



### Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week the school published the semester 2 interim reports for all students for the current semester. Special thanks for supporting our learners and providing this important learning update goes to all our teachers well as to our office team and records staff for publishing these valuable reports.

Another highlight from the week was an important presentation to all students outlining our anti-racism program at the school focused on Cultural Bridging During the presentation students had an opportunity to learn about Allyship and were asked to provide feedback on how Allyship can be developed at the school to support our Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of Learning.

Thanks again to parents, students, and staff in our learning community for your continued support.

Have a much deserved, restful weekend.

Mr. Wilmann – Lord Byng Principal

MARCH 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Byng Arts Deadline to Reply (1 <sup>st</sup> 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

Thank you, **Ms. Janet Chung**, the **Byng PAC**, **Byng Staff**, and the **Project 3-B** student leaders for an incredible celebration for the Lunar New Year!!!

This year's celebration was a festival of music, dance, martial arts, and much much more. Awakening the Lions to welcome good luck for the year ahead was one of the important ceremonial components of this year's event and opened this year's spectacular ceremony.

Once the Lions were awakened with the help of school staff leaders **Mr. Jon Hartley Folz**, **Ms. Jill Sehmbi**, **Mr. Wilmann** and **Mr. Ritchie** the celebrations took off with an array of presentations, and traditional Lunar **New Year cultural celebrations**.

### Inclusion and Diversity

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



*Figure 1 The Lunar New celebrations begin with the eye dotting ceremony to awaken the lions bringing in good fortune and luck for the school for the year to come, the Year of the Wooden Dragon.*



Figure 2 The Byng Admin Team received the good luck scrolls from the double Lions, bestowing prosperity, happiness, and great fortune to the Byng Community!

Figure 3 Staff, VIPS & PAC representatives joined by hundreds of students in a fully packed auditorium cracked the balloon garland symbolizing the lighting of firecrackers to ward off evils and ring in good fortune to the Year of the Dragon!





Figure 4 Student **singers & dancers** shared their musical talents in a packed auditorium of parents, students, staff and VIPS.



Figure 5 The incredible **youth and parent dance presentations** were some of the many highlights of an action-packed series of talented performances.



Figure 6 The Byng Admin team joined by some of the Lunar Fest performers, operation crews, PAC representatives and parent volunteers sent their best wishes to the Byng community with warm thoughts and big smiles!

Interestingly the God of Fortune who was a special guest star at the event looked remarkably like one of our science teachers????

Who could it Be? Not Mr. Fung by any chance? No, he was teaching biology that morning, or was he?



## Inclusion and Diversity

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

Thanks Ms. Chung and Project 3-B for your fantastic leadership at the school; thanks to your efforts the Year of the Dragon will be the best ever!

**Other Highlights from the Week Included:**

- Black History Month Acknowledgments continue our BHM celebrations of Black Excellence.
- Student Leaders step up to speak out against bullying in the Pink Shirt Day School Assemblies led & run by the Byng Peer Counsellors.

**Inclusion and Diversity**

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**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:

Ms. Fabienne Colas, Ms. Jully Black, Ms. Carrie Best & Mr. Alphonso Davies  
 Thanks, Mr. Johnston, and your PA team, for these important BHM updates!!!

**Feature for Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Fabienne Colas** started her career as a model, being crowned Miss Haiti in 2000. After a successful film career in Haiti, Colas decided to pursue her career in Quebec and in 2008, she directed and produced her first film *Minuit*, in which she played the leading role. She is the founding president of many popular international festivals that attract more than 100 000 festival-goers each year which includes:

- the Montreal International Black Film Festival (MIBFF), Canada’s largest black film festival
- the Toronto Black Film Festival (TBFF)
- the Festival Haïti en Folie [Haiti on Fire] in Montreal, the largest multi-disciplinary

**Feature for Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**



Today’s Black History month feature personality is **Jully Black**, is a singer, songwriter, actress, and TV personality. Known as Canada’s Queen of R&B, she is a Juno Award-winner and in 2013 CBC Music named her one of the “25 Greatest Canadian Singers Ever.” Black started singing in church at age six, and decided to pursue a career in music by age twelve. After winning a local talent show and singing at numerous events.

Black has written songs for Destiny’s Child, Nas, Sean Paul, Missy Elliott and others. Black released a number of independent songs, including “Rally’n”, which was nominated for a Juno Award and a MuchMusic Video Award in 1999. Her collaboration with 2 Rude and Grimmi Grimmi,

festival outside Haiti entirely dedicated to Haitian culture

Fabienne Colas continues to fight for the representation of diversity on screens and in the media, as well as for equal opportunity for all.

“Dissin’ Us”, won Best Soul/R&B Video at the MuchMusic Video Awards in 2000.

Black is also a vocal advocate for Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual, Queer (LGTBQ) communities, performing at various Pride events, including at World Pride (2015).

**Feature for Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (also Pink shirt day)**



Today’s Black History Month featured personality is **Carrie Best** who was born on March 4, 1903, in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. During the 1940s, Mrs. Best and her son Cal were arrested for sitting downstairs in the whites-only seats at the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow. Consequently, the pair was charged with disturbing the peace, convicted and fined.

Not to be silenced, in 1946, Mrs. Best founded The Clarion, the first Black-owned and published Nova Scotia newspaper. In 1952, her radio show, called The Quiet Corner, went on the air. It aired for 12 years and was broadcast on four radio stations throughout Canada’s Maritime Provinces. In 1968, she was hired as a columnist for the Pictou Advocate, a newspaper based in Pictou, Nova Scotia. The column ran until 1975 under the heading of “Human Rights.”

The following are some of the amazing achievements of Carrie Best during her lifetime:

- Member of the Order of Canada in 1974
- Awarded the Queen Elizabeth Medal in 1977
- Officer of the Order of Canada in 1979

**Feature for Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**



Alfonso Davies is a professional soccer player playing left-back for FC Bayern Munich and Canada’s Men’s National Football Team. He has earned multiple achievements including Canada Soccer Player of the Year 4 times (2018, 2020, 2021, and 2022), the Lionel Conacher Award (2020) and the Lou Marsh Memorial Trophy (2020).

Davies was born in a refugee camp in Buduburam, Ghana after his parents fled the civil war in Liberia. At age 5, Davies and his family immigrated to Canada, arriving first in Windsor, Ontario before moving to Edmonton, Alberta, where the family eventually settled. Davies moved to Vancouver, BC in 2015 to join the Whitecaps FC Residency, where he went on to become the youngest player to appear in the United Soccer League, and he made his professional debut with the Vancouver Whitecaps at the age of 15. In 2017, he received his Canadian citizenship and was called up to the Canada Men’s National Football Team, the youngest player in Canadian team history. In 2022, Davies helped the men’s team qualify for the World Cup for the first time in 36 years and



- Awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Laws (DC.L.) from the University of King’s College, Halifax, in 1992
- Founded the Kay Livingstone Visible Minority Women’s Society of Nova Scotia in 1975
- Inducted into the Nova Scotia Black Wall of Fame in 1980
- Received the Harry Jerome Award in 1986
- Received the Harambee Membership Plaque in 1987
- Received the Black Professional Women’s Group Award Certificate in 1989
- Received the Minister’s Award of Excellence in Race Relations— Minister of State for Multiculturalism, in 1990
- Received the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission Award in 1991
- Received the Town of New Glasgow Award for work in race relations in 1992
- Received the Congress of Black Women Certificate in 1993

Carrie Best passed away in July 2001 in New Glasgow.

was the lone goal scorer for Canada during their appearance in the tournament.

In 2021, Davies was appointed as a Global Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), becoming the first footballer and first Canadian ever to be appointed to such position. His support for the UNHCR began in 2020, and in 2021 he helped launch the Together for Learning campaign with the Government of Canada, a 3-year campaign to promote quality education and lifelong learning for refugees, forcibly displaced and host-community children and youth.

*Figure 2 Mr. Johnston completes the final BHM in Canada broadcast for February with an audio broadcast of Alphonso Davies scoring a goal for Team Canada-thanks Mr. Johnston and the PA Team for your great work!*



**Thanks Mr. Johnston and to the incredible student PA Announcement Team for once again this year keeping the school up to date on Black Excellence throughout Black History Month in Canada!!!**

**Inclusion and Diversity**

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

## Student Leaders Stand Up and Speak Out Against Bullying

Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> was Pink Shirt Day in Canada and provided another opportunity for students and staff to learn about the rich diversity of our school community and for student leaders to stand up against bullying.

Special thanks for organizing this year's Anti-Bullying assemblies goes to Ms. Maureen VanderKlippe and the Grade 12 Peer Counselling Team.



*Figure 3 Peer Counsellors introduce the history of Pink Shirt Day.*

*Figure 4 Understanding bullying was one of the themes for this year's student led anti-bullying day assemblies.*



Thanks everyone for another great week of teaching and learning and for all that you do to support our Inclusion and Diversity Pillar of Learning!



## Annual Financial Planning Survey

The annual [financial planning survey](#) is open until **March 8, 2024**. The survey seeks feedback about budget priorities by staff, students and their families as well as the broader Vancouver public. Share your feedback!

## Medical Care Plan Forms / Medication

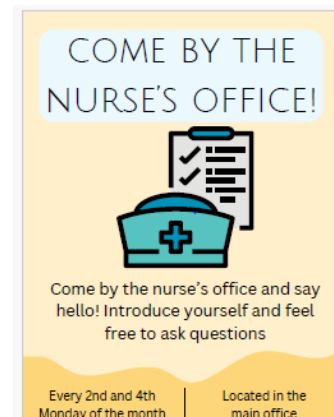
If your son/daughter has a medical condition: diabetes, seizures, anaphylaxis, asthma, or other medical concerns, please come to the office to pick up a medical care plan form. It is important that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school and have updated 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 11<sup>th</sup>.



### 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 [HERE](#).

### Class of 2024 Graduation Information



Hi Grads, a gentle reminder to please complete [the Grad Gown Information Form](#) by **Thursday, March 14, 2024.**

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kchong@vsb.bc.ca).

## Lord Byng Debate



<https://www.bcdebate.ca/lawfoundationcup>

This past weekend the 2024 Law Foundation Cup Provincial Debate Tournament took place at Simon Fraser University. This tournament, hosted by BC Debate and Speech, is the highest debate tournament in the province and is held as a qualifier for nationals. A student team from Lord Byng, Sarah Liu (grade 10) and Nicholas Pinton (grade 12), successfully qualified for and participated in this tournament.

The students competed in two days of gruelling debate. They were faced with challenge from highly skilled participants from around the province. Two debates were held virtually on Friday and three were held in person on Saturday. This was the first provincial qualifier tournament Sarah and Nick have participated in and they were able to come away with a victory.



Sarah and Nick represented Byng with honour and courage. We are very proud of the effort, skill, and fortitude that they displayed. Congratulations to both students on their accomplishments.

Mr. Joshua Sundvick - Debate Team Teacher Sponsor  
Sarah Liu (grade 10) and Nicholas Pinton (grade 12)

## Byng Athletics

### Table Tennis

Last Wednesday, the Lord Byng Table Tennis Team defeated Churchill to win the City Championship.

On Friday and Saturday, the boys competed in the Provincial Championships. Ethan won a bronze medal in the Boys Singles Division. Ethan and Darren won the Boys Doubles Division, and on Saturday night, Ethan, Darren, and Nathan won the Team Division for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to the team on back-to-back Provincial titles, and congratulations on consecutive undefeated seasons. Great job, boys.



**Lord Byng Golf Team**

The Lord Byng Golf team plays in the top tier of competition in the city and province. The team returns all players who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the province last year and has also won City and Sea to Sky Zone Championships. The team boasts the low gross score from last year's provincial championships from Elaine Liu and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place low gross from Kaylee Chung. Any student who wishes to try out for the team should have previous playing experience (ideally in tournaments) and carry a current handicap index of 12 or lower. The season begins in April. Interested parties should contact Mr. Yuen; [eyuen@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:eyuen@vsb.bc.ca), or talk to Captain Ethan Shum or co-captains Elaine Liu / Kaylee Chung before spring break.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am</b>	
<b>No F.I.T.</b>	
<b>Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15; Jan 17; Feb 21; April 24;</b>	
<b>May 15; June 19</b>	
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
<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
<b>BREAK</b> 10:20 - 10:30	<b>BREAK</b> 10:00 - 10:10	<b>BREAK</b> 10:00 - 10:10	<b>BREAK</b> 10:00 - 10:10	<b>BREAK</b> 10:20 - 10:30
<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:30 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:10 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:10 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:10 - 11:30	<b>BLOCK 2</b> 10:30 - 11:30
<b>LUNCH</b> 11:30 - 12:15	<b>LUNCH</b> 11:30 - 12:15	<b>LUNCH</b> 11:30 - 12:15	<b>LUNCH</b> 11:30 - 12:15	<b>LUNCH</b> 11:30 - 12:15
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<b>BREAK</b> 1:35 - 1:40	<b>BREAK</b> 1:15 - 1:20	<b>BREAK</b> 1:35 - 1:40	<b>BREAK</b> 1:15 - 1:20	<b>BREAK</b> 1:35 - 1:40
	<b>FIT</b> 1:20 - 2:00		<b>FIT</b> 1:20 - 2:00	
<b>BLOCK 4</b> 1:40 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 2:00 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 1:40 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 2:00 - 3:00	<b>BLOCK 4</b> 1:40 - 3:00

### 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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### PAC NEWS

**BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP:** Parents/guardians of Byng Arts students are encouraged to join the Byng Arts email list and WhatsApp groups. Please use this Google [form](#) to join and see <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents> for more details.

**PAC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** The newly formed Lord Byng PAC Safety Committee joined forces with representatives from QE Elementary and JQ 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. They have recently launched several social media accounts and would greatly appreciate your support. Please follow and share these accounts, sign up for the database and send in any footage or concerns you see in your daily commutes through this area to [karriebogart@gmail.com](mailto:karriebogart@gmail.com), Chair Lord Byng PAC Safety Committee.

**Sign up to receive updates as they come:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD2YFP2Ddz6QRP\\_-ZnjYhGNomDJuwi75yDEeTu\\_mLmQgtKnQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD2YFP2Ddz6QRP_-ZnjYhGNomDJuwi75yDEeTu_mLmQgtKnQ/viewform)

### Follow us online:

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmqiipy1WLdtofs2Xj4xBdA>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/16thavesafety/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556879466077>

X: <https://twitter.com/16thavesafety>

**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 8th at 9:00 am. Please RVSP to Nora at [noradyng@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com).

**PLEASE JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST** – The PAC has created its own email list to communicate directly with parents. **Please sign-up now 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](mailto:bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com).

**BYNG ARTS PARENT GROUP:** Several parents have started a Byng Arts parent group for families with Byng Arts students. Any questions please email [byngartsparents@gmail.com](mailto:byngartsparents@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](mailto: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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> floor- A100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor– School Office
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

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.

### 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, Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**



Lunch in the Auditorium – bring your donations of MONEY and we will collect the funds for the foodbank during the event. See you all there.

**Events** Educators' Extravaganza



Maximum Allowed Per Student: 1

Some of your favorite teachers will be on the stage putting the FUN in FUNdraising. Join us on Wednesday, March 13 in the auditorium for this Foodbank Fundraiser. Bring cash and your enthusiasm and lets make the last week before Spring Break a fun one.

**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 [Musical Theatre Intensive](#) (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).

<p><b>Junior Program</b>                  Ages: 12–16                  Dates: July 8–19, 2024                  Times: Mon–Fri, 10 AM–4 PM                  Tuition: \$727 (plus GST)                  Location: BMO Theatre Centre</p>	<p><b>Senior Program</b>                  Ages: 15–19                  Dates: July 22– August 9, 2024                  Times: Mon–Fri, 10 AM–5 PM                  Tuition: \$1275 (plus GST)                  Location: BMO Theatre Centre</p>
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**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 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](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca) with your questions.

**Byng Arts Passport:**  
[passport.lordbyng.net](http://passport.lordbyng.net)


Passport tallies were sent in a specific Byng Arts Newsletter last week. 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:

Spring in The Gallery Art




Come and see the new collection of artwork in the school gallery.

Educators' Extravaganza Events



Some of your favorite teachers will be on the stage putting the FUN in FUNdraising. Join us on Wednesday, March 13 in the auditorium for this Foodbank Fundraiser. Bring cash and your enthusiasm and let's make the last week before Spring Break a fun one.

Muse General



Seek out art inspiration wherever it is to be found in the month of March.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>

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

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 5<sup>th</sup>: <https://forms.gle/ff2fypG2TFFbu8wS8>

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