

LORD BYNG SECONDARY OUR VSB

Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

I would like to thank all our staff and our parent community for creating such a positive school environment for all of our learners for the start of the school year.

Have a much deserved, restful Spring Break!

Mr. Wilmann

MARCH 2024									
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
					Byng Arts Deadline to Reply (1 st Round Offers)	Document Shredding Fundraiser 10am – 2pm School Parking Lot			
3	Course Planning Selections Due	Fire Drill #4 9:40am Black History Assembly @FIT	Strings/Symphony Auditions Byng Arts 2nd Round Offers	7 CLC11 Assembly @FIT Strings/Symphony Auditions Interim Reports Published MyEd	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	Good Friday Spring Break	30/31 Easter Sunday			

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School News

Highlights from the week included:

- Indigenous Teaching and Learning supports our Reconciliation Journey
- Students learn about Allyship and the school's Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of Learning
- Student Engagement: Council Bring Community to the School with Cultural Fair and Food Truck visit.
- Student Engagement: Powerlifting Club prepares to face off against Kitsilano.
- International Women's Day Acknowledgements

Reconciliation In Action

Thank you to all our staff that continue to support our Reconciliation Journey through your work in the classroom and hands on learning opportunities that you continue to provide for students. Amongst the frequent visitors to the school are Musqueam artist and Knowledge Keeper Mr. Martin Sparrow, Lakota Metis Elder Mr. Ray McKeown and Indigenous artist and educator Mr. Dave Robinson.

Also, supporting the school with our learning journey and providing resources for students is the VSB's Indigenous Education Department. Members of the team were at the school recently and took some time to look at the many projects that are currently taking place at the school as well as to meet with individual students to discuss their senior Capstone 12 projects that are focused on Indigenous learning and teachings.

As we continue to learn and unlearn, we will be planning for a celebration of learning later in the year with the raising of the Welcome Figure-stay tuned for updates to come!



Figure 1 Mr. Chad Carpenter, Ms. Amanda Reid, and Mr. Eric Dann from the VSB Indigenous Education Team recently toured the school to meet with staff and students and to learn about some of the projects occurring at the school and to connect with students.

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?

Figure 2 Senior Social Studies students from Mr. McKeen's Indigenous
Focused Social Studies Class learn about the First Peoples Principles of Learning with Dave Robinson.
Indigenous

Figure 3 Indigenous Musqueam Elder Mr. Martin Sparrow is a frequent visitor to Byng and shares his teachings through art, song, and storytelling.





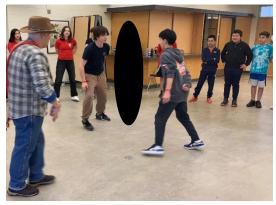


Figure 4 Mr. Ray McKeown teaches the First Peoples Principles of Learning with students in Mr. Boulding's PE 8 Class

Allyship In Action

The theme of Allyship was the focus of this year's school wide Anti-Racism presentation for Black History Month and was created and led by community facilitator Ms. Adaze Oputa Anu.

Among the highlights of

the presentation students learned some core strategies on how to stand up and speak out against racism through using the strategy of Allyship.

Students were also given an opportunity to provide their thoughts and ideas on how to create a positive school environment with more than 800 responses gathered.

These ideas and suggestions will be shared with staff and will provide important information on how to move forward and to help the students to put their ideas into action at the school.

Ways You Can
Take Action

Be an Upstander,
Not a Bystander
Not a Bystander
Inclusive Curriculum

Organize Allyship
Workshops

Figure 5 Adaeze Oputa Anu facilitates Cultural Bridging Workshops at Grade 8 Camp.



Inclusion and Diversity Through Student Engagement

There has been a tremendous amount of student energy to create a positive culture and build community here at the school. Recent events that echo and build on the Allyship theme promoted in the recent BHM presentation include hosting a school Cultural Fair that promotes equity and inclusion through cultural Sharing.

Inclusion and Diversity

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

This year the Cultural Fair was organized by the Student Council:

On February 26th, 2024, the Lord Byng Student Council kickstarted Byng's first cultural fair. The fair featured a variety of cultural foods and crafts brought by a wide array of student-led projects. From Persian Nowruz-inspired jewelry to French crepes to east Asian snacks, the cultural fair showcased the marvelous diversity we exhibit at Lord Byng, and it is our shared ability to appreciate our differences that brings us together. The student council would like to thank our sponsor teachers, the participants, the attendees, and the admin team for making this memorable event possible. We hope you all enjoyed the fair!

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





Figure 5 students share culture through food, music and community building at the Cultural Fair.

Figure 6 Crepes being prepared at the Cultural Fair.





Figure 7 Learning through sharing was a major theme of the first Byng Cultural Fair.

Figure 8 Students had another opportunity to connect and build community on Friday with the arrival of a donut truck-this event was also organized by the Student Council!

Student Engagement: Powerlifting Club prepares to face off against Kitsilano!

Another opportunity to build a positive school culture at the school was seen last week as the Byng Powerlifting Team sponsored by Constable Dhiren Kumar and led by Senior Byng students prepared to face off against the Kits Team this week!

International Women's Day

Special Acknowledgement were made on Friday for International Women's Day including the recognition of some very remarkable female leaders:

Bernice Carnegie Dr. Victoria Lee Vanessa Génir



Bernice Carnegie is the cofounder and president of The Carnegie Initiative (CI), an organization named after her father, the legendary Canadian hockey player and changemaker Herb Carnegie. Continuing the work her father started over 60 years ago, the CI is on a mission to continue to make hockey accessible, inclusive, and diverse. Bernice unveils the rich tapestry of her family's journey on her personal website and in the coauthored autobiography, A Fly in a Pail of Milk: The Herb Carnegie *Story*. In the book, she reveals how her life was shaped by lessons passed on from father to daughter, celebrating the indelible contributions of Black Canadians throughout the course of the nation's history. In 2022, Bernice was chosen as one of the top 22 most influential people in hockey in North America. Bernice etched her name in history as part of the groundbreaking BIPOC ownership of a professional women's hockey team, the Toronto Six, in 2021.



Dr. Victoria Lee is the president and CEO of Fraser Health, one of the largest and most complex health service delivery systems in Canada. She is responsible for the strategic direction and operations of integrated health services that are provided by 48,000 people who serve a diverse population of more than two million people in the region. Dr. Lee bridges cultural divides to foster an environment of innovation, inclusivity, and impact. Under Dr. Lee's leadership, transformative changes have occurred at the organization including a systemwide digital twin, planetary health strategy, and over \$10 billion in multi-year large capital investments.



Vanessa Génir is the CEO & founder of Quilts for Survivors, a grassroots initiative that honours survivors of Canada's Residential School system. Vanessa is a member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation and had a direct ancestry connection to survivors of Ontario's residential school system. With an initial goal of creating 215 quilts to honour the 215 unmarked graves recovered in Kamloops, British Columbia, Since 2021, Vanessa and her global team of volunteers have presented over 4,500 quilts to survivors across Canada. A respected Founder and CEO, Vanessa will be presented with a Governor General's Award for Meritorious Service Decorations, (Civil Division).

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: April 15 - April 19

This is a *graduation requirement* assessment, please follow the link for information:

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment

Please do not ask to reschedule assessment writing times, as we are also very full with grade 11's and 12's writing the Literacy Assessment for graduation during this week.

If a student has an appointment booked during this week, please see about changing the appointment, we may not be able to reschedule the assessments here at the school.

Grad Info- Graduation Ceremony/Dinner Dance

Just a reminder:

Graduation Ceremony

When: Friday, June 7th at 4:00 pm

Where: Chan Centre

Cost: \$80. This grad fee covers the cost of a cap and gown and 3 complimentary tickets. Additional tickets are

available for purchase in May/June (details to follow).

Grad Dinner Dance

When: Saturday, June 15, 2024, 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Where: Hellenic Center 4500 Arbutus Street

Cost: To be announced

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!



Not Returning to Byng 2024-2025

If your child will not be returning to Byng in September , please complete and return the form to the school office. Please click <u>HERE</u>.

Girls will Stay & Helping Hands

Girls Will Stay and Helping Hands are collecting clean, used clothing and bedding, and hygiene products for the Downtown East Side Women's Centre. Please bring any donations to room 218 by April 15th.

Career Education

We are looking for parent volunteers with interviewing experience, to help conduct **Mock Job Interviews with our grade 10 students**, as part of their career employability skill development for CLE 10.

These mock interviews will take place on **Tuesday, April 9th from 8:30am-12pm in our school Library.** If you are able and interested in volunteering your time to interview our students, it would be greatly appreciated. We will also have community members from some local businesses and organizations volunteering as well.

If you are interested, please email Kim Chong-Ping at kchong@vsb.bc.ca.

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				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

Byng Athletics

Track and Field

Track and Field has started! 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.

PAC NEWS



PAC SAFETY COMMITTEE: The newly formed Lord Byng PAC Safety Committee has joined forces with Queen Elizabeth Elementary and Jules Quesnel Elementary and members of the community to form The 16th Avenue School Safety Coalition. The coalition has continued work encouraging the City of Vancouver to make permanent and long-term improvements to 16th Avenue from Imperial to Wallace Street.

Support the safety committee by 1) following the social media accounts; 2) Signing up for email updates; and 3) Sending in relevant traffic footage or concerns to karriebogart@gmail.com, Chair, Lord Byng PAC Safety Committee.

Sign up to receive safety committee updates: link

Follow us online: Youtube; Instagram @16thavesafety; Facebook; X: https://twitter.com/16thavesafety

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP: The PAC Byng Arts subcommittee is working with the District PAC to safeguard the future of the Byng Arts mini-program. Parents/guardians of Byng Arts students are encouraged to join the Byng Arts email list and WhatsApp groups. Please use this Google <u>form</u> to join and see https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents for more details.

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. Our next walk will be after spring break. 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 .



JOIN OUR BYNG PAC EMAIL LIST – The PAC has 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

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!

Lord Byng PAC

2023/2024 School Fees

Please pay your school fees. Payment for school fees via SchoolCash Online.

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

Peer Counselling 12 Applications

PCs applications are now available on Grade 11 Counselling Teams. We are asking all of our grade 11s to take a look and apply if interested by handing in their application to their counsellor by April 3. This is a super dynamic program, where PCs work directly with our grade 8s but also work on building a strong community amongst themselves as well as serve as leaders in our entire school. Here is more info on this program: Peer Counselling 12

Course Planning

All of the information regarding Course planning can be found on our <u>Course Planning Page</u>
Students are encouraged to log into MyEd and review their course requests at this time. If they wish to make any changes, we are strongly encouraging them to that asap by seeing their counsellor. We will also be sending course request verification forms home via email so please look for that and see your counsellor asap.

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: <u>Career Programs</u>

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).

TEACHERS SING, TEACHERS DANCE – Foodbank Fundraiser

SO MUCH FUN!!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to perform and cheer - all in the name of a good cause.

Everything counts in small amounts. We took in about \$300 for the Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who donated. If you missed out donating you can use this link and make a tax deductible donations directly to the Foodbank with the following link: https://foodbank.bc.ca/ways-to-give/

A brave group of talented teachers gave it their all on Wednesday, we had a rap versus art battle, we were Rick Rolled and treated to our made at Byng version of Riverdance. Well done Ms. Sawka, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gustainis, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Hartley-Folz, Ms. Pitchford-Yeung, and Mr. Sundvick. Congratulations to Mr. Kan and Jazz Band for winning with an almost perfect score!!! Great work Student Council on creating an amazing event!

If you weren't there, here is a little of what you missed!







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.

Attention Actors! Arts Club Musical Theatre Intensive Registration is Now Open

Applications are now open for Musical Theatre Intensive! Apply by Apr 26!

APPLY HERE

Aimed at young artists (ages 12–19) with a passion for singing, dancing, and acting, the Arts Club's <u>Musical Theatre</u> <u>Intensive</u> (MTI) exposes students to the kind of rigorous training typically found only at the post-secondary level and begins their journey toward becoming a true "triple threat" (actor/singer/dancer).

Junior ProgramSenior ProgramAges: 12–16Ages: 15–19

Dates: July 8–19, 2024

Times: Mon–Fri, 10 AM–4 PM

Tuition: \$727 (plus GST)

Location: BMO Theatre Centre

Dates: July 22– August 9, 2024

Times: Mon–Fri, 10 AM–5 PM

Tuition: \$1275 (plus GST)

Location: BMO Theatre Centre

Art For Earth - Make a Difference

We Need Artwork and Volunteers

"Art for Earth" is a community club dedicated to environmental change and artistic expression.

Get volunteer hours and a certificate of participation by volunteering for our beach cleanup and art installation scheduled for June. Follow us on Instagram @art4earthyouth.

Display your artwork and raise ocean awareness by joining our show on April 27th at the Dunbar Community Centre. The theme is raising awareness about marine conservation through the use of art. We encourage artists who share our passion for the ocean to submit their artworks for the exhibition.

Click here to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduEl83DICSyHXIqC8FxI4KZqS3iYtdz4ed2KwkpHNeqBa_iQ/viewform?usp=s_f_link

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program -

Congratulations to everyone who received an offer. We are looking at our list and remaining seats in each department and we are preparing to send out additional offers to students in Grades 8 to 11 as soon as we know we have a seat available – this may happen after Spring Break – 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 Passport:

passport.lordbyng.net

Passport tallies were sent in a specific Byng Arts Newsletter this month. 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:



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)

Meeting Notes

Congratulations on organizing the Educators Extravaganza Food Bank Fundraiser

Hoodie orders have been received and payments now on SchoolCash Online, we will put the order in after Spring Break – make sure that you have paid for your order or it will be cancelled.



Next Coffee House is April 15th: Auditions will be held when we return from Spring Break. Sign up on Teams or with the link below:

Auditions April 5th: https://forms.gle/ff2fypG2TFFbu8wS8

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