



March Newsletter

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

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Важная информация - переведите, пожалуйста

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Early March is always...

...a strange time of year in secondary schools. We are planning for next year, setting calendars, building timetables, connecting with our incoming grade 7s, and yet we're not even a quarter of the way through second semester. Stepping into classrooms helps to keep us in the present, to focus on the learning that's happening right now for our students. The spring promises many opportunities to celebrate that learning, and to that end and moving forward, we'll include a list of upcoming events at least three months out in each newsletter to help with planning.

One more week until the break. We wish all our students a restful time away from school. Get some sleep. Spend time doing the things you love to do.

Albert, Diane, and Krista
(Lord Byng Administration Team)

School Calendars 2026-2029

Included are the start and end dates for each school year, along with dates for winter break and spring break. Professional Development Days, too. [School Calendars 2026-2029](#)

Gr 8-11 Students Not Returning to Byng for 26-27

Please complete [this form](#) and hand it in to the office if you know that your child will not be returning to Byng this September, 2026. We really appreciate your taking the time to let us know. Thank you. We also have some paper copies in the office if that's helpful.

2026 Secondary School Table Tennis Provincials

Lord Byng had an outstanding performance at this year’s provincials, securing three top awards:

- **Boy’s Singles Champion:** David Xu (Grade 9)
- **Boy’s Doubles Silver Medalists:** David Xu (Grade 9) & Darren Rao (Grade 11)
- **Boy’s Team Silver Medalists:** David Xu (Grade 9), Darren Rao (Grade 11), Nathan Yiu (Grade 11), & Roy Huang (Grade 11)

A heartfelt thank you to Mx. Collins for their support and management of the two-day event, as well as to Mr. Sandher for his continued encouragement. Congratulations to the entire Byng table tennis team on an exciting season. We’re already looking forward to next year’s Provincials!



City Champions: Grade 9 Boys Basketball



The Lord Byng Grey Ghosts capped off a dominant run by capturing the Grade 9 Boys Basketball City Championship with a **73-39** victory over the Gladstone Gladiators.

Defense Leads the Way: Byng’s trademark defensive intensity was on full display, forcing turnovers and disrupting passing lanes. Every possession felt contested. **Captain Jayvin Mann** anchored the team with tough, disciplined defense all tournament, shutting down opposing forwards and controlling the paint.

MVP: Tournament MVP **Kayvon Salamatian** delivered yet another standout performance. His leadership, pace, and two-way excellence were pivotal throughout.

Sharpshooting Showcase: One of the breakout stars of the tournament was **Lima Sanjevic**, who was unconscious from three-point range.

Full-Squad Appreciation: A heartfelt shout-out goes to all players on the team. Their commitment, work ethic, and support have helped shape the identity of this championship group.

Grade 9 Boys Basketball Provincials

Byng hosted this 24-team tournament Feb 26-Mar 1. The school was a very busy place. Congratulations to our team who finished 13th and also received the tournament's Sportsmanship Team Award. Thank you to Mr. Sandher and Mr. Pettifer for their time and experience and organization and to our Leadership students and parent volunteers for their tremendous support. Teams from across the province commented on Byng's hospitality.

Winter and Spring Sports

Congratulations to all our basketball teams. Our grade 8 boys and grade 8/9 girls and junior boys and senior boys all participated in the City Championships. Our junior girls team came second in the Cities and went on to compete in the Zone finals. Next year promises to be a great one for the Grey Ghosts. Thank you to the coaches for their dedication, to the athletes for their commitment, and to parents/guardians for their support.

The spring season is underway. Badminton replaces basketball in the gym. Golf, girls soccer, tennis, softball, rugby, gr 9 boys volleyball, ultimate, and track and field are all on deck. Looking for up-to-date practice and game schedules? Follow @byngathletics on Instagram.

Track & Field Practices, Meetings, and Kamloops

Track and Field will start in the first week of March. Anyone who is interested can join. We do not cut anyone from the team. Remaining practices before Spring Break will be Monday, March 9th, and Wednesday, March 11th all from 3:30 to 5pm at Camosun Park. We will generally meet on Mondays at lunch, "Meeting Mondays!" The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9th, in the gym.

The team is planning a trip to Kamloops for training and a competition on April 24th to April 26th. The trip has been approved! A payment of \$350 will be due on Tuesday, April 7th. More information and forms will be shared at the next meeting. Spots on the trip will be limited, so they will be secured on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions about track and field or about the Kamloops trip, please contact Mr. Jack at bjack@vsb.bc.ca

International Business Trip to Italy – May 2027

We're excited to announce a new Business Education travel opportunity for students! In partnership with EF Educational Tours Canada, we're planning a life-changing experience to Italy. Open to students in grades 11 and 12 next year.

More info and enrollment here: <https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/3016848KA>

Grade 8&9 School Dance



On Thursday, April 9th from 6:30-9:30pm in the small gym (with doors opening at 6:15pm), Lord Byng will be hosting a school dance for the first time in almost a decade!

This dance will be for grade 8s and 9s only, and the theme is Dancing Through the Decades - dress up inspired from any era from the 60s to the 2000s! There will be prizes for best themed outfits, concession for snacks (cash only), and a photo area.

Students must bring their Lord Byng school ID to get in, and they also need to buy their ticket in advance. Tickets are \$10 on SchoolCashOnline, and there is limited capacity.

Changes Are Coming To Crown Street

A message from the City of Vancouver’s Engineering Services Transportation Division:

The City of Vancouver is working to improve travel safety next to Lord Byng Secondary and Jules Quesnel Elementary through our School Active Travel Program. As part of this work, the City will convert the **3000-3100 blocks of Crown Street**, between W 14th Avenue and W 16th Avenue, into a **one-way northbound street**. We will also swap the “No Stopping 8am-5pm School Days” parking signs on Crown Street into “3 Minute Parking on School Days” so families can legally stop there (see Figure 1).

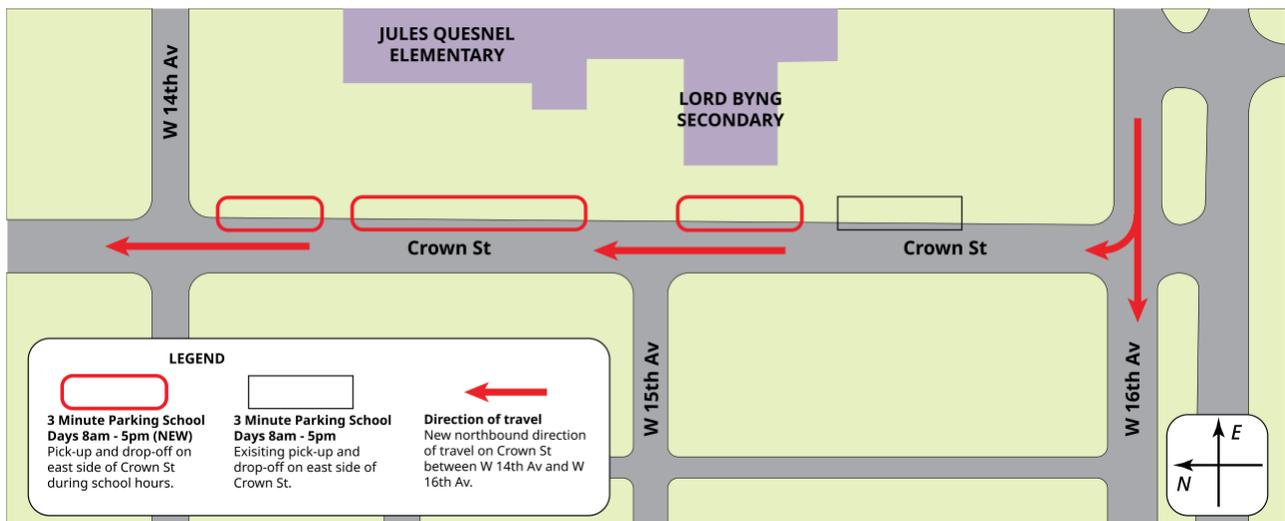


Figure 1. Vehicles will travel northbound only on 3000-3100 Crown St

These changes allow for vehicles to pick-up and drop-off on the east side of the street while northbound vehicles can pass by. In turn, this will help reduce vehicle congestion and encourage safer parking behaviour. The City worked on this plan with the Lord Byng Secondary and Jules Quesnel Elementary communities. Families shared repeated concerns about vehicle congestion and risky driving behaviour along Crown Street during pick-up and drop-off.

These changes are expected to take effect in summer/autumn 2026. After the one-way is installed, the City will monitor traffic patterns in the area to understand their impacts. If you have questions or concerns about these changes, please email schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca by **April 1st 2026**.

The improvements on Crown Street will complement the other safety improvements that the City has installed or will soon install next to Lord Byng Secondary and Jules Quesnel Elementary. These include the following:

- Lowered speed limit on W 16th Av from Wallace Street to Discovery Street from 50 km/h to 40 km/h during school hours (Spring 2024)
- Increased walking time for pedestrians to cross along W 16th Avenue at Crown Street and Camosun Street (Spring 2024)
- Installed the median closure at Wallace Street and W 16th Avenue to restrict vehicle access to only allow right turns into and out of Wallace Street, which in turn creates safer vehicle movements through there (Summer 2024)
- Installed new curb bulges and ramps at Wallace Street and W 16th Avenue to shorten crossing distances for pedestrians and improve accessibility (Winter 2026)
- New Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) to be installed at Wallace Street and W 16th Avenue to make pedestrians more visible as they cross there (March-April 2026)
- Two-way stop signs along W 15th Avenue between Crown Street and Sasamat Street to have directions swapped, to favour cyclists travelling along W 15th Avenue (Fall 2026)

You can also learn more about the School Active Travel Program by visiting vancouver.ca/school-active-travel.

Career Education

The Ministry of Education & Child Care, along with the Career Education Society of BC, are pleased to announce the publication of [this useful guide in Career Education](#).

School Fees

School fees are now available to view and pay online through [SchoolCashOnline](#). These have been updated for Semester 2 courses. Thank you

School Nurse

Kylie Dawson is our Public Health Nurse. She is at Byng and available to see students at lunch every second Tuesday. There is a sign outside the office that we keep updated with her availability.

Cell Phones in Classrooms

We continue our work to align with ministry and district policies on digital device use in schools, as we know this is critical to support student engagement and learning in the classroom.

Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed in silent mode and stored in backpacks/bags before entering the classroom. These devices are not permitted for use (pictures, recordings, messaging, calls, social media, games,

music, etc.) during instructional time unless an educator has given permission. Some teachers ask that students store their phones in a “cellphone motel” in the classroom—this is a practice used broadly in schools across the province. Semester 2 means that teachers are reestablishing classroom routines for their students.

Should you need to contact your child and they’re not responding, it may mean it’s class time. If it’s urgent, please call the main office, and we will ensure they get the message or will call them down to speak with you. School office phone #: 604-713-8171.

Byng Arts News

New Applicants to the Program – Congratulations to everyone who auditioned for a seat in Byng Arts for September 2026. Offers went out this month with a focus on the seats available in Grade 8. Thank you for your patience.



I would also like to give a special shout out to all the staff who put in long hours outside their regular busy schedule to review the applications and run the auditions. With over 200 applicants and more than 300 individual auditions, this was no small undertaking. Their professionalism, care, and genuine enthusiasm for the arts were evident throughout the process and reflect a deep commitment to our students and to their craft.

Please visit our website for the most up to date information on the application process:

<http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

Passports were due for review at the end of January. Students were expected to have recorded seven or more events. This is a fun, but mandatory part of your program at Byng Arts. A separate Byng Arts update was sent last month to parents and students and included information regarding each student’s progress. Please keep your eye out for this message (check you Junk folder) and speak to your child if the tally is below 7 events.

We will review the passport again at the end of May and want everyone to unlock another 7 events for that review.

Here are some available events to unlock:

<p>Green Thumb Theatre Presents Events</p>  <p>Our next FAB Assembly is Friday, February 27th just after lunch. Green Thumb Theatre returns to perform Caged.</p>	<p>Love @ First Sip - Coffee House Events</p>  <p>Come to the Gallery Foyer on February 17th for the next coffee house - treats, games, and performances - what' not to love?</p>	<p>Eros General</p>  <p>Unlock up to 3 art related events in February! Show your <3 for the Arts!</p>
<p>Winter Art Show Art</p>  <p>Earned on 1/8/26 Come check out the art in the Gallery at Byng during December and January.</p>	<p>Winter Music Performance Music</p>  <p>Earned on 1/8/26 Perform as part of Choir, Band, or Strings or attend as an audience member in December and January.</p>	<p>Janus General</p>  <p>Earned on 1/8/26 Make a new year commitment to start the year with more art - record up to three art events in the month of January.</p>

A trip to an art gallery, a music performance, a film fest event or a drama performance can all contribute to a student's artistic development. Involvement in a performance is also a great way to grow as an artist. Get out there and get involved because you can't get smart without ART.

If you are having trouble, come and see Mr. Hartley-Folz, mornings in the Gallery or email him at jhartley@vsb.bc.ca.

Passport Log In Tips:

Your **username** is your student number

Your **password** is the **first two (2) letters of your last name**, the first letter is capitalized and the second is lower case. Next is an **underscore** (_), followed by your **student number**!

So, Draco Malfoy, who has student number 8675666, would have the password Ma_8675666 and

Hermione Granger, with student number 8595550, would have the password Gr_8595550.

Byng Arts Hosts Green Thumb Theatre

As part of our ongoing efforts to connect with the arts community, we hosted award winning Green Thumb Theatre to the school to perform Caged, on February 27th during an afternoon assembly. Caged tells the story about two friends trying to work through their relationship when a new member enters the group and begins to pull one of the friends into behaviour that worries the other. It hits on many themes familiar to our students and offers some ways to negotiate tough challenges. It is especially exciting as this play is written by Rachel Aberle, a graduate of our Theatre program.

Byng Arts Visual Arts Trip to London & Paris

We are on our way to London and Paris. Art galleries like the Louvre and the National Gallery await not to mention a visit to the Tower of London and Notre Dame.

Questions about Byng Arts?

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

PAC News

LORD BYNG PAC ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Thanks to your incredible generosity last year, we raised over \$24,355.00 from the Direct Appeal—an amount that made a tangible difference in the lives of our students. With your help, we were able to fund all or partial of crucial projects such as:

- Equipment for ADST learning including metal workshop, textiles, and media arts!
- Program support for clubs including Science, Math, Debate, Robotics, and many others!
- Laptops for student coursework!

This year, our funding goals have grown, to continue improving the educational experience for our students. We need support for key areas of **Technology**, **Arts**, and **Sports**!

Funding requests come from dedicated staff members who generously volunteer their time and expertise to make these programs and initiatives successful. Your contributions enable us to equip them with the resources they need to continue their great work. Any donation amount will be appreciated and used to support the school and our students.

We are asking families who are able, to consider making a donation, which will be tax-receipted. [Please visit this link to donate.](#) The Fund Destination has been pre-set to Lord Byng Secondary PAC. In the message field under the section “Message to School Board” please write “Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal”. If you have any questions, or if you have a problem paying the donation online, please contact Maggie Chan, School Accountant at the office by phone, 604-713-8171 or email mchan@vsb.bc.ca

Grad Committee News

We have a week left in our direct drive campaign and we are asking families to consider making a donation to help make the Grad Reception and Dance at the Westin Bayshore a memorable celebration! We are so grateful for all of your support! Please see the [Direct Appeal letter](#) we’ve created for more details.

You can also support the Grad Committee and stock up on everyday cleaning essentials...it’s a win win! Clean and eco-friendly products are shipped straight to your door. [Please visit the link](#) to place your order today!

Purdy’s sales are open again! With Easter and Mother’s Day coming up, why don’t you get a head start on shopping! Sale ends March 26th. [Please use this link to order.](#)



Week at a Glance Mar 9-13

Mon, Mar 9	Tues, Mar 10	Wed, Mar 11	Thurs, Mar 12	Fri, Mar 13
8:40-3:00 FIT AM	8:40-3:00 FIT PM	8:40-3:00	8:40-3:00 FIT PM	8:40-3:00 FIT AM
	Capstone Assembly – FIT in Auditorium		FIT Freeze – Learning Surveys	Last day before spring break

Looking Ahead (Calendar Highlights)

March 30	First day back to school after spring break
March 31	Euclid Math Contest
April 3	Good Friday – No school
April 6	Easter Monday – No school
April 9	CLE 10 Mock Job Interviews in the morning
April 9	Grade 8&9 Dance @6:30pm
April 10	Junior Band and Strings Concert @6:30pm
April 13	Blocks Flip: 2-1-4-3
April 14	Chamber Concert @6:30pm

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April 15	Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am
April 16	LBSO Concert @6:30pm
April 20	Non-Instructional Day (Indigenous Focus Day) – No school for students
April 21	Gr 10 Numeracy Assessments this week
April 21	Senior Music Night @6:30pm
April 23	Gr 7 Parent Night @6:30
April 24	Mid-term report cards published
April 30	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Early dismissal @2pm for students
May 13	Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am
May 15	ProD Day – No school for students
May 18	Victoria Day – No school
May 19	Theatre Company Performance @7pm Tues-Fri this week
May 25	Theatre Company Performance @7pm Mon-Fri this week
May 30	Grad Family Dinner Dance @7pm at the Westin Bayshore
May 30	Senior Art Show 11am-5pm
June 1	Capstone Fair
June 2	Athletic Banquet @5:30pm
June 4	Choir Concert @6:30pm
June 5	Graduation @4pm Chan Centre – Early dismissal @2pm for students
June 9	Strings Concert @6:30pm
June 12	LBSO Concert @6:30pm
June 16	Byng Arts Year End Fit and last period
June 17	Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am
June 17	Student Film Fest @6pm
June 18	Gr 8 Sports Day with Peer Counsellors in the afternoon
June 18	Band Concert @6:30pm
June 23	Carnival and yearbook distribution in the afternoon
June 25	Report Cards Published
June 26	Administrative Day – no school for students
June 29-Sept 4	Summer Vacation