

# LORD BYNG SECONDARY

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## **Newsletter**

Friday, Sept 13, 2024

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#### Message from the Principal

#### Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

Thank you to everyone for a successful week of teaching and learning!

Special thanks this week goes to our amazing counselling team for working so hard to ensure that students have all their courses set for the school year.

One important additional information item to pay attention to in our weekly update is the consent form information and online forms on page 5 of the newsletter.

Please take time to complete these documents so that students can participate in activities including local field trips and can fully participate in school events.

# Thanks for your help! Mr. Wilmann

SEPT 2024								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
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8	9 Course Changes Gr. 11 ONLY	10 Course Changes Gr. 10 ONLY CLC 12 Assembly FIT – AUD	11 Course Changes Gr. 9 ONLY	Course Changes Gr. 8 ONLY Byng Arts Assembly & Gr. 8 Sports FIT- P4 Period	13	14		
15	16	17 CLC 11 Assembly FIT- AUD Langara Visit @ FIT	18 Collaborative Day Students Start 10 AM / Last Day Course Changes Semester 1	19 PC Camp Byng Arts FAB Assembly @10:30 AUD	PRO-D Day School Not in Session PC Camp	PC Camp		
22	23	24 CLE 10 Assembly FIT – AUD Grade 8 Camp Info Night @5:30pm Aud	25 Fire Drill @1:15pm ADST Rotation 2 Begins	26 FIT for Learning – FIT Freeze	27 Photo Retake Day	28		
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#### **Lord Byng School Website**

Please refer to the school website for the latest updates. <a href="https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng">https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng</a> All weekly newsletters are posted on the homepage under Announcements – Weekly Bulletins.

#### **Poisonous Plants**

Grounds staff have identified and removed plants growing on VSB grounds which are toxic and represent a serious health hazard, if ingested. Unfortunately, as these plants may appear at any time, it is not possible for ground staff to eliminate this hazard entirely from school grounds. It is important to note these plants occur naturally in areas throughout the lower mainland and may be present in areas frequented on field trips and beyond the control of VSB or Grounds department.

Below is some information on two of the hazardous plants. It is important to be familiar with their appearance.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atropa belladonna - Deadly Nightshade
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hogweed





<u>Belladonna or Deadly Nightshade</u> has been found at several schools. A herbaceous perennial with oval, pointed leaves, purplish flowers and black, shining berries. The entire plant contains toxic alkaloids; potentially fatal, especially in children.

If you see this plant around the school grounds, please advise the office 604-713-8171.

Please DO NOT TOUCH THIS PLANT.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amanita\_muscaria

#### **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 <u>school code of conduct</u> 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.

## Collaborative Day - Wednesday, Sept 18th - Students Start @ 10AM

This is a reminder that Wednesday, Sept 18th is a Collaborative Day and students start at 10am. Please see schedule below.

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					

#### PRO- Day - Friday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

This is a reminder that Friday, Sept 20th is a Pro-D Day and school will not be in session.

#### <u>VSB Consent Forms – Please complete!</u>

Consent forms are now online <a href="https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca">https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca</a>; 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		

#### Emergency Student(s) Reunification Authorization (Yellow Form) & Student Verification Forms (Gr. 8's)

Please complete and return these forms to the school office as soon as possible. All students received the emergency student reunification forms (yellow) in homeroom class and grade 8 students received the student verification forms. We kindly ask parents/guardians to verify the information on the form and make changes as needed, sign and return them to the school office. It's important that the school has updated information on file. Gr. 9 and 12 students will receive their student verification forms in MyEd next week.

#### Student Verification Forms Grades 9 – 12 in MyED

We are publishing the student verification forms for grades 9 to 12 in MyEd as a pdf. Please print out and make any necessary changes on the form, sign and return to the school office. It's important that the school has updated contact information on file. The school also sends out mailings so please ensure that home address is correct.

#### **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 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

#### **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.schoolcashonline.com/

#### **How to Sign Up for Flexible Instruction Time "FIT"**

Please see link: **HERE** for instructions.

#### Photo Retake Day -Friday Sept 27th

If you missed having your photo taken, photo retake day will take place on Friday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. We will let students know when student cards come in.

#### **Grade 8 Camp – Please return Forms**

Forms for the upcoming Grade 8 Camp at Camp Elphinstone were emailed out to you. This camp is an opportunity for incoming grade 8s to get to know their classmates, their peer counselors and their teachers. It is a favourite memory for many graduating students. Please submit your forms and pay on school cash (link provided on forms) as soon as possible. There will be a parent information night on Sept 24 at 5:30 pm in the school auditorium. Email questions to landerson@vsb.bc.ca. No refunds will be issued after Oct 1, 2024.

Details:

Dates: Oct 17-18, 2024

Where: Camp Elphinstone, Sunshine Coast

Cost: \$300/student

Forms/ link for payment: in email

#### **Cross Country Team**

Cross Country running has started. We are still looking for runners to add to our roster. If you like to run, want to get fit for another sport, or just want to be a part of a team and you're looking for a fun activity, the cross country team might be for you. We do not cut anyone from the team!

The team will meet most Mondays and Thursdays after school at the Camosun Park Track (3:30-4:45 pm) and some Wednesday mornings (7:30 am to 8:30 am) meeting outside the Lord Byng Main Gym by the doors, closest to the outdoor basketball courts. Mandatory meetings will be on Mondays at lunch in the main gym "MEETING MONDAYS". Competitions are usually once per week, mostly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The full schedule will be available next week. Please see Mr. Jack in the PE office or email him at bjack@vsb.bc.ca for more details.

Mr. Jack

#### **Grade 8 Locks – Update**

We have received some locks and have given one for each grade 8 student. We will handout the second lock for grade 8 students as soon as they arrive. Any questions, please contact the school office.

#### **Water Bottles / Eating Utensils**

This is a reminder to please bring your water bottles to school. There are several water stations in the school. Also, if you bring lunch to school, please remember to bring your eating utensils. The office does not have any to give out.

#### **Career Education**

You may have seen a Career Education course on your child's timetable. All students in Grade 9-12 have a year-long ministry mandated Career Course that they must complete in order to graduate. All of these courses are run off-timetable. We will have introductory assemblies for students this month for these courses. It is important that your child attends these assemblies so that they receive important information about their career courses.

Grade 12's: Capstone Assembly on Sept 10th, during FIT, Auditorium

Grade 11's: CLC 11 Assembly on Sept 17th, during FIT, Auditorium

Grade 10's: CLE 10 Assembly on Sept 24th, during FIT

Grade 9's: CE 9 Assembly Oct 17 period 2

#### MyEd BC

Access will be available to all students after 3:00 pm, August 30, 2024. All existing accounts have been re-enabled with the new expiry date of **31-July-2025**. Should you forget your password, click the "I forgot my password" function. A new system generated password will be sent to your email account.

All NEW students at Lord Byng school for school year 2024-2025 are to log in using their student number. All new accounts will have the default password of **Dist\$2025** (case sensitive). After you login you will be asked to create a new password. You will also need to provide an email address. It is highly recommended to use your District provided VSB email – student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca (eg: 12345@learn.vsb.bc.ca)

#### **TEAMS Password Reset**

Students may use the new Student Password Reset Portal: <a href="https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca">https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca</a> 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:



#### Log onto 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

#### Lockers

#### Student Instructions to select locker online:

- 1. It is recommended that students use a school lock. These are available for purchase from the office. Payment for locks can be made via School Cash Online.
- 2. Go to locker administration website for the school. This website will be live as of September 3, 2024
- 3. Login using your student number as the user id and your initials and student number as the password. For example, if your name is "John Smith" and your student number is 12345, your user id would be "12345" and your password would be "JS12345". The password is case sensitive!
- 4. Zones of the school are already designated by grades. Note that as the availability of lockers in a zone the zone buttons will change from **Yellow** (many lockers available), to **Orange** (over 50% of lockers capacity assigned) to **Red** (no lockers available in zone other than your grade).
- 5. Before you can select your locker, please enter the combination of the lock you will be using with dashes in a format such as "00-00-00".
- 6. All available lockers will be listed in the zone designated for your grade. A locker entry that is **Green** is an empty locker, and a locker entry that is **Orange** has at least one person in the locker already. ie Grade 10 students will be required to share their locker with their preferred locker partner.
- 7. Once you have selected a locker, you can login at any time to see your assigned locker and combination.
- 8. You cannot change your locker through the online application.

#### **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.

### **School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days**

2024-2025 School Calendar

Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day

#### **Lord Byng Daily, FIT**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT				FIT
8:40 - 9:20				8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1				
9:20 - 10:20	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00	9:20 - 10:20
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:20 - 10:30	10:00 - 10:10	10:00 - 10:10	10:00 - 10:10	10:20 -10:30
BLOCK 2				
10:30 - 11:30	10:10 - 11:30	10:10 - 11:30	10:10-11:30	10:30 - 11:30
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15
BLOCK 3				
12:15 - 1:35	12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:35	12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:35
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1:35 - 1:40	1:15 - 1:20	1:35 - 1:40	1:15 - 1:20	1:35 - 1:40
	FIT		FIT	
	1:20 -2:00		1:20 - 2:00	
BLOCK 4				
1:40 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	1:40 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	1:40 - 3:00

#### **Grad Portraits @ Artona Studio**

This is a reminder to grade 12 students to book their grad photo session at Artona Studio. Sept 20-24, 2024. The studio has been booked for Byng students so please book your appointment. Celebrate Grad 2025 with photos and be in the yearbook and grad composite.

Please see link: <a href="https://artona.com/schools/BYNG">https://artona.com/schools/BYNG</a>



## **Grad Session**

🔁 Sep 20, 2024 - Sep 24, 2024

Celebrate Grad 2025 with photos and be in the yearbook

#### **Key Information**

🎧 Formal cap and gown portraits plus photos in your own outfit. Read more about the <u>deposit</u> and <u>how to prepare</u>

Bring your family, friends and pets

View our Grad Product Guide

#### **Counselling Update**

#### **University Visits**

Langara college is coming this Tuesdays during Fit. We will host them in room A225.We invite all of our grade 11s and 12s who are interested to come and hear what Langara has to offer.

#### **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...

#### **Course Changes**

Counsellors have worked extremely hard over the past two weeks. We have met with many students and tried to accommodate as many requests as possible. We would like to extend our appreciation for your support and patience. Here is our team this year: we hope you reach out to us, and even more encourage your children to come and see us in person.

A-Gr Ms. Millinazzo kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca
Gs - L Ms. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca
M-Te Ms. Davies cdavies@vsb.bc.ca

Tf-Z Ms. Vanderklippe mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca

#### **Course changes:**

Thank you for your patience and support. Our timetable is extremely tight due to high enrollment that we are experiencing. Last day of changing classes is Sept. 18 2024.

#### **PAC News**



**WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES:** Lord Byng PAC would like to welcome all new and returning families to the school and encourage you to get involved and support your PAC. For more information, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.lordbyngpac.com/">https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</a>



JOIN OUR 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 <a href="https://www.lordbyngpac.com/">https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</a> to subscribe. We look forward to connecting with you.

#### **UPCOMING PAC EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER PAC MEETING - Wednesday, September 18, 2024**, 7 pm in the Byng Library. Enter from the door by the basketball courts and head up the stairs. Please join us for the first meeting of the year!

Agenda items will include an introduction to the Byng PAC, a welcome back from Principal Wilmann & Admin, and a sneak peek at upcoming Byng and PAC events. This is also a great chance to ask general questions about Byng.

Please consider joining the 2024-2025 Byng PAC. We are especially looking for parents/guardians with kids in grades 8 and 9. Elections will be at the annual PAC AGM on October 23, 2024. Please email <a href="mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com">lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

**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

#### PAC COMMITTEES (Great way to get involved at Byng)

**GRADE 12 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS' GRAD COMMITTEE** —We need to recruit parents for the Grad 2025 Parent Committee to assist with planning the June 2025 grad celebrations. The first meeting is **Tuesday Sept 17**, **at 7pm** in the Byng Library. Enter from the door next to the basketball courts and go up the stairs. Please email the Byng PAC if you have any questions: <a href="mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com">lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</a>

BYNG ARTS – Byng has a Byng Arts Parents Group and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please use the QR code to join 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



\*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 <u>j.crummey@icloud.com</u> for more details.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com">lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</a> or visit <a href="mailto:https://www.lordbyngpac.com/">https://www.lordbyngpac.com/</a> We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

#### **Lord Byng Art Gallery – Call for Artists**

What have you been up to this summer? We want to display your work in the Gallery and are putting an open call out for artwork from all students. We will hang the show later this September. Work can be dropped off each morning in the Gallery, starting next week. Make sure to put your name and contact info on the back of the work so we can easily return it to you.

#### **Byng Arts**

#### Byng Arts Welcome Back Assembly on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

It was great to gather as a group and celebrate the beginning of a new school year. We hope that all the new Grade 8 students felt welcomed and are excited to find out what house they were selected to join. We will send out the PowerPoint from the assembly on Teams and post the list of names for each House on the Byng Arts Bulletin Board. A specific Grade 8 email will go out to students and families this weekend.

As we start a new year, one that sees us turn 25, this moment is defined by both what has come before and by what is to come. Although the five years that high school represents will, at times, seem endless, it will undoubtedly unfold and pass before you know it. Time, it has been said, is at once the most valuable and most perishable of all our possessions. For many of you this is a significant occasion, the first year of high school or perhaps the final year, it is one of many future milestones that will dot your path – take a moment to take it in. Think about the opportunities that lie before you. Be confident, be brave, and know that you have a community of like-minded peers watching your back. I look forward to what you will do with the year ahead; we are all rooting for you. So welcome back, let's get started.

#### BYNG ARTS FAB Assembly – Thursday, September 19th

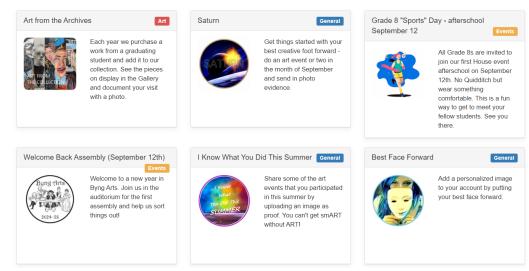
We are fortunate to have two of our alumni returning to present their Flamenco performance on Thursday, September 19th at 10:10am in the auditorium. Students will be called down to attend at the beginning of the period.

#### **Byng Arts Passport**

Students are expected to record their participation in school-based and community-based arts events in their Byng Arts Passport. A trip to an art gallery, music performance, film fest event or a drama performance can all contribute to our artistic development. Involvement in a performance is also a great way to grow as an artist.

Our first assembly this week will be your first chance to add to your account.

The passport is a fun, but mandatory part of your 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.



The passport site was under construction but is now up and running. Each of you have a new account that uses your student number as your username. 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
  - However if your <u>last name is 5 letters in length or less</u> things are different, in this case, follow this pattern:
    - Last name + underscore + first name + last three digits of your Student number
      - For Cho Chang this would be: Chang\_Cho\_123
  - Lastly, if like Lucius Malfoy, your student number ends in three digits that are the same (11223<u>666</u>), your password will 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 screen shot and submit it for your first badge: The Master Code Breaker Achievement.

#### **Byng Arts House Cup Winner**

Congratulations to last year's winning House, DaVinci!!!





#### **Student Council Info**

Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram (<a href="mailto:obyngartstudentcouncil">obyngartstudentcouncil</a>)

We will post a call for Grade and Department Reps this week on Teams. Check out the Student Council Channel on the Byng Arts Site: Byng Arts Info Site (2024-25) | General | Microsoft Teams

Gala is November 27th Theme Winter Yule Ball!!!

Welcome Back, I look forward to a fun and creative year ahead.

Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any Byng Arts questions (<a href="mailto:ihartley@vsb.bc.ca">ihartley@vsb.bc.ca</a>)