



## Newsletter

Friday, Sept 27 2024

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

This week newcomer parents and families were welcomed to our school in an important parent information evening meeting hosted by **Ms. Amy Wei** the new **Settlement Worker (SWIS)** at Byng.

Special thanks to all the parents that attended and to Ms. Wei for hosting this event that provided support for many newcomer families. Also special thanks to **Ms. Laurel Anderson** and **Mr. Kevin Sandher** for hosting the Grade 8 Camp Information meeting on Tuesday evening.

Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> is National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada, an important day to commemorate the impact of Residential Schools in our Country. As a school and learning community we would like to express our heartfelt sorrow to the victims and survivors of this historic injustice and to play our part as educators and learners to support the journey of Truth and Reconciliation.

**Have a safe restful weekend with your families.**

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

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**School News**

It was another very full and eventful learning week at our school.

Here were just a few of the highlights from the week that align with all four of our **Four Pillars of Learning**:

- **Social and Emotional Learning & Inclusion and Diversity:** Grade 12 Peer Counsellors head out for a weekend training retreat.
- **Student Engagement:** Student Council elections bring learning to life as students campaign for student council positions.
- **Truth and Reconciliation:** Indigenous Elders support our school as we reflect on the Residential Schools experience of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**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?

**Inclusion and Diversity**

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

**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?

**Social and Emotional  
Learning**

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

**Peer Counselling Retreat**

*Ms. Radic & Ms. Milinazzo lead the Grade 12 Peer Counsellor Team for an intensive three days of training.*

The Peer Counselling Program provides an incredible opportunity for students in Grade 12 to learn about Social and Emotional Learning, Inclusion and Diversity and to understand how to support Grade 8 students transitioning to high school. In an action packed three days of learning our newly recruited and trained students will be taking their learning and putting it into action during the two days of Grade 8 Camp that is scheduled to take place at Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine coast on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Stay posted for more to come on this phenomenal learning opportunity that supports all of Grade 8 students so well and thank you **Ms. Radic** and **Ms. Milinazzo** for all your leadership and support for this incredible program!



### Student Engagement Through Community & Civic Engagement



*The newly elected president and vice president of student council Lincoln and Alina*

It was an exciting week this week with Student Council elections taking place. Thank you to all the candidates for stepping up to participate in this year's elections and of course special thanks for making this all happen goes to Mr. Sandher and Ms. Katrina Schnieder who are the teacher sponsors of the Student Council.

**Congratulations to our newly elected president and vice president team, Lincoln and Alina!**

*Ms. Schnieder updates the school on the outcome of the 2024 Student Council elections.*



## Truth and Reconciliation

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

Throughout the month of September Ray McKeown has been helping students to answer this question by sharing his teachings in a variety of classes throughout the school including Ms. Shaw's Textiles classes.

Ray will be sharing his teachings with the whole school during the Truth and Reconciliation school wide assembly that will be held on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> through Microsoft Teams.

**Thanks, Ray, for all that you do to support our students and their learning and thank you staff for all that you do to promote all Four of our Pillars of Learning at Byng!**



*Ray continues his work with Byng students this school year starting with planning for Orange Shirt Day.*

### Lord Byng School Website

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

### Immunization Consent Forms

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 on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. **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)

### Terry Fox Event

The Lord Byng Terry Fox event will take place on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be a walk or run that will be done by the entire school.

Terry Fox is a national hero. He attempted to run across Canada, with one good leg, and one artificial leg, (running the distance of a marathon, which is 26 miles or 42 kilometers each day). His mission was to raise money and awareness for Cancer research. Since 1980, The Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$900 million!

Since 2005, Lord Byng has raised over \$30,000 for the fund. If you would like to donate to the Lord Byng Terry Fox fund, please click on the link below:

[Lord Byng Secondary - Vancouver, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#)



### **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

**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.

**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.

**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) 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.schoolcashionline.com/>

## Grade 8 Camp – Please return Forms – ASAP!

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](mailto: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

The poster for the Online-English Conversation Circle - ECC features a central graphic with five categories: SCHOOLING & COMMUNITY, HEALTH & EMERGENCY, TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL, BANKING & SHOPPING, and EVERYWHERE. It includes a QR code and contact information for Pui Kai Lee, Amy Xiang, Grace Ho, and Amy Wan. The text describes the program as a weekly opportunity for students to practice English in various contexts, with sessions held on Zoom every Monday from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM.

## SWIS Information – Online – English Conversation Circle – ECC

Please see links below to register:

[Online-English Conversation Circle](#)



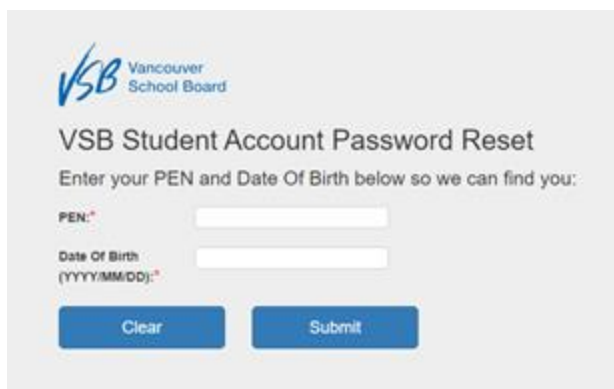
## MyEd BC

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: <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.

## Collaboration 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

## Lord Byng Daily, FIT Schedule

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>FIT</b> 8:40 - 9:20				<b>FIT</b> 8:40 - 9:20
<b>BLOCK 1</b> 9:20 - 10:20	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 8:40 - 10:00	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 8:40 - 10:00	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 8:40 - 10:00	<b>BLOCK 1</b> 9:20 - 10:20
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<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**

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

**A-Gr Ms. Millinazzo**

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

**Gs - L Ms. Radic**

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

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

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

**Tf-Z Ms. Vanderklippe**

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

#### **University Visits**

We will be welcoming Western, Queens and University of Alberta on October 1, 2, and 4 in our school auditorium during lunch. Please come out and learn about the options they are offering. These presentations are ideal for grade 11s and 12s.

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

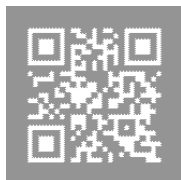
October 3 at 7pm in our school auditorium; Mark your calendars, please! calendars.

Counselling team will host high school graduation and beyond presentation to all of our grade 12 families. This will follow a grade 12 presentation that all grade 12s students will receive. We hope to provide information to families, that will make parenting grade 12s a tad easier!

### 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



**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 <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> to subscribe. We look forward to connecting with you.

**JOIN THE PAC!** Please consider joining the 2024-2025 Byng PAC. 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.

**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)

**GRAD 2025 PARENT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Every year, the Byng Parent Grad Committee supports the celebrations of our school's well-deserved graduates by raising funds and supporting the organization of various events. The success of these events depends on parent volunteers. Thanks to the parents who have already filled out the form from last week's newsletter and volunteered! If you can join the volunteer committee, please email [bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com](mailto:bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com) we are still looking for more volunteers to take on some key roles.

Please come out and support our first fundraising initiative, a bottle drive! Saturday, October 19th from 9am-2pm in the school parking lot!

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

**BYNG ARTS** – Byng has a [Byng Arts Parents Group](#) and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. 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.

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 [j.crummey@icloud.com](mailto:j.crummey@icloud.com) 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](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

Can you sing, can you dance? Sign up to take the stage. Auditions for the Coffee House are Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> during Lunch and Afterschool.

Audition Sign Up: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQrs6c3Ef-XK5B\\_HFiBGaupDlla6Pd-1TlZT5Nmb5bz7dVWg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQrs6c3Ef-XK5B_HFiBGaupDlla6Pd-1TlZT5Nmb5bz7dVWg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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

Please bring your work in by the beginning of next week!

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. Work can be dropped off each morning in the Gallery – deadline is 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**

#### **New Applicants to the Program – 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 will be available later in October and the 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 style="float: right;">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 style="float: right;">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 style="float: right;">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 style="float: right;">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 style="float: right;">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 style="float: right;">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>

Each student has 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

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.

### **BYNG ARTS Parent Group**

Byng has a [Byng Arts Parents Group](#) and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. 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. We will be setting up a face to face meeting and this is one of the ways to get your name on our contact list. Also many 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>

### **Student Council Info**

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

**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

Auditions for Coffee House Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lunch and Afterschool

Grade Reps and Department Reps will be announced school – thank you to everyone who submitted their applications.

**Gala is November 27th** Theme Once Upon A Winter!!!

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

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