



Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

The focus of this week as we continue our Black History Month acknowledgements and celebration is centered on our schools Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of Learning.

Special thanks go to all our staff for supporting our student leaders this week who took on the responsibility for organizing the incredible Multicultural Fair that was organized and led by the Student Council on Wednesday, the Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying Workshops organized by the Peer Counsellors as well as the Lunar New Year celebration organized by students from Project 3-B.

Great work everyone and thank you for making our school safe, inclusive, and welcoming for all students!

Have a safe, restful weekend.

Mr. Wilmann – Lord Byng Principal

MARCH 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Byng Arts Deadline to Reply (1 st Round Offers)	2 Document Shredding Fundraiser 10am – 2pm School Parking Lot
3	4 Course Planning Selections Due	5 Fire Drill #4 9:40am Black History Assembly @FIT	6 Strings/Symphony Auditions Byng Arts 2nd Round Offers	7 CLC11 Assembly @FIT Strings/Symphony Auditions Interim Reports Published MyEd	8 Last Day to Withdraw S2 classes Strings/Symphony Auditions / Byng Arts Deadline to Reply (2nd Offers)	9
10	11 Hold & Secure #2@ 9:40am	12 Capstone 12 Assembly @FIT	13	14 CLE 10 Assembly @FIT	15 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break	23
24	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Good Friday Spring Break	30/31 Easter Sunday

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School News

Highlights this week included:

- Black History Month brings learning to life with field trips, PA announcements and staff learning about the meaning of Allyship.
- Student Council and the Project 3-B Team prepare for the first ever Multi-Cultural Fair.
- Engineering Students find out about the Laws of Physics, Bridge Building, and the Structural Integrity of Spaghetti!
- Metalwork students apply their knowledge and skills to jewelry making.

Black History Month Announcements celebrate Black Excellence

Each week throughout the month of February the PA Team sponsored by Mr. Andy Johnston provides acknowledgements of prominent Black leaders.

Last week's updates included:

Emma Stark, Honorable Lincoln M. Alexander, and Barbara Howard
Thanks, Mr. Johnston, and your PA team, for these important BHM updates!!!

Inclusion and Diversity

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

Feature for Tuesday, February 20st

Today's Black History month feature personality is Emma Stark. Emma was born on February 17, 1856 in California, at the age of 4 she



arrived in Salt Spring Island with her parents Sylvia and Louis Stark and her brother Willis. On Salt Spring Island, 4 other siblings were born: In 1875, the family moved to Cedar, in the Nanaimo area where Stark attended Salt Spring Island Central School, and she completed high school at Nanaimo High School, at a time when a high school certificate was the required qualification for teaching.

On August 1, 1874, at the age of 18, Emma became the first black teacher on Vancouver

Feature for Wednesday, February 21st

Today's Black History month feature personality is the Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander who was born in Toronto in 1922 passing away in 2012, at the age of 90. During his



life, Lincoln Alexander served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. Later, he became the first Black person to become a Member of Parliament in 1968 and served in the House of Commons until 1980. He was also federal Minister of Labour in 1979–1980.

In 1985, Lincoln Alexander was appointed Ontario's 24th Lieutenant Governor, the first member of a racialized community to serve as

Island and she was hired to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in the Cedar district.

Sadly, Emma Stark died in 1890 at the age of 33 due to an undetermined illness. A plaque in recognition of her teaching career is located at 331 Wesley Street, Nanaimo where Emily lived.

the Queen's representative in Canada. The Honourable Lincoln Alexander was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1992!

On December 2013, the Province of Ontario proclaimed January 21 (Lincoln Alexander's birthday) as "Lincoln Alexander Day" and the following year, the Day was nationally recognized.

Feature for Friday, February 23rd

Today's Black History month feature personality is **Barbara Howard**. Born and raised in Vancouver at 10th and Nanaimo. During the late 1930s, the Vancouver-born Howard was one of the fastest female sprinters in the British Empire. She represented Canada at the 1938 British Empire Games in Sydney, Australia. Howard later graduated from UBC in 1959 attaining a B.Ed. and was the first member of a visible minority hired by the Vancouver School Board.



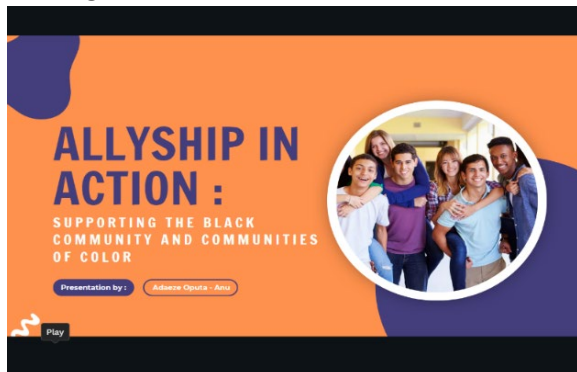
She worked as a Vancouver school teacher until 1984. In her later years, she remained active in the community volunteering as a peer counsellor. She was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 2012 and inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Follow the link below to learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXDuzzCIMG8>

With Black History Month as an opportunity to develop and support the school's anti-racism education program the theme of Allyship was the focus of the recent staff meeting. Staff at the meeting were introduced to this theme constructed by community facilitator Adaeze Oputa Anu.

Students throughout the school will learn about Allyship through an important workshop facilitated by staff on March 5th during FIT time.



One example of action by students at the school to act and to build Allyship in the school is taking place on Tuesday during the Multicultural Fair. The Multicultural Fair was one of the initiatives that was suggested by students participating in the Youth Panel facilitated by Adaeze Oputa Anu during last year's BHM Youth panel discussion.

Figure 1 Adaeze Oputa Anu facilitates the 2023 Youth Panel discussion for BHM at LB Secondary School.

Student Engagement

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

Engineering Students find out about the Laws of Physics, Bridge Building, and the Structural Integrity of Spaghetti!

Engineering students in Mr. Yates Lo's Senior Engineering classes have already started the first of several hands-on learning opportunities during the semester.

The Engineering class is unique in the school as the students taking the class can put theory directly into action through working in the wood and metal shops.

Mr. Lo first teaches students the factual theoretical information in the classroom and then with the support and help of the Applied Skills teacher Mr. Erickson in the wood shop next door and the adjacent metal shop run by Mr. Matt Barski the students can put their theory into action using the shop tools.



With safety of course always being a guiding principle in the shop environment, students are not using these tools until they have completed their safety tests for both shops. Instead, they are currently working on building bridges out of spaghetti, yes that is right and no this is not a foods class!

The students working in teams are each given the same amount of dried pasta and a glue gun. The job is to follow the criteria for the bridge given by the project guidelines and to build the strongest bridge possible using the knowledge that they have learned about the laws of physics and applied mechanics.

Once the bridges are built, they will be put to the test by Mr. Lo using the weight testing device.



Figure 2 Students (left) work together in teams to build the strongest bridge possible using their knowledge of applied mechanics and the laws of physics!

Figure 3 Mr. Lo demonstrates the strength testing device.



Great work Mr. Lo, thanks for helping train the next generation of Canadian Engineers!!

Metalwork Students apply their Knowledge and Skills to Jewelry Making.

While the engineering students worked on the first project of the semester, next door students in the metal shop were working on their own hands-on projects.

Learning about metallurgy, students in Mr. Barski's Metalwork class had the opportunity to use a variety of materials to bring their own personal projects to life. Among the proud metalworkers were a number that were completing their first project.

Document Shredding Fundraiser -Saturday– March 2nd- Byng Parking Lot

The Lord Byng Music Department will be hosting a Vancouver Schools Music Teachers Association Document Shredding fundraiser! If you have document shredding that needs to be done, come on down on **Saturday March 2 from 10am to 2pm to the school parking lot**. There will be a large truck there and you can watch your sensitive paper documents shredded right before your eyes on a tv screen built right into the truck! It is by donation, minimum suggested donation of \$10 per bag or \$15 a box, and it happens in a matter of seconds! So clear out your garage and your attic of all those old bills and receipts cluttering and come help music students across the district at our Document Shredding Fundraiser!

Please see [link](#).

Lost and Found – Last Chance!

Please check the lost and found table located outside the school office on the second floor for lost clothing and miscellaneous items. We have lots of water bottles so please check the table.

All items will be donated to charity on Monday, March 11th. For smaller items, please come to the school office.

Medical Care Plan Forms / Medication

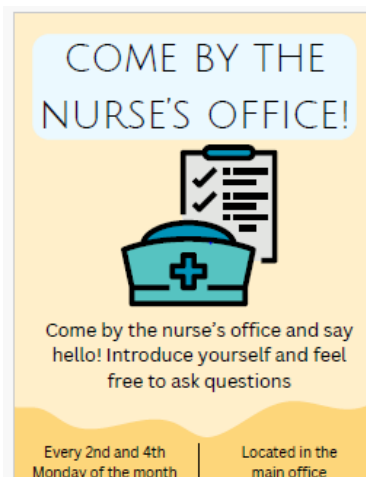
If your son/daughter has a medical condition: diabetes, seizures, anaphylaxis, asthma, or other medical concerns, please come to the office to pick up a medical care plan form. It is important that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school and have updated 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.

School Nurse Visit

Did you know our public health nurse Alana has office hours at lunch time every other Monday?! Come in to introduce yourself and feel free to ask any questions.

Everyone is welcome! 😊 Next visit: Monday, March 11th.



Byng Athletics



Table Tennis

The Lord Byng Boys Table Tennis Team won the City Championship this week, capping off a perfect 10-0 record for the season.

This weekend, the team is competing in Provincials, hoping to repeat their title win from last year.

Great job, and good luck!

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

The grade 8 boys volleyball season will be starting soon, with tryouts taking place next week. Any interested students should come to **Room 013 (Basement)** on **Monday, March 4th at lunch** for information about season schedule, tryouts, and fees. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Track and Field

Track and Field is starting! Anyone interested in being on the school track and field team this year, **please sign-up [HERE](#)**. Pre-season training will take place at 7:45 am, in the gym, every Tuesday and Thursday in February. Some specialty practices, like hurdles and high jump, will continue to take place in the mornings. Competition days are also to be determined. A full schedule will be available after Spring Break.

Starting on Monday, March 4th we will be doing outdoor practices: Monday and Tuesdays at 3:30pm at Camosun Park and Wednesdays at 3:30pm at UBC.

The Track and Field team is the largest team in the school. It is co-ed and all grades. We don't make cuts (no one will be eliminated from the team). The team won 11 City Championships in a row ending in 2023. Last year, we placed second to Kitsilano, so this year we will try to recapture the title. Despite our competitive nature, we are still an all-inclusive team. We encourage students of all abilities to join. Managers are also needed. The Track and Field team is a great way to get involved at Byng, work on your general fitness, improve your strength, power, speed, and endurance for another sport, or make new friends.

Collaboration Day Schedule

Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am No F.I.T. Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15; Jan 17; Feb 21; April 24; May 15; June 19	
Period 1	10:00-10:40
Break	10:40-10:50
Period 2	10:50-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:15
Period 3	12:15-1:35
Break	1:35-1:40
Period 4	1:40-3:00

Byng Calendars

Please visit the Lord Byng School website. https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng/_ci/p/65391

Lord Byng Daily 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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	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

Summer School

Summer school info is available: [VSB Summer School](#)

Please if you have any questions, see your counsellor. Students who are planning to take summer school classes are asked to adjust their course requests for next school year accordingly.

Youth Train in Trades

Grade 11s and 12s, if you are interested in pursuing a trade like plumbing, electrician, construction, etc, we encourage you to come and speak with your counsellor. VSB has an amazing option for this schooling. Here is a website: [youth-work-in-trades](#)

PAC NEWS

SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: The committee has joined forces with the PACs from our two neighborhood elementary schools (École Jules Quesnel and Queen Elizabeth) to collectively address safety concerns along W. 16th Ave. The committee has also received excellent feedback from Vision Zero Vancouver, an organization that advocates for measures that reduce traffic deaths and injuries. The committee will be meeting with a traffic engineer from the City of Vancouver in the coming weeks.

BYNG ARTS PARENTS SUBCOMMITTEE: This committee has been very active and we invite you to go to the Byng PAC Byng Arts page for an update. <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents>

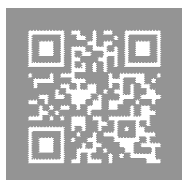
BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP: Several parents have started a Byng Arts parents group and parents are connecting over WhatsApp. Please see the Byng PAC website for info on how to connect and join. <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents> You can also email byngartsparents@gmail.com to be added to the Byng Arts parents email list.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK. For Parents who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday walks. All are welcome. We will meet at the steps at the front of the school on Wed March 6th at 9:00 am. Please RVSP to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

SUPPORT LORD BYNG WHILE YOU BUY GROCERIES

The Lord Byng PAC has partnered with Sungiven and Stongs grocery stores. When you shop at either store, Byng receives a rebate (at no extra cost to you) and these funds are used to support clubs, activities, new programs, and new equipment at Byng.

- **Sungiven (Yuanchu)** – Purchase a pre-paid grocery card using this order form and Byng receives a percentage of the value of your purchase. Instructions: fill out the order form, pay for your pre-paid grocery card, and pick up your grocery card between 9-10am on the last day of the month at the Byng entrance facing Crown Street. Orders are due by the 25th of each month. The first 30 participants receive additional gifts from Sungiven. Orders can be paid by **etransfer**, **Wechat Pay** and **Union Pay** now. + [ORDER FORM](#)
- **Stongs Market** - Shop on-line at www.stongs.com and they will donate 4% back to Lord Byng PAC as part of their rebate program. Items can be purchased online and delivered to your home or picked up in-store. Select Lord Byng Secondary under “Choose a School for Our Rebate Program” during check-out (not available in-store). Any questions please email lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com.



PLEASE JOIN OUR PAC EMAIL LIST – The PAC has created its own email list to communicate directly with parents. **Please sign-up using the QR code below or by visiting the PAC website and clicking subscribe** <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>

GRAD 2024 – To join the Parent Grad Committee Distribution list click here: <https://forms.gle/N7jgxoJs7w4LAUNe6>. For any questions about Grad Committee please email bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com.

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)

2023/24 PAC Meeting Dates:

April 17, 2024

May 15, 2024

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!

2023/2024 School Fees

Please pay your school fees. Payment for school fees via [SchoolCash Online](#).

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>

Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

We need to provide the safest means of transport for our community when they have mobility issues: currently our **elevators** work with a **key**.

Therefore, students experiencing mobility issues should be guided by staff to:

- Go to or send a student runner:
 - Basement - A006
 - 1st floor- A100
 - 2nd floor– School Office
 - 3rd floor –Rm A316 to obtain key/help

If any other difficulties, please contact the school office.

FORMS

Online forms: Please visit <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> and fill out the following forms online.

- 1) VSB Media Consent 2023 – 2024
- 2) External Media Consent Form – 2023 – 2024
- 3) Grade 4-12 AUP Form (Acceptable Use of Technology Policy) - very important, read through this carefully with your child.
- 4) Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians)
- 5) Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)
- 6) CASL Consent Form 2023 -2024 (Communicating for parents and guardians)

When logging into <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> please make sure you are entering your child's PEN and not their student number. Students can find their PEN number on their report card.

Thank you for your cooperation, it is important that we have all families return/submit all of the forms posted here.

Counselling Update

Summer Learning with VSB

Here is the summer school information: [VSB Summer School](#)

Registration is open on May 1 just like last year. Please see your counsellor if you have any questions about summer school. We also hope that you adjust your course requests in MyEd according to your summer school plans.

Youth Train in Trades

Counsellors are calling all grade 10s, 11s, and 12s who might be interested in pursuing a trade like electrical, plumbing, construction/carpentry, and even hairdressing to come and talk to us about these opportunities. VSB has an amazing program, and if this is the right fit for you, then we can help you with the next steps: [Career Programs](#)

Course Planning Assemblies & Course Planning Info Night – Thursday, Feb 15th

Counsellors finished presenting course planning assemblies to all of our students. We also met parents and spoke about course selection.

MyEd will be open for students to make their selections until March 4th.

Our biggest take away this year is to have a balanced approach and lots of engagement with our awesome school community.

A Big Thank you to all the parents/guardians who came out to support and help us with the course selection process. We want to say that we truly appreciate your help with guiding all of our students when choosing their courses for the upcoming school year.

All of the information regarding Course planning can be found on our [Course Planning Page](#)

Graduation Letter

Counsellors have finished meeting with all students who have any outstanding requirements towards their graduation. We will be emailing letters home, and also giving a copy to your student only if they have some outstanding courses needed for graduation. Please note that we will be working closely with these students and helping them plan a way to complete all of their high school grad requirements. Here is a blank form of our letter:

[Grade 12 Graduation Letter](#)

[Grad Requirement Letter](#)

Counselling Teams

Any new Byng students? Please 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, work opportunities, to name a few. Each grade has their own Counselling teams eg. Grade 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8 (Counselling 2023/24).

Art Info

Call For Yearbook Art Submissions – Deadline is March

Get your artwork into this year's annual!!! [CLICK HERE](#) to submit. Do this today, without delay.

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program –

Congratulations to everyone who received a first round offer. We are looking at our list and remaining seats in each department and we are preparing to send out the second round of offers on March 6th.

For students in Grades 8 to 11, we are still calculating available space and offers will go out as soon as we know we have a seat available – this may happen after the second round offers go out – please be patient.

Further information and our timeline can be found below or on our website: <https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

Email: byngarts@vsb.bc.ca with your questions.

Byng Arts Newsletter

A Byng Arts Newsletter will be sent to all Byng Arts Students and families this weekend reviewing information around course planning and other updates. Please check your inbox and your Spam folder if you haven't seen it by Sunday.

Byng Arts Passport:




passport.lordbyng.net

Passport tallies have been completed – details have been sent in a specific Byng Arts Newsletter. If you did not complete the minimum number of entries, please sign up to see Mr. Hartley-Folz during FIT (<https://byng.myweeklyplanner.net/>) to get your passport requirements sorted.

We will require everyone to have another seven entries by the end of May.

All successful accounts that have unlocked seven or more badges will be entered into a draw prize in the later in the Spring, so get your art on everyone!

Potential Badges to unlock:

<p>Lunar New Year Celebration Events</p>  <p>Earned on 3/1/24 You joined in the celebrations at the school on February 29th. Happy New Year.</p>	<p>FEB Coffee House - Monday, Feb 12th Events</p>  <p>BE MINE and join the talented performers in the foyer on Monday, Feb 12th</p>	<p>Eros General</p>  <p>Show your LOVE for the ARTS by attending a show or participating in a performance in the month of February</p>
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Byng Arts 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))

Meeting Notes

Teacher Food Bank Fundraiser – Educators Extravaganza will take place March 13th

Target for future planning – spring event/tea party and April coffee house.

Hoodie orders have been received and payments now on SchoolCash Online.

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