



November 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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam).

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Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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Fall News



It's been a busy month. October brought with it several events including grade 8 camp, student council elections, clubs day, a Hallowe'en fashion show, math contests, a band concert, a drama production, Byng Arts information night, volleyball, cross-country, soccer, swimming, field trips as far away as England, and more.

As we look ahead to November, we look forward to connecting with families at upcoming concerts, sporting events, and parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

Grade 8 Camp

Thank you to Ms. Anderson and Mr. Sandher for their leadership and to all the teachers and grade 12 peer counsellors who helped make this year's camp a memorable experience. And while we must of course always make the best of things despite the weather, was it ever lovely that it rained at night and not during the day. The campfire on Thursday night was a highlight, as was the chance to get to know one another a bit better, and to spend two full days learning and playing outside. We're planning for next year already (hard to believe).



Block Rotation

Our blocks rotate on November 12th. This means it's half-way through the semester. Our morning classes flip and our afternoon classes flip. Our days will follow this pattern until the end of Semester 1: Period 2, Period 1, Lunch, Period 4, Period 3. To avoid confusion due to the block rotation, when reporting a partial day absence please report the period of time your child will be away instead of which period they will be missing.

Band Concert

The Lord Byng Bands kicked off the concert season with a Squeak and Squawk concert with the Beginner Band, Junior Band, Senior Jazz and Wind Ensemble performing. We were pleased to host the Free Range Brass Quintet, an ensemble of local professionals, as the featured artists at this more informal concert, designed to ease students back into the groove of performing. It was a wonderful evening and we hope to see you at our next concert...Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm.



Drama 9: Clash in Character

The Drama 9 students entertained audiences on October 15th and 16th. They performed engaging dialogues with clever staging, set design, and music. What an accomplishment—and so early in the year. Congratulations. Next up...the Drama 10 students perform in early December.



Strings Concert Nov 18th

The Lord Byng Strings Program invites you to celebrate the joy of music with our annual Strings Benefit Concert: [“Legends and Stories” Benefit Concert](https://new.biddingowl.com/2025LBConcert) on November 18th, Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30pm (Doors open at 6pm). Online Silent Auction is going on now at: <https://new.biddingowl.com/2025LBConcert>

SACY: Supporting and Connecting Youth

SACY is a school-based substance-use health promotion initiative, delivered in partnership by the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Coastal Health. Every Vancouver high school has a SACY worker. At Byng, Jessie Lyons is here Thursdays and Fridays and her office is in the counselling suite. We also have a SACY Family worker, Haydn, who connects with caregivers who are looking to increase their knowledge about substance use, addiction, and other challenges that their kids might face. [Click here for more information](#) around SACY's support.

ERASE: Expect Respect & A Safe Education

Erase is an initiative of The BC Ministry of Education and Childcare. They provide education and resources for parents, educators, and students. [This infographic provides a summary and links](#) should you wish to explore its resources:

- Practical guidance to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- Resources and information about diversity and inclusion, mental health and substance use, school and online safety
- Free training sessions to help you keep your child safe online
- Videos explaining erase, and the Report It Tool
- Tips for bringing concerns to the school

Career Education Assemblies



While the Grade 8s were at camp, the Career Education teachers hosted some engaging speakers for assemblies for the grade 9s, 10s, and 11s. The VSB's Career Education Teachers shared exciting pathways for students interested in the trades. (If any student has questions about the trades, or apprenticeships, please see your counsellor. They can connect you to the district Career teachers who can help answer questions and discuss possibilities.) We also had a professor from SFU and another from UBC present to our students. Dr. Al-Rawi spoke about disinformation and misinformation, and Dr. Clune spoke about the evolution of

AI, what we might expect in the next few years, and what questions we might be asking.

Let's Talk Careers: ChatterHigh National Competition

Our Grade 9, 10, and 11 students enrolled in Career Education 9 (CE9), Career Life Education 10 (CLE10), and Career Life Connections 11 (CLC11) will soon be participating in *ChatterHigh's* nationwide career competition called "Let's Talk Careers."

ChatterHigh is an interactive online Career Education platform designed to help students explore and prepare for life after high school. From October 27th to December 5th, students will complete 10 daily quiz questions related to various career and post-secondary pathways.

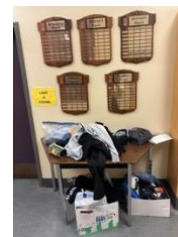
The purpose of this competition is to give students exposure to a wide range of career options through questions created by organizations such as the Government of Canada, trade associations, and post-secondary institutions. After answering 300 questions, each student will receive a personalized Career Report highlighting their interests and potential career pathways.

Last year, Lord Byng proudly earned the Quad A National Title, and several students won individual prize money. We're excited to participate again this year and are aiming to defend our title as Canada's Most Informed School!

We encourage parents and guardians to kindly remind their children to complete their daily ChatterHigh quizzes and stay engaged throughout the competition. Go, Lord Byng!

Lost & Found

Please check the lost and found table located on the second floor. All items not picked up will be donated to charity over the winter break. For smaller items, please come to the school office.



Student Photos with Artona

If you missed photo retakes and would like a retake, Artona is hosting a drop-in session on November 15th from 9-3. No need to schedule an appointment in advance—you can just drop by their studio at 353 W 7th Ave.

Assessment and Reporting

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer three questions about their learning:

- Where am I now?
- Where am I going?
- How do I get there?

Quality assessment is ongoing and responsive. It informs the instruction cycle and provides **teachers** with evidence to plan. It helps **families** understand and support their children's learning. Most importantly, it provides **students** with meaningful feedback to guide their learning and help them reflect on their growth.

The provincial reporting policy requires that students in grades 8 and 9 receive a proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in grade 10-12 courses will receive a letter grade and percentage.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Teacher contact information is on the school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng/page/2784/our-staff>

Report Cards will be published at the end of day on November 14th.

Your child's report card is electronic and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. **We recommend that you download and save a copy of all report cards for future reference.**

Parent Teacher Night

Parent Teacher Night will be on Thursday, November 20th from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. Once again, interviews will be conducted online with Teams. Families can start signing up for appointments starting at 4:00pm on November 14th. An email with instructions on how to sign up will be sent out shortly.

VSB: Podcast on Assessment and Reporting

To support families with clear information about learning updates (report cards), the VSB is hosting a special live episode of the podcast, [VSB: After the Bell](#). You'll hear from experienced educators who will discuss what learning updates communicate, how the B.C. proficiency scale is used for assessment and how to support your child's learning. The team will answer common questions about curriculum, assessment and student progress.

Date: Nov. 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. A Teams link will be sent a day before the event.

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit your questions by emailing them to engage@vsb.bc.ca.

Week at a Glance Nov 10–Nov14

Mon, Nov 10	Tues, Nov 11	Wed, Nov 12	Thurs, Nov 13	Fri, Nov 14
University of Waterloo @11:30 Aud ADST Rotation 4 Begins	Remembrance Day: School is not in session	Block Flip 2-1-4-3 Collab Day: 10am start for students	Math Contests Period 4 and FIT Band Concert@6:30pm	S1 Mid-term & FY Interim Reports published Byng Arts Assembly 12:15-3pm

Art News

Upcoming art events at Byng:

Friday, November 7th – Choir Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre
 Thursday, November 13th – Band Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre
 Tuesday, November 18th – Strings Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre
 December 3rd -5th – Drama 10 Performances, 6:30pm in the Theatre

National Portfolio Day – Saturday, November 8th

Participating schools include local institutions Capilano University, Emily Carr University, and Kwantlen Polytechnic University; as well as Alberta University of the Arts, Concordia University, NSCAD University, OCAD University, and York University.

International participants include ArtCenter College of Design, California College of the Arts, California Institute of the Arts, College for Creative Studies, Maryland Institute College of Art, Otis College of Art and Design, Paris College of Art, Parsons School of Design and Parsons Paris at The New School, and the School of Visual Arts.

This is a one-day opportunity for your students to gain meaningful feedback and meet admissions representatives face-to-face.

Click [HERE](#) to Register and for more information on the event.

Open House at Cap U – Saturday, November 29th

Come find out more about the IDEA **Design and Illustration** program or the **Film, Animation, VFX & Costuming** programs at Cap U during their Open House event.

Program Links: <https://www.capilanou.ca/programs--courses/search--select/explore-our-areas-of-study/fine--applied-arts/>

Register: [RSVP](#)

National Youth Orchestra – Applications Open

Youth musicians from across Canada can apply for a 5-week summer training institute and 3-week tour. Under the direction of a globally recognized conductor and world-renowned faculty of professional musicians and educators, participants receive individual, sectional, chamber, and orchestral instruction, including masterclasses and workshops.

Program Dates: Mid-June to Early August 2026

Location: Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo Campus

Important Dates

October 1: Applications Open

February 1: Auditions Due

March: Orchestra Announced

Find out more: [2026 Preview – NYO Canada](#)

Byng Arts News

New Applicants to the Program – **APPLICATION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE**

Submission Deadline for all Grades: Thursday, December 18th

The Byng Arts Mini School has a long history at Lord Byng. Established in 1999 to acknowledge the creative energy and strong programs in our senior Strings and Drama departments it has grown to encompass all grades and offer opportunities not only in Strings and Drama but also Visual Art, Band, Choir, and Media Arts, with further opportunities available in Literary Arts in Grade 11 and 12.

Byng Arts has all the benefits of a large high school, while also maintaining a strong sense of community. In addition to an enriched curriculum in their fine art focus, all students in Byng Arts participate in events that feature community artists, musicians, and performers, thereby strengthening the collaboration between Byng and the professional arts community.

If you are interested in joining the Byng Arts program, 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

How have you been doing with your passport? Here are some of the recent events:



A trip to an art gallery, a music performance, a film fest event or a drama performance can all contribute to your artistic development. Involvement in a performance is also a great way to grow as an artist.

Byng Arts Passports are reviewed every January and May and students are expected to have recorded seven or more events for each submission date. This is a fun, but mandatory part of your program at Byng Arts.

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

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 GALA – Monday, December 1st

The Gala is our annual celebration for students in Byng Arts. It is a sit-down event with performances, games, a costume contest and dance. A teen friendly dinner of chips, pizza, and snacks will be served. Doors open at 4:30 and the event begins formally at 5:20pm.

Our theme is "In the Library", so start planning out your costume. Turn yourself into a character from your favorite book, or dress up as a book worm, library card, or come as a page turner - the possibilities are endless. Do it on your own or talk to your friends and have your costumes fit a theme. Prizes for best costumes!

We will have a dance and games area set up after the dinner and costume contest. If you would rather play games than dance, we will have chess, Bananagrams, and Uno or you could BYOG: (Bring Your Own Game)!

The night ends at 9pm cause it's a school night.

Looking forward to celebrating our Literature Themed art event on December 1st.

Please RSVP right away without delay by using the sign up form on Teams: [Jon Hartley-Folz: Byng Arts Gala - December 1st | Byng Arts Info Site > General | Microsoft Teams](#)

BYNG ARTS PARENT SURVEY and REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Although high school offers fewer opportunities for parental involvement, we have some upcoming initiatives like the Gala that Byng Arts parents may be able to offer their expertise and energy. Please take a moment to complete this survey/contact list and help us review our potential resources within our parent community.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/JyvcTW3tPG>

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

Helping Hands Club at Dunbar Community Ctr

The Helping Hands Club will be selling student-made crafts at the Dunbar Community Centre's Annual Handcraft Fair on Saturday, November 22 to raise funds for True North Aid's Educational Fund, supporting learning opportunities for children in remote Indigenous communities. Stop by to see our beautiful Christmas ornaments, cards, and snow globes made by Lord Byng students!

PAC News

Grad Committee Fundraising

The Lord Byng Grad committee is pleased to offer two fundraisers, Purdy's (order deadline is November 30th) and seasonal plants (order deadline is November 24th) to help you get ready for the holiday season! Chocolates and plants will be available for pick up on December 10th. Please click on the following links to purchase items. Thank you for your support!

- Purdy's Purdys Chocolatier Group Savings and Fundraising (<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/2172221-131677>)
- Holiday plants Lord Byng Secondary (<http://growingsmilesfundraising.com>)

The Lord Byng Strings 2025 Benefit Concert and Silent Auction

Nov 18, Tuesday 5pm-8:30pm, the Lord Byng Strings' Program invites you to celebrate the joy of music with our annual String's Benefit Concert. Online Silent Auction going on right now on <https://new.biddingowl.com/2025LBConcert>. In-person Silent Auction on the concert day also available.

Come and bid on a special selection of family and community-donated items, including

- Gift baskets & premium gift cards
- Artworks & home décor
- Fine wines & specialty instruments...and more!

Each bid directly supports our young musicians at Lord Byng. Thank you