



LORD BYNG WEEK AT A

May 11 – May 15, 2026

Monday May 11	Tuesday May 12	Wednesday May 13	Thursday May 14	Friday May 15
8:40-3:00 FIT AM	8:40-3:00 FIT PM	10:00-3:00 Collab Day – Late start for students	8:40-2:00 FIT PM	ProD Day – No school for students

Summer Learning

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/summer-learning>

Secondary program registration began May 7th. Due to high amounts of traffic, the VSB summer learning website is functioning slower than expected. Some users may experience an error message when registering. If you experience an error, please try again after 10 minutes.

Byng Arts News

Please scroll to page 2 for Byng Arts news. I know the Waags are usually one page, but I made a mistake with last week’s newsletter and missed including this information.

Capstone Fair

As we approach our third annual Capstone Fair, our Grade 11 students are excited to showcase the projects they have been developing throughout the year. We invite parents, mentors, and community members to join us on Monday, June 1, 2026, for an afternoon of celebration and learning.

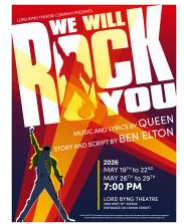
We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the hard work and creativity of all our students. Additional details will be shared in the coming weeks through our School Newsletter.

Last Call for Yearbook Purchase

There are only a handful of 2025-26 yearbooks left for purchase. To ensure you don’t miss out on this year’s edition, head to school cash online to grab yours before we sell out completely! We will not be ordering extra books - so buy yours asap!

Byng Musical News: Are you ready to rock?

Lord Byng Theatre Company is proud to present **We Will Rock You**, the smash-hit musical by Ben Elton, featuring the legendary music of **Queen**. It's a high-energy celebration of individuality, rebellion, and the power of live rock. Packed with iconic **Queen** anthems, this electrifying show will have you dancing and singing and clapping in your seats! Tickets are selling fast, so grab yours early and don’t miss out! (Be sure to select the specific date you wish to attend.) [Click here to purchase.](#)



- Seating is first come, first served
- Bring your digital or printed ticket for entry
- Door tickets (cash only) will be available while supplies last.
- Cash concession available for snacks and beverages

Grade 12 Grad Committee News

Tickets for our Grad dinner & dance, on May 30th at the Westin Bayshore, will be on sale until Friday May 15th. Please visit SchoolCashOnline now if you have not already purchased your tickets. We are looking forward to a wonderful event!

Art News

Mark your calendars:

May 19 – May 29th: Theatre Company Presents *We Will Rock You*, 7pm in the Auditorium

Saturday, May 30th: Senior Art Show Opening, 11am to 5pm in the Byng Gallery

Congratulations to two of our Senior Art Students

Chaelyn Han's poster exploring the theme of Remembrance and the effects of war was selected as the top submission in BC and forwarded to the National contest in Ottawa. Thank you for your work on this important theme, Chaelyn.



Eden Chen won a Gold Key at a Regional competition, and a Gold Medal on a National Level for Photography in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. His artwork relates to the idea that time and decay are inseparable. The photograph documents the decomposition of a lemon over a month-long period of time. Well done on both the level of inquiry and your success in this competition Eden. (His award winning work is shared below).



ARCHITECTURE SUMMER INTENSIVE

APPLY FOR THE ARTS UMBRELLA ARCHITECTURE SUMMER INTENSIVE

Deadline April 29th

Program takes place, Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm, August 4-14, 2026

The Architecture Summer Intensive Scholarship Program immerses motivated teens ages 15–19 in a rigorous, real-world design brief that builds competitive pre-college portfolios. Students work through massing studies, design charrettes, and iterative model-making as they respond to contemporary architectural and environmental challenges. Site visits, field trips, and workshops with industry experts deepen their understanding of how architecture shapes social and

ecological futures, while one-on-one mentorship sharpens their design thinking and project development. The program culminates in a final presentation to a panel of industry experts followed by a reception celebrating their work to family, friends, partners, and donors.

We encourage applications from youth that identify as members of underrepresented groups. in partnership with Urbanarium.

Applications due 8:00AM Friday May 29. Submit via email to submissions@artsumbrella.com

Visit the link below for full program and application details.

[LEARN MORE](#)

CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICES

August 4-21, 2026

Monday-Friday, 1:00pm-4:00PM

The Contemporary Art Practices Scholarship Summer Intensive program introduces students, ages 15-19 to creative approaches in art-making through a series of artist-led workshops, gallery visits and self-directed projects. Students explore a range of contemporary art practices, pushing the boundaries of their own art in a supportive studio environment. Led by professional artist and educator Kit O'Shea, students receive extended one-on-one mentorship and engage in critiques and discussions about how to develop their ideas and work with new materials and methods. An exhibition of student work in the Cassils | Henriquez Exhibition Gallery at Arts Umbrella caps off the program.

We encourage applications from youth that identify as members of underrepresented groups.

In partnership with The Polygon Gallery

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Attend our upcoming info session this Saturday May 2nd from 12:45pm-1:45pm, at Arts Umbrella Granville Island. RSVP here or by emailing art&design@artsumbrella.com.

Come to School on a Saturday - West of Main Artwalk

Join our Senior Art Students as they celebrate their creativity and showcase their work as part of the West of Main Artwalk on Saturday, May 30th. Each year our students join more than 80 artists showing work over multiple locations for a weekend of art. The Byng Gallery will be hosting our opening between 11am and 5pm on Saturday (only) May 30th.









Click Here for more information on the event: <https://www.artistsinourmidst.com/>

Byng Arts News

Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

Passports are a fun, but mandatory part of your program at Byng Arts. We will review the passport again at the end of May and want everyone to unlock another 7 events for that review for a total of 14 or more total.

Here are some available events to unlock:

<p>Gaia General</p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26 Record your April interactions with the Arts!</p>	<p>Spring Music Performance Music</p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26 Enjoy or join in on a school music performance during the months of April and May.</p>	<p>Teacher Talent Show Events</p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26 April 2, at lunch in the Auditorium.</p>
<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>

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.

Questions about Byng Arts?

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