



## Newsletter

Friday, Oct 18 2024

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents and Families,

The week just past was action packed filled with a range of learning opportunities for students in all grades.

Grade 8 students were at Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast for a very fun filled two days of activities focused on developing their connection to the school with both staff and with peers. At the same time students in Grades 9-12 were engaged with two full days of Career Education focused conferences supporting their lifelong learning and planning for life after high school.

Special thanks go to all the staff that helped develop and to support these incredible learning opportunities that enrich and add so much for students at Byng.

Have a great 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	29 Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment  Byng Arts Info Night 7pm Theatre	30 Math Contest 8:45-11:30) LIB	31 Gr 12 MADD Assembly @FIT FIT FREEZE		

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School News

Highlights this week included:

- The Annual School Terry Fox Run took place building community spirit and helping support the fight against cancer.
- Science 10 Students Travel to the Water Treatment Plant on Lulu Island.
- The annual Byng Clubs Day was held and added more excitement for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

**Terry Fox Builds Community & Raises over \$4,000 for the Fight against Cancer**

Social and Emotional Learning

How do we nurture the social and emotional wellbeing of all our students?



Figure 1 The annual Terry Fox Run last week was a great success and involved everyone at the school & had raised over \$3000 dollars before the run began!!!!



Figure 2 Our student first responders helping out with the Terry Fox Run.

Here is a quick summary of this year's event by the PE Department Head Ms. Kim Chong-Ping:

Big thank you to **Byron Jack and Kevin Sandher** and his leadership students for organizing and executing the Terry Fox Run. This is one of three school wide events that is run at Byng, and it is a massive undertaking. Also, thank you to key members of the PHE department who assisted with the event: **Kristy Watson, Nick Boulding** and Honorary PHE department members **Matt Barski, Katrina Schnieder** and **Ian Macphee** for their efforts in ensuring that students crossed the crosswalks safely, ensured that students knew the walking route, and the runners knew the running route.

Thank you to the staff who stayed in the auditorium to oversee and supervise students. Thank you to all staff who attended the event and stayed with their classes at Camosun track. The sun came out for all of us to celebrate and remember one of our National Heroes.

The goal for this year's fund-raising target was to hit \$4,000 and before the students even took to the run the school had already raised more than **\$4,000**.



Figure 3 Leadership students at the Terry Fox Run.



Figure 4 Special thanks to our very own Canadian hero Mr. Byron Jack for tirelessly working to keep the legacy of Terry Fox alive at our school.



## Student Engagement

How do we build student curiosity and imagination in the process of lifelong learning?

## 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?



### Science 10 Students Travel to the Water Treatment Plant on Lulu Island

*Figure 5 Science students learn about the importance of clean water and how sewage is treated at the Water Treatment Plant on Lulu Island during Friday's field trip.*

Students in Mr. Koscal's Grade 10 Science classes had an opportunity to find out about one of Vancouver's darkest secrets "what happens when you flush the toilet?".

This and other secrets were explained to Grade 10 students that attended the recent tour run at the Wastewater Management Plant by Metro Vancouver.

Students had a chance to see, smell and touch (the final composting product of the process using proper PPE) the process of cleaning up our wastewater. One other fact that they learned was the fact that the treatment plant lies directly across the water from the Musqueam Nation. Making this site location an important conversation about **Truth and Reconciliation**.

Thanks, Mr. Koscal, for this important learning update!

**Hopefully these will be our future engineers who will work on all sorts of environmental issues!!!**



Lulu Island WWTP

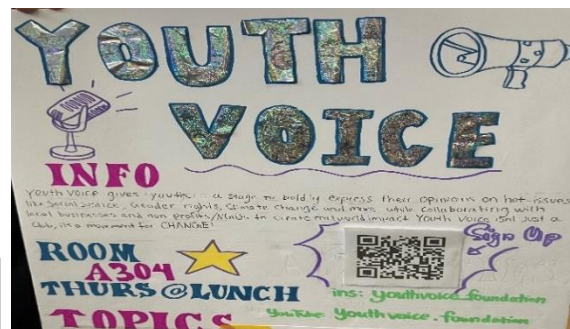
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### Clubs Day 2024-25

Over 50 Clubs were on display during the 2024-25 Clubs Day event

This week students in all grades had an opportunity to attend the annual Clubs Day sign up. With more than 50 clubs to choose from, students were in the main gym during lunch signing up to be club members of a range of clubs on offer that offer a broad selection of student interests.



Special thanks to all the staff and to the Teacher Leaders that have stepped up

to sponsor the numerous clubs and activities that are voluntarily run at the school for the coming year.



Thanks for another great week of teaching and learning and for providing exceptional hands-on learning opportunities that support all four of our Pillars of Learning!

### 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](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. 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

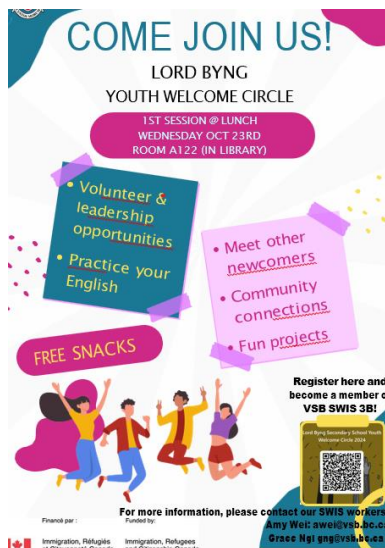
**Volleyball Intramurals Oct 28- Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will be offering lunchtime volleyball intramurals for all grades. If you would like to register a team, sign-up is on All student teams. Please complete your registration form by Wednesday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>; you will not be able to register after that date.

**Lord Byng Youth Welcome Circle**

Lord Byng Youth Welcome Circle  
1st Session @ Lunch  
Wednesday, Oct 23rd Room A122 Library

Please click [LINK](#) to register.



**Numeracy 10 Assessments**

Numeracy 10 Assessments are taking place on the following days:

Oct 28, Oct 29, Nov 4 and Nov 5

Grade 10s will be signed up and given their time and date to write. We will not be able to change the date and time they are given.

Grade 11s and 12s will be given the opportunity to write LIT10 and NUM10 if they have not already taken it. They will also be given a date and time.

Grade 12s will be writing their LIT12 in the week of January 20 2025. More information to follow.

**Collaboration Schedule Dates**

<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

**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 to School Office**

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

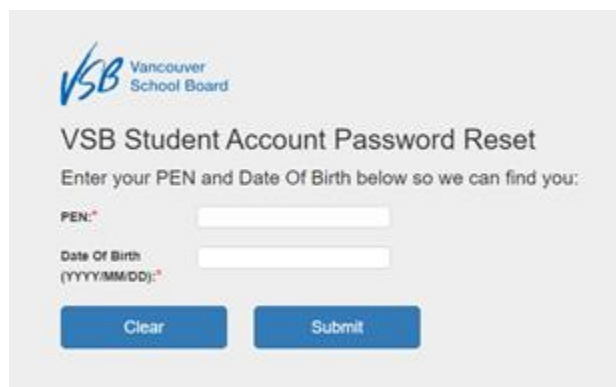
If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us

### 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
- 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
<b>BREAK</b> 10:20 - 10:30	<b>BREAK</b> 10:00 - 10:10	<b>BREAK</b> 10:00 - 10:10	<b>BREAK</b> 10:00 - 10:10	<b>BREAK</b> 10:20 - 10:30
<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:30 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:10 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:10 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:10 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:30 - 11:30
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	<b>FIT</b> 1:20 - 2:00		<b>FIT</b> 1:20 - 2:00	
<b>BLOCK 4</b> 1:40 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 2:00 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 1:40 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 2:00 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 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 - 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 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. Davies/Ms. Smith**

[cdavies@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cdavies@vsb.bc.ca) or [msmith@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:msmith@vsb.bc.ca)

**U-Z Ms. Vanderklippe**

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

### **Parent Presentation for all Grade 12 parents and guardians**

Our grade 12 parent presentation was well attended, and we 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 click [HERE](#).

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 2024-2025](#)

### **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. Here is a link to the entire schedule: [University Visits 2024/25](#)

### **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 18, 2024

### ~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

**NEXT PAC MEETING** **Wednesday, October 23, 7pm** Library. This is our AGM. We will be voting in the new PAC Exec. There will also be a vote to approve the allocation of the 2024-2025 BC Gaming Grant. The PAC applies for and receives these funds from the government each year. All funds go to support extracurricular activities.

**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. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave). Please email any questions to Nora at [noradyng@hotmail.com](mailto:noradyng@hotmail.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 get in touch with PAC Exec member Jacqueline Crummey [j.crummey@icloud.com](mailto:j.crummey@icloud.com) for more details or to join the WhatsApp group.



**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 ~~

**GRADE 12 PARENTS DISTRIBUTION LIST** - The Parent Grad Committee will be sending regular updates regarding grad-related events and important dates for grade 12 students and their families/guardians throughout this year. If you would like to receive these emails, please provide your contact information by clicking the following link: <https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfun3Kmba6>

\*Please note that the information provided in the link above is only to receive the email updates. 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**

**BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER** \*postponed due to heavy forecasted rainfall (Original Date Oct 19)\*

New Date: Tentative 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.

**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 janinekobyka@gmail.com with any questions.

Thanks for your support!

\*Stay tuned for more info about our Growing Smiles fundraising in next week's newsletter.

### ~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

**BYNG ARTS PARENTS SURVEY** Mr. Hartley-Folz would like Byng Arts parents to fill out this survey: [link](#). The survey asks parents/guardians if they can help with various Byng Arts-related activities and events, e.g. Parent Info Night for prospective families, Gala, and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Byng Arts. Mr. Hartley-Folz is also interested in whether we have contacts within the art community who may be interested in presenting to the students. There's also room on the survey for additional comments and questions.

**BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP** – Byng has a [Byng Arts Parents Group](#) and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please email [byngartsparents\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:byngartsparents(at)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](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com)

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

### Calling all performers

**De-Coffinated an October Coffee House:** Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 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](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/>

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. 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:

<p>La Caramelita <span>Events</span></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 <span>Art</span></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 <span>General</span></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 <span>General</span></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 <span>General</span></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 <span>General</span></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

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

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca))