



Newsletter

Friday, Oct 25 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

With the Halloween season just around the corner I would like to remind everyone of appropriate behavior at school. Safety is our main priority, and both the School and District Codes of Conduct always include the following important safety requirements:

- Weapons or replica weapons of any kind are not to be brought onto school property
- Masks and face coverings should not be worn (except for surgical masks).
- Dress or costumes must be in keeping with our school and district codes of conduct and the use of culturally inappropriate dress is not acceptable.
- Fireworks and firecrackers are also strictly forbidden and any student having them within their possession will be held responsible under the school and district codes of conduct.

If students have questions, please direct them to the office for advice.

Thanking you in advance for supporting our students to have a safe, happy and safe Halloween season.

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
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School News

Highlights of the week:

- Camp Elphinstone brings learning to life and supports all **Four Pillars of Learning** for all Grade 8 learners at the school.
- Career Education 9-11 highlights the importance of **Workplace Safety**, **VSBC Career Programming** as well as an introduction to the **Chatterhigh** online learning platform for students in Grade 10.
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Grade 8 Camp 2024: Camp Elphinstone

Grade 8 Camp has been a tradition at Byng for many years now, with graduating Grade 12 students often remembering this as one of the many highlights of their school experience.

This year the **Graduating Class of 2029** had their opportunity to experience Grade 8 Camp and to learn about the school and what it means to be a student at Byng.

Camp leaders this year included Byng Staff, YMCA staff, as well as community participants Indigenous Elder **Mr. Ray McKeown** as well as community facilitator **Ms. Adaeze Optu Anu**.



Figure 1 School staff, students and community members gathered for the orientation to Camp Elphinstone provided by both YMCA camp staff and Byng School staff.

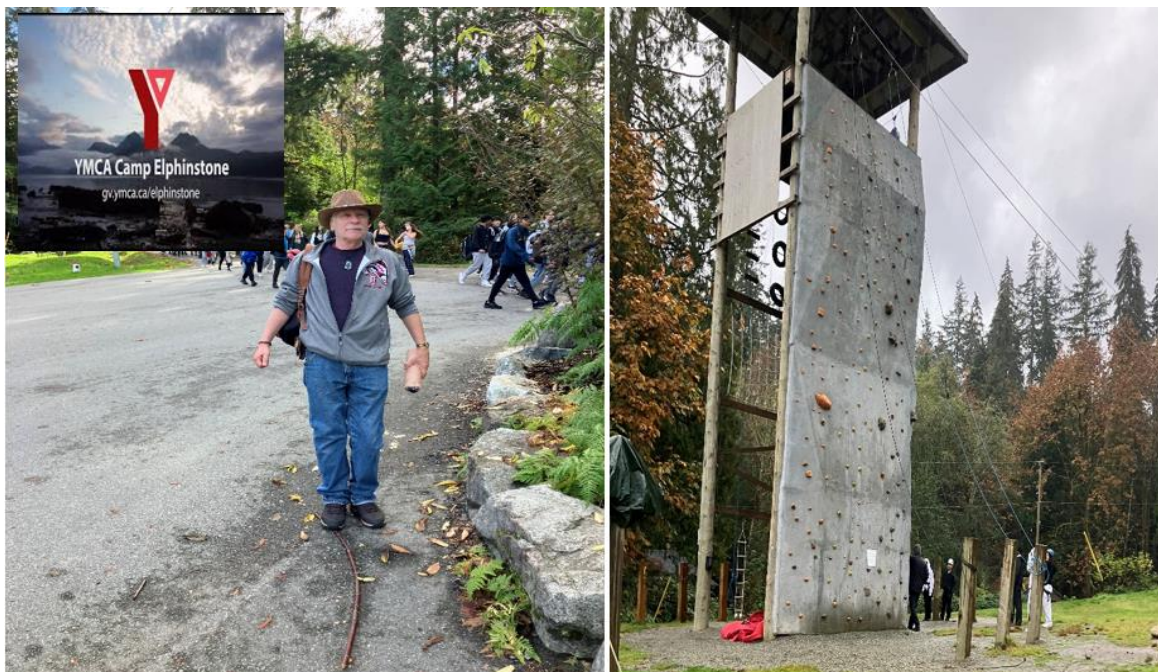


Figure 2 Active learning was a major part of planned activities for students this year with students walking from Langdale Ferry Terminal to Camp Elphinstone as well as participating in games, climbing on low and high ropes.



Figure 3 Students worked to understand culture and cultural bridging as part of the deep learning that took place this year at camp



Figure 4 Students learned about the history and impact of colonialism in Canada and its impact on Indigenous peoples while taking place in the BC Blanket Activity.



Figure 5 Mr. Booker and Ms. Winnie Ho were just two of the staff that facilitated the Tie Dye activity with students at Camp Elphinstone.

What a great opportunity for Grade 8 students to learn about our values as a school and to engage in such meaningful learning opportunities with their peers. For many of our student participants this was the first time that they had spent a night away

from home so, thank you to all our Grade 8 parents for supporting the school with this important learning opportunity.

Thanks also to all of our staff volunteers this year that included: Mr. Alain Raoul, Mr. Brian Erickson, Mr. Byron Jack, Ms. Celine Guadagni, Mr. Edwan Chan, Mr. Jacob Richardson, Mr. Jon Hartley-Folz, Mr. Joshua Sundvick, Ms. Karli Sawka, Ms. Katrina Schnieder, Mr. Kevin Sandher, Ms. Laurel Anderson, Mr. Matt Barski, Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo, Ms. Maureen Vanderklippe, Mr. Nick Booker, Mr. Nick Boulding, Ms. Olivia Friesen, Ms. Sarah Tarnowsky, Mr. Willie Bowen, Ms. Winnie Ho, Mr. Michael Pettifer.

Special thanks also to our camp organizers for the planning and hard work that went into all the coordination, scheduling and arranging all the meticulous details that needed to be in place to make the event go so well: Mr. Kevin Sandher and Ms. Laurel Anderson

Also thank you to our Office Team at Byng that worked so hard to make sure that all the bookings, payments and other documentation were in place to ensure the success of the camp:

Ms. Svetlana Lambrinoudis (Office Manager), Ms. Magdalena Chan (Accounting), Ms. Vicki Chow (Communications) and Ms. Nicole Tichelman (Records)

The organization required for this event is second only to planning for the annual graduation events held in June each year, so thank you to everyone that worked to make this learning opportunity a great success once again!

Staff organizers of the 2024 Grade 8 Camp are in the process of debriefing this year's camp experience for staff, students and parents and will be making recommendations based on feedback received for next year's Grade 8 Camp and for future field trips-stay posted for more to come.

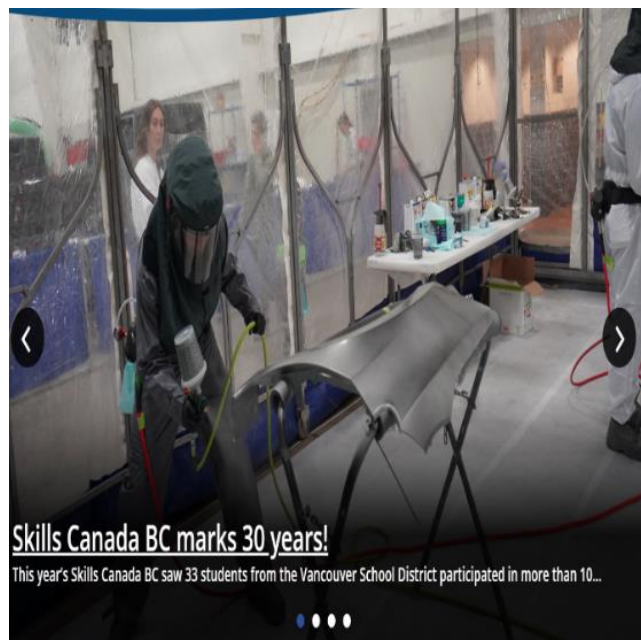
Thanks again Byng Staff for all your work on this very important learning opportunity.

Career Education Conferences

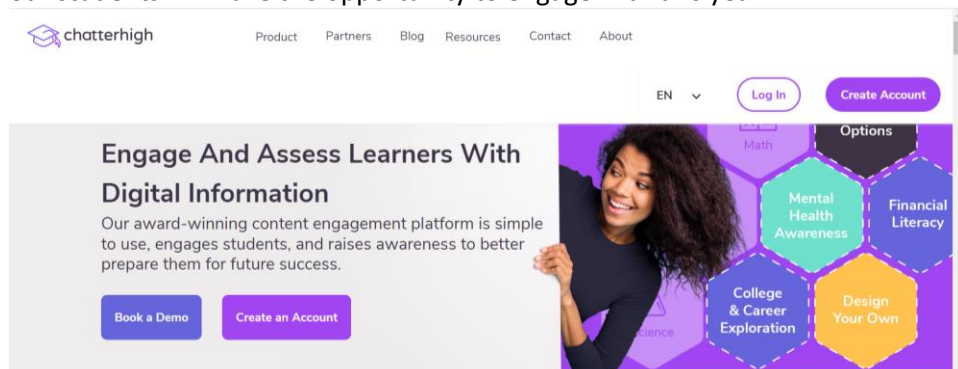
While staff and Grade 8 students were at camp, students at Byng were engaged in the annual **Career Education Conferences** that took place at the school over two full days of learning. These learning opportunities are essential for students planning to develop their skills as lifelong learners and provide students with knowledge, understanding and resources to make informed decisions about which courses they should take as well as next steps beyond high school.

Below is an update on the two days of active learning by Ms. Diane Phillips:

Byng hosted a Career Conference this week for our grade 9-12 students. On Thursday morning, Lee Taal, CEO of chatterhigh



presented to our grades 9 and 10 students about approaching their career journeys with adaptability and hope. He shared his own life and career story, and information about the [chatterhigh career exploration platform](#) that our students will have the opportunity to engage with this year.



On Thursday afternoon, the VSB Career Programs team, Ryan Fullerton, Mark Reid and Allison Newton, came in to present to our grades 10 and 11 students about opportunities for dual credits, apprenticeships and careers in the trades. On Friday morning, our grades 9 and 10 students watched The Social Dilemma to learn more about social media and the ways these platforms work to seek constant user engagement. We hope that this film provides students with ideas to reflect on and discuss with friends and family. Friday afternoon wrapped up with a presentation to our grades 10 and 11 students from the BC Federation of Labour on Work Safety.



Figure 6 Students learn about the importance of workplace safety with a presentation from a Workplace BC speaker.

Big thanks to Kim Chong-Ping and Sean Nugent for all their work planning, organizing and leading this two-day annual Career Conference!

And of course, thank you also to all our staff for providing all the rich learning opportunities that took place throughout a very busy week in our school calendar, without everyone working together making events like this happen wouldn't have been possible!!!

Halloween

You make the call



- The Vancouver Board of Education currently spends over \$500,000 per year repairing damage done to schools by vandalism.
- We need your assistance in addressing this serious and very costly problem.
- Help us put your education dollars to better use by reducing the cost of vandalism.

YOU Can Help! CALL 911

If you see persons acting suspiciously around your school for example:

- on the roof of a school
- throwing objects at windows or doors
- shooting weapons of any kind
- partying
- destroying shrubbery or playground equipment
- lighting fires
- painting or marking school buildings with graffiti
- committing any other suspicious acts

When you call **911** you need not give your name.

- Give the name of the school, location, and tell them what is happening.
- School officials will assist police in prosecuting and seeking restitution. Help us make better use of your education dollars.

Your help will make a difference!

- The dollars saved will go towards providing a better educational environment for our children.
- Thanks for looking after your local school

How We COMBAT Vandalism

The Vancouver Board of Education:

- encourages residents living near schools to report to police any vandalism or suspicious activities at schools
- provides exterior security lighting and permanent electronic devices to monitor intrusion and fires in schools
- identifies graffiti and provides photographs and evidence to police
- provides information leading to conviction of vandals
- cooperates with the police, courts, and other agencies for security patrols and court actions
- seeks restitution for the costs of vandalism
- These combined efforts have significantly reduced school vandalism; however, more progress may be made with your help.

Culture is Not A Costume



HOW TO NOT CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HALLOWEEN

The autumn season is upon us, and soon it will be Halloween. This time of year brings with it many costume choice decisions. While dressing up is meant to be fun and exciting, it also runs the risk of offending others if costumes are offensive to other cultures. Halloween offers the opportunity to discuss costume choices with both colleagues and students. It is important not to inadvertently mimic culture by culturally appropriating racial or ethnic groups.

Examine your own practices

Are you wearing a costume during Halloween? Ask yourself some critical questions about your costume. "Is my costume based on someone's race, ethnicity, or culture? Am I reinforcing stereotypes with the image I am portraying? Is my costume exploiting another culture?"

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

- The taking - from a culture that is not one's own - of intellectual property, cultural expressions or artifacts, history and ways of knowledge (Ziff & Rao, 1997).
- Any instance which means commonly associated with and/or perceived as belonging to another are used to further one's own ends (Shugart, 1997).
- To take parts (symbols, artifacts, dress, words, practices, etc.) from a culture that is not your own. This can happen in a variety of forms but often around Halloween it involves wearing 'costumes' that may have some significance to other cultures.
- A particular power dynamic in which members of a dominant culture take elements from a culture of people who have been systematically oppressed by that dominant group.

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

Lord Byng Basketball Tryouts

Please refer to the table below to identify when each Grade will host their basketball tryouts. We ask that all students do the best they can to attend each tryout to give themselves the best opportunity to make the team. If you are unable to attend the tryouts, please contact Kevin Sandher (ksandher@vsb.bc.ca) as soon as possible. Please be in proper PE strip.

Team	Grade	Tryout Dates and Times
Sr. Boys	11-12	Please contact Mr. Sandher for individual workouts
Jr. Boys	10	Team has been selected but please contact Mr. Sandher if you missed the dates
Gr. 9 Boys	Gr. 9	Monday October 28th 5:15pm Main Gym Wednesday October 30 th 7:15am Main Gym Friday November 1 st 7:15am Main Gym
Gr. 8 Boys	Gr. 8	Tuesday October 29 th 5:15pm Main Gym Thursday October 31 st 7:15am Main Gym Friday November 1 st 7:15am Main Gym
Sr. Girls	Gr. 10-12	TBA (Will announce shortly)
Gr. 9 Girls	Gr. 9	TBA (at the end of girls volleyball season)
Gr. 8 Girls	Gr. 8	TBA (at the end of girls volleyball season)

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 6th

November 6th is “Take Our Kids To Work Day 2024”. Information was emailed to all Grade 9 parents/guardians and students. **Please complete the consent form, which was emailed, and the link below to tell the school about what your child will do on November 6th:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/2g8SLzULvg>

Please note that if your child is going to be visiting a worksite on November 6th, they will need to submit the completed consent form to the office by Monday November 4th.

Volleyball Intramurals Oct 28- Nov 8th

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 23rd; you will not be able to register after that date.

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.

Please visit the link below for more information.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>

Lord Byng Project 3B



**Lord Byng Project 3B
Youth Welcome Circle
1st Meeting
3pm – 4pm October 28th
Lower Cafeteria**

Please see [link](#) to register.

BYNG WEAR and GRAD WEAR clothing merchandise on SALE on now!

- The annual *Lord Byng Grad Committee fundraiser sale* of clothing with school colours and logos is happening again from **October 23rd until Monday, November 4th**.
- This year is Lord Byng's 100-year anniversary (1925-2025) and some of this year's apparel commemorates this special event!
- Funds raised from this sale primarily go to sponsoring student graduate scholarships and towards end of year graduation celebratory events such as the Graduation Dinner Dance.
- For clothing types, colours, school logos types, sizes and prices (all taxes included!), please see SCHOOL CASH ONLINE <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/> See PowerPoint slide: [HERE](#)
- To purchase Byng Wear apparel (grades 8-11) or Grad Wear apparel (grade 12) please access the SCHOOL CASH ONLINE payment system. <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/> See PowerPoint slide: [HERE](#)

The Lord Byng Student Grad Committee of 2025 thank you immensely for your support!

Grad Yearbook Survey EXTENDED!

We are extending the yearbook survey to include as many student voices as possible!

If you or your friends have not done this yet, take a few minutes to fill out the form below, share your interests, preferences, and nominate your friends! Help us make this yearbook awesome!

New deadline is November 1st, 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Kwd7fR55Xs>

Please fill out this form

Yearbook Quotes and Photos

If you would like to have a grad quote, baby photo, pet photo or group photo in the yearbook please fill out the following forms **before November 15th, 2024**.

Grad Quotes, Baby Photos and Pet Photos

<https://forms.office.com/r/ppaNN0NVa3>

Artona Group Photo Submission

<https://forms.office.com/r/Ma7DMnqYQG>

Please fill out this form

A post on Microsoft Forms provided by: forms.office.com

Collaboration Schedule Dates

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

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>

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

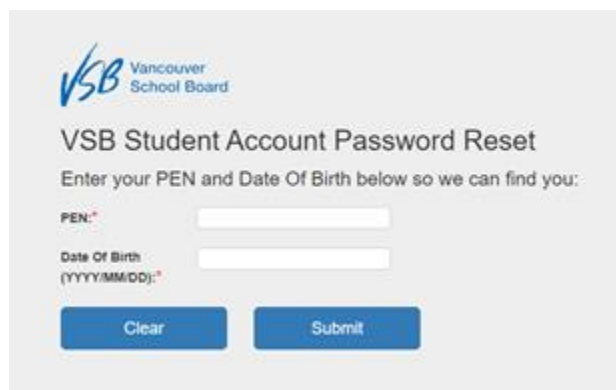
If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us

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 page. At the top left is the VSB Vancouver School Board logo. The main heading is "VSB Student Account Password Reset". Below this 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

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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
FIT 8:40 - 9:20				FIT 8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 - 10:00	BLOCK 1 9:20 - 10:20
BREAK 10:20 - 10:30	BREAK 10:00 - 10:10	BREAK 10:00 - 10:10	BREAK 10:00 - 10:10	BREAK 10:20 - 10:30
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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 - 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. Our two counsellors, Ms. Smith and Ms. Davies will continue to help out our counselling department by covering Ms. Vanderklippe's position for the next few weeks until Ms. V is away. 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
H - L	Ms. Radic	jradic@vsb.bc.ca
M-T	Ms. Schumacher	sshumacher@vsb.bc.ca
U-Z	Ms. Vanderklippe	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.

University Visits

This past week, we hosted University of Toronto on October 22, and Dalhousie on October 23. Both presentations were during lunch in our auditorium and were well attended. 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 25, 2024

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

OCT. PAC MEETING & AGM SUMMARY Thank you for a great turnout at the October PAC meeting/AGM. We voted in the new Exec, added new Members at Large, and approved the 2024-2025 Gaming Grant allocation. Slides from the PAC meeting will be posted soon on the PAC website. We'll email the clubs/events that applied for Gaming Grant funds with their funding results ASAP.

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. All are welcome. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email any questions to Nora at 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 contact PAC Exec member Jacqueline Crummey 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

GRAD 2025 FUNDRAISERS

GRAD 2025 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

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.

GRAD 2025 PURDYS FUNDRAISER - Please see our fundraising [page](#) to order all of your holiday treats. Order deadline is November 25th. Pick up date is December 7th. Contact janinekobyllka@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks for your support!

GRAD 2025 HOLIDAY PLANTS FUNDRAISER - Perfect for the holidays! Purchase poinsettias, wreaths, and indoor plants for the holiday season and help raise money for 2025 Grad. Link [here](#)

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

NOV. BYNG ARTS PARENTS MEETING Wednesday Nov 13 6:30-8pm Byng Library. This meeting is organized by Byng Arts parents and we will be brainstorming ways to support the Byng Arts program and the organization of the PAC Byng Arts Subcommittee. Please RSVP on the BA All Parents Whatsapp.

BYNG ARTS PARENTS SURVEY Mr. Hartley-Folz would like Byng Arts parents to fill out this short 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 25th 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

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 or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

INFO NIGHT – Tuesday, October 29th

Auditorium and Gallery area, 7pm to 8:15pm

<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.

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 starts November 12th. The deadline for submitting your application is December 19th. 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:

<p>Byng ARRGHHHS!</p> <p>Events</p>  <p>Earned on 10/22/24 Dress up in costume on Thursday, October 31st and visit an English teacher or Mr. Hartley-Folz to get your ticket. Alternatively, take a selfie clearly showing yourself at school and hit Submit Proof. So scary!</p>	<p>De-Coffinated Coffee House - Thursday, October 24th</p> <p>Events</p>  <p>Earned on 10/22/24 Join the spooky fun afterschool in the gallery foyer. Music, Games, and snacks. 3:30-5:00pm</p>	<p>Fall Gallery Show</p> <p>Art</p>  <p>Earned on 10/7/24 Come and see our latest art show of student work in the Lord Byng Gallery. Take a photo of your favorite piece and hit Submit Proof to unlock this badge.</p>
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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.

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](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

Congratulations on getting a very scary and successful Coffee House underway on Thursday: **De-Coffinated an October Coffee House** was filled with performances, magic, snacks, BYNGO, and a Mandarin Orange Decorating Contest. It was great to have everyone out to celebrate the long weekend in style.

Movie Night: Main school is setting up a movie night on Wednesday, October 30th. Byng Arts student council is supporting the event and will provide passport tickets if you attend.

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Gala is ONE MONTH away on November 27th!!! 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:hartley@vsb.bc.ca))