway

Fall sports are now underway with students engaged in volleyball, rugby, soccer and basketball about to begin with students turning out for a pre-season warm up with their coaches **Mr. Sandher** and **Mr. Pettifer**.



Actively engaging in sports and the athletics program at Byng aligns well with all **Four Pillars of Learning** and gives students in all grades an opportunity to work alongside peers, coaches and volunteers and to develop deep understanding of what it means to be a part of a team and to set individual and collective goals.

Thanks coaches and volunteers, we really value all that you do to support our athletes with the hours of volunteer work that you commit to the students each season!

Student Excused Absences Procedure

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. 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 part or full day (blocks missed) or time
Copy to teachers so they are aware – email addresses located on school website

Student Retake ID Cards – Pick Up in School Office

Please come to the office to pick up your photo retake ID card.

Cross Country

We are still looking for students to join the cross-country team. You are running out of time, so if you would like to join please contact Mr. Jack ASAP or see him in the PE office. Our next meeting is on Tuesday at lunch in the Main Gym and our last qualifying meet is on Wednesday.

bjack@vs.bc.ca

Collaboration Date – Wednesday Oct 16th – Students Start at 10AM

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

Terry Fox Event and Fundraising

Lord Byng Students and Parents/Guardians,

We are looking for your support with our annual Terry Fox Run and Terry Fox Fundraiser for Cancer Research. Due to in climate weather this Friday, the Lord Byng Terry Fox Run or Walk will now take place next Friday, October 11th in Period 1 and 2. There will be prizes for the top runners and the best outfits! Students are encouraged to wear Red and White (Canadian colours) and Red and Grey (Lord Byng colours) to show support for this event and to demonstrate school spirit! Also, we will be collecting money in your PHE classes until Friday, October 11th. **Alternatively, your parents can donate online to the Lord Byng Terry Fox fund by clicking on the following link:**

[Terry Fox School Run](#)

Cancer affects everyone, regardless of age, gender, or socioeconomic status. Whether directly as patients or indirectly as caregivers, family members, or friends, nearly every family globally is impacted by Cancer. This will continue until a cure is found. Since 2005, the Lord Byng community has raised over \$35,000 for Cancer research. The Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$900,000, since Terry began his Marathon of Hope in 1980. This year, our school goal is to raise \$4000. We are already half-way there, raising over \$2000 so far! SO, SHOW US THAT YOU'RE GREAT. FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO DONATE!

Click on the link below for more information about Terry Fox:

[Learn about Terry Fox](#)

Thank You!

The Lord Byng PHE Department and the Administration

Lord Byng Golf Team

Even though golf is a spring sport the Lord Byng Golf team is starting the 2024/25 season off with some great news.

Our very own Kaylee Chung joins a handful of Lord Byng players who went on to play NCAA Div 1 Golf.

After considering several offers and visiting some campuses Kaylee has accepted a full ride scholarship from San Diego State.

As a grade 11 Kaylee has two golf seasons left at Lord Byng , as the team aims to follow up two provincial silver medals with a gold.

We are very proud of the hard work and dedication Kaylee has made to both her golf and academics. Congratulations to a wonderful student-athlete.

Stayed tuned as there might be more good news coming from the golf team soon!



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>

Immunization Consent Forms – Please Return ASAP!

Immunization forms were handed out to grade 9 students. Please return signed forms to the school office as soon as possible. The immunization clinic will take place in the morning on Thursday, October 24th in the lower cafeteria.

Any questions, please contact our school nurse Alana Krzeczowski, RN (C), BScN

Child and Youth Public Health Nurse

Email: Alana.krzeczowski@vch.ca

Digital Devices Policies

One of the most significant changes for students this school year is the introduction of the recently mandated digital devices policies. This policy was outlined by the Superintendent in the letter sent to families on August 22nd, 2024.

Students and staff reviewed the policy during assemblies and homeroom classes in which the key highlights were explained.

These included the following requirements for all students:

- Personal digital devices are not to be used without the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator
- If a personal digital device is required for instructional purposes, or to support a student’s medical needs, accessibility or accommodation staff will provide clear guidelines and expectations around their use for these purposes and ensure that use is adequately supervised.
- Ideally, personal digital devices should be left at home to reduce the risk of theft.

This policy applies during all instructional time and staff will continue to remind students of our [school code of conduct](#) regarding the use of personal digital devices.

As with all other policies regarding school conduct, we appreciate parents for your support as we implement this new policy mandated by the Ministry of Education.

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

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 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

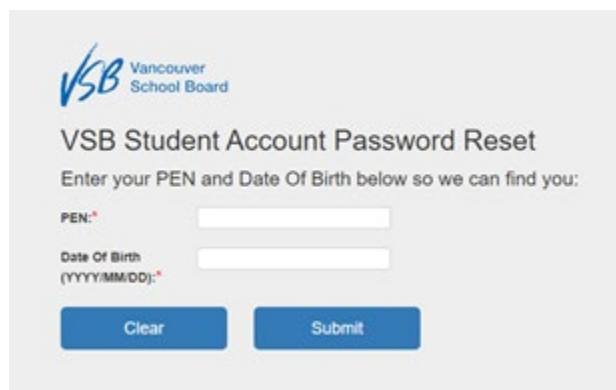
If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us

School Cash Online

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

TEAMS Password Reset

Students may use the new Student Password Reset Portal: <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> to reset their TEAMS password. They will need to provide their PEN# & Date of Birth. Please follow the instructions to reset your password. Below is what you will see when you click the link:



The screenshot shows the VSB Student Account Password Reset form. At the top left is the VSB Vancouver School Board logo. The title is "VSB Student Account Password Reset". Below the title is the instruction "Enter your PEN and Date Of Birth below so we can find you:". There are two input fields: "PEN:" and "Date Of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):". Below the input fields are two buttons: "Clear" and "Submit".

Logging into School Wi-Fi - VSB Secured

Log onto Wi-Fi – VSB Secured

User ID must be the @learn email

(student # @learn.vsb.bc.ca)

Password should be the one that was set for TEAMS

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
- Attending tutorial sessions
- Connecting with counsellors
- Collaborating with peers on projects
- Individual study time
- Career Education lessons and meetings
- Work Experience 11 and 12
- 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
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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

Grad Portraits @ Artona Studio – Important Update

If you missed having your grad photo session, please contact Artona to book your own appointment.

Please let Artona know that you are a student from Lord Byng.

If you do not take your photo, you will not be in the school yearbook and grad composite.

Please see link to book: <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG>

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

Counselling department is welcoming back Ms. Mary Smith who will be sharing the position with Ms. Davies. Please come by and say hello.

A-Gr Ms. Millinazzo

kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca

Gs - L Ms. Radic

jradic@vsb.bc.ca

M-Te Ms. Smith (M-W am) Ms. Davies (W pm-F)

cdavies@vsb.bc.ca; msmith@vsb.bc.ca

Tf-Z Ms. Vanderklippe

mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca

Parent Presentation for all Grade 12 parents and guardians

Our grade 12 parent presentation was last night. We had a great turn out and hope that you all enjoyed our presentation. We would like to thank you for all of your support. Also, a big thank to Sarah Sun, for translating all the slides into Mandarin. Here are the slides that we presented as promised:
Please encourage your grade 12s and connect with us and feel free to reach out to us anytime.

Language Challenge Exams

Applications are due by Oct 21st, 2024 to your counsellor. Please hand in to your counsellor, so we can check that your application is complete.

[Language Challenge Exam Website](#)

[Language Challenge-Exam-Package-2025.pdf](#)

University Visits

Our coming up presentations are with UVic on October 15, University of Toronto on October 22, and Dalhousie on October 23. All of the presentations will be during lunch in our auditorium. These presentations are ideal for grade 11s and 12s.

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 - Oct 11, 2024

NEXT PAC MEETING Wednesday October 23, 7pm Library. Agenda includes: Vote for the 2024-2025 Byng PAC Exec, Approval of the 2024-2025 Gaming Grant funding allocation (for clubs & extracurriculars), upcoming general fundraising info, and opportunities to ask Principal Wilmann questions.

JOIN THE PAC EXEC & COMMITTEES Please consider joining the 2024-2025 Byng PAC Exec & Committees. Our goal is to make Byng the best learning environment for our kids as possible. We are especially looking for parents/guardians with

kids in grades 8 and 9. Nominations are open for the following elected exec positions: Chair/Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, DPAC Rep. Many of the existing PAC members will be running again but we will try hard to make room for anyone who is interested in joining. Parents/guardians are also welcome to join the following subcommittees (no election needed): [Byng Arts](#), [Safety, Equity & Diversity](#), and [Fundraising & Events](#). Please see the PAC website for more details: <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> and [email us](#) to express interest in joining the PAC. Nominations are open until the night of the PAC AGM - October 23, 7pm (Library)

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS - For parents/guardians who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday 9am walks. All are welcome. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email any questions to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com



JOIN THE PAC EMAIL LIST: The Byng PAC sends out monthly newsletters that contain information relevant to the parent and guardian community. Please use this QR code to go directly to the sign-up sheet or visit our website <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> to subscribe. We look forward to connecting with you.

~~ GRAD 2025 PARENT INFO ~~

PARENT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Every year, the Byng Parent Grad Committee supports the celebrations of our school's well-deserved graduates by raising funds and supporting the organization of various events. Big thanks to the parents who have already filled out the form and volunteered! If you still wish to join the volunteer committee, please email bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com we can always use more volunteers.

GRAD COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER MEETING: **Tuesday, October 15** in the school library. Lots has been happening behind the scenes, updates to come soon.

BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER - **Saturday, October 19**, please come out and support our first fundraising initiative, a bottle drive! 9am -2pm in the school parking lot!

GRAD 2025 PURDYS WINTER FUNDRAISER - This year's campaign is now open! Go to our fundraising page to order all of your holiday treats. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1974705-120133>

Order deadline is November 25th. Pick up date is December 7th. Contact janinekobyika@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks for your support!

GRAD 2025 PARENT DISTRIBUTION LIST SIGN-UP– To join the Parent Grad Committee Distribution list for important updates click here: <https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfun3Kmba6>

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

BYNG ARTS PARENTS MEETING About 45 Byng Arts parents met in the library on Tuesday Oct 8 and had a nice chat with Byng Arts Coordinator Mr. Hartley-Folz about how parents can support and strengthen the Byng Arts program. Parents had an opportunity to ask questions about the program and about the new Byng Arts flavoured-Career Ed off-timetable courses. Mr. Hartley-Folz will be sending out a survey to parents in the coming days to gather ideas and volunteers to help with existing initiatives (like Gala, Byng Arts 25 Anniversary, new family welcome event in Spring) as well as ideas about new initiatives (fundraising, advocacy). A longer summary of the meeting will be shared on the BA WhatsApp group and via email to the Byng Arts Email list. Please see below for how to get connected.

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP – Byng has a [Byng Arts Parents Group](#) and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please email byngartsparents@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list OR see the Byng Arts section of the PAC website for information on how to join and get involved. Many Byng Arts parents are connected via WhatsApp – we have groups for new families, for carpooling, for specific arts specialties, etc. Please join! <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents>

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，中国家长可以将他们的问题或者疑虑发中文邮件到lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

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

Calling all performers

De-Coffinated an October Coffee House: Thursday, October 24th in the Gallery Foyer – performances, snacks, BYNGO, and Mandarin Orange Decorating Contest. 3:30-5pm

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

INFO NIGHT – Tuesday, October 29th

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.

As a school-within-a-school, 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 or during the Information Night. Online registration start November 12th. The deadline for submitting your application is December 15th.

Email the coordinator, Jon Hartley-Folz at 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/>







Everyone should have signed in to their passport account by now. Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca) if you are having difficulties. You can sign up during FIT on Friday's and see him 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 for each submission date.

Here are some of the most recent options:

Two situations where things are slightly different:

1. if your last name is 5 letters in length or less things are different, use:
 - **Last name + underscore + first name + underscore + last three digits of your Student number**
 - For Cho Chang this would be: Chang_Cho_123
2. if your student number ends in three digits that are the same (11223666), use the first three digits instead of the last three (only 6 or 7 of you are in this situation).
 - For Lucius Malfoy, his password is Malfoy_112

<p>La Caramelita Events</p>  <p>Earned on 9/24/24 Flamenco Caramelita performs September 19th. This is our first FAB of the year and we are excited to welcome back two former Byng students, Lara and Deborah!</p>	<p>Visual Arts 8 Welcome Event Art</p>  <p>Earned on 9/24/24 Hey Artists! All visual arts 8 students are invited to the artroom for FIT on Tuesday, September 24th.</p>	<p>Master Code Breaker General</p>  <p>Earned on 9/12/24 Well Done! You carefully followed the instructions to unlock your new passport account. Now take a screen shot of the passport page and hit submit to claim this achievement.</p>
<p>They Say It's Your Birthday General</p>  <p>Earned on 10/26/23 Here is your chance to find your birthday buddy. Find a student or staff member that has the same exact birthdate as you and take a selfie together.</p>	<p>Arachne General</p>  <p>Earned on 9/29/23 This is the badge for art activities done in October! Get your art on and record your activity(ies). Hit Submit Proof and send me the evidence. Good luck.</p>	<p>Saturn General</p>  <p>Earned on 9/29/23 Get things started with your best creative foot forward - do an art event or two in the month of September and send in photo evidence.</p>

HELP OUT YOUR CHILD GET ONTO THE SITE - Each student has a new account that uses their student number as their username. Accounts from last year have been deleted. Unfortunately, not all students have figured out the log on procedure.

We have posted log in instructions on Teams and have also included them here:

1. Go to the Passport Site: <http://passport.lordbyng.net>
2. Use your Student Number as your USERNAME.
3. **PASSWORDS** are already set and follow the following set of rules:

Most follow this default pattern:

- **Last name + underscore + last 3 digits of your student number**
 - For Hermione Granger this would be: Granger_242

Once you are in, take a screenshot and submit it for your first badge: The Master Code Breaker Achievement. Post a profile picture (make sure it is a small size and submit a screen shot as well to unlock the Best Face Forward Badge. Now get out there and start recording your interactions with the arts!

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

We met this week to review ways that parents can support some of the program initiatives. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. 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.

Mr. Hartley-Folz has created a form to outline some areas of need and ways to get involved. Use the following link to review the requests and indicate where you can help out:

<https://forms.office.com/r/OtvuYe607D>

Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](#))

Congratulations to our new Grade and Department Reps

De-Coffinated an October Coffee House: Thursday, October 24th in the Gallery Foyer – performances, snacks, BYNGO, and Mandarin Orange Decorating Contest. 3:30-5pm

Gala is November 27th Theme Once Upon a Winter!!! Mural volunteers meet every Monday and Wednesday in the Art Rooms. Plans are starting to take form.

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