



Newsletter

Friday Sept 6, 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

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 this week 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.

Thank you to all our staff and to parents for ensuring a very successful first week of school!

Have a great weekend!

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	12 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	20 PRO-D Day PC Camp	21 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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VSBC Consent Forms – Please complete!

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 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
VSBC 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.

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
Duration of Absence: please indicate if part or full day (blocks missed) or time
Copy to teachers so they are aware – email addresses on school website

Medical 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/>

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 27th. We will let students know when student cards come in.

Grade 8 Camp

Forms for the upcoming Grade 8 Camp at Camp Elphinstone will be 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

Grade 8 Locks

Locks are still on backorder, and we will let you know when they become available. In the meantime, please do not bring any valuables to school or **leave items in an unlocked locker.**

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

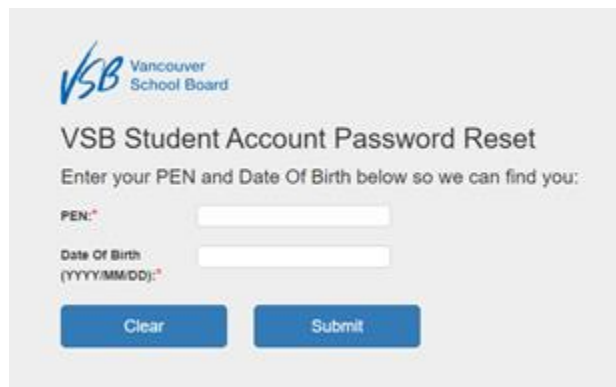
MyEd BC

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: <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'.

Please note, we send out a weekly newsletter. If you are not receiving our newsletters, please contact the office and we will update your contact information.

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), & Collaboration Schedules

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, and Collaboration Schedules

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
BLOCK 2 10:30 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 - 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:30 - 11:30
LUNCH 11:30 - 12:15	LUNCH 11:30 - 12:15	LUNCH 11:30 - 12:15	LUNCH 11:30 - 12:15	LUNCH 11:30 - 12:15
BLOCK 3 12:15 - 1:35	BLOCK 3 12:15 - 1:15	BLOCK 3 12:15 - 1:35	BLOCK 3 12:15 - 1:15	BLOCK 3 12:15 - 1:35
BREAK 1:35 - 1:40	BREAK 1:15 - 1:20	BREAK 1:35 - 1:40	BREAK 1:15 - 1:20	BREAK 1:35 - 1:40
	FIT 1:20 - 2:00		FIT 1:20 - 2:00	
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

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

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: <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG>



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 [deposit](#) and [how to prepare](#)
- 📌 Bring your family, friends and pets
- 📌 View our Grad Product Guide

Volleyball Tryouts

Jr. Girls Volleyball - Mon Sept 9th at 5pm Main Gym and Wed Sept 11th 3:30pm Small Gym

Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball - Thursday Sept 5th at 3:30pm Main Gym and Mon Sept 9th at 3:30pm

Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball - Fri Sept 6th at 3:30pm Main Gym and Tuesday Sept 10th at 3:30pm Main Gym

Counselling

Welcome Back and Course Changes

Counsellors are excited to welcome all of our students back to the new school year. We are looking forward to meeting all of them in the weeks to come.

A-Gr Ms. Millinazzo

Gs - L Ms. Radic

M-Te Ms. Davies

Tf-Z Ms. Vanderklippe

Course changes:

Please note that we would like to see all of our grade 12s tomorrow as we have managed to address a lot during the last two days of school. We are hoping to help any grade 12s that are asking for a course change tomorrow, Friday.

Consequently, next week we will leave Monday for grade 11s, Tuesday for grade 10s, Wednesday for grade 9s and Thursday for grade 8s. Thank you for your patience and support.

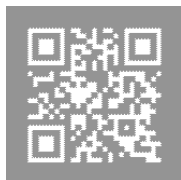
Counselling Teams

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)

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 <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>



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.

UPCOMING PAC EVENTS

WELCOME BACK COFFEE - Friday, September 13, 2024, 9 am at the front of the school. All parents are welcome for coffee and light treats. This is a great chance to catch up with other parents and make new connections. Byng Admin will stop by for a hello.

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 walks. The first walk is Wednesday, September 11, 9am. All are welcome. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email any questions to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER PAC MEETING - Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7pm 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!

PAC COMMITTEES (Great way to get involved at Byng)

GRAD 2025 COMMITTEE – To Grade 12 parents and guardians: We need to recruit parents for the Grad 2025 Parent Committee to assist with planning the June 2025 grad celebrations. If you would like to join the committee, please email bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com

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>



PAC SAFETY COMMITTEE - The 16th Avenue School Safety Coalition is working on improving safety for all families at Byng, Jules Quesnel, and Queen Elizabeth.

THIS WEEK'S SAFETY TIP: When using alleys as shortcuts - Please slow down and come to a complete stop when approaching the road. There are MANY kids in the area. A Byng neighbour counted 30 cars on Thursday that drove right through the sidewalk onto Highbury.



For more details and information on the safety committee please email Karrie Bogart at karriebogart@gmail.com follow us at: **INSTAGRAM:** @16thavesafety; **FACEBOOK:** @16thavesafety
X: <https://twitter/16thavesafety>

***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.

CHINESE PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION:

每周学校新闻的中文版和中文播报将更新在PAC官网上

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

For any PAC-related questions or concerns please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

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.

Beginning next week, the gallery will display work from our student collection including our most recent Art Prize winner, Elaine Zhou. (The Lord Byng Art Prize is an annual opportunity for a graduating student to have their art purchased and put on permanent display in our school). Her painting, Bubble is pictured below.



Byng Arts

Byng Arts Events this September – Mark Your Calendars

Byng Arts Welcome Back Assembly on Thursday, September 12th

Welcome Back Assembly in Period 1-4 (last period) for all Byng Arts students. This will review the three Ps: program, passports and probation. It will introduce this year's student council executive and give details on how to get involved. Please let your teacher know and be ready to come down at the beginning of the period **on Thursday**.



BYNG ARTS “Sports” Day for new Grade 8s. Thursday, Sept 12th

This fun team building event will help you get to know your fellow Byng Arts classmates and be led by volunteers from the older grades and staff. It takes place immediately after the Welcome Back Assembly and will finish around 4:45pm, so save the date and keep this time clear of conflicts. The “Sports” include an obstacle course, **Drama games**, and our Byng Arts version of Survivor!

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

The passport site has gone under construction but will be up and running by next week. Each of you will receive a set of new log in instructions next week. Keep recording your events like a trip to the Fringe Fest or a performance with your music ensemble and get ready to add it to receive points towards this year’s House Cup Challenge.

Byng Arts House Cup Winner

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



Student Council Info

We had our first council meeting this week and we are getting ready to make an additional call for Grade and Department Reps later in September.

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

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 ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:hartley@vsb.bc.ca))