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## Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community,

Thank you to all our parents and community members for all your support with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Education is a journey and requires a constant collaborative effort between staff, parents, and students. Thanks, parents, for your continued support with our journey so that we can ensure that all our students have a successful learning experience at our school.

Next week in keeping with schools across the country our school will be closed to commemorate the state funeral of Canada's Head of State, Queen Elizabeth II on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Have a restful weekend.

Mr. Wilmann

## School News

Meeting new staff and having the opportunity to welcome both new and returning staff back to school "in person" was a major highlight of this September's start up!

Here is a list of staff that have joined our community this September:



NEW Staff AT BYNG	
Jill Sehmbi	Vice-Principal
Nick Boulding	PE
Edwan Chan	French
Kasey Chittenden	Counselling
Alina Cozma	ELL
Jason De Couto	Band
Amie Gislason	Art/Ceramics
Kaylie Hurren	PE, Home Economics and Psychology
Vladimir Koscal	Science
Gary Reaney	LALS
Karli Sawka	English
Joshua Sundvick	English
Maureen VanderKlippe	Counselling
Trysten Coblenz	Fine Arts
Mustapha Elfarse	Modern Languages
Gabrielle Egan	English
Rebecca Murton	Student Services (SSA)
Addison Burrows	Student Services (SSA)
Kimberly Currie	School Based Resource Teacher

Other Highlights from Week One Included the Grade 8 Orientation & Welcome:

Special thanks for organizing the Grade 8 Orientation and Welcome to our Graduating Class of 2027 goes to our Counselling Department:

- Ms. Radic
- Ms. Smith
- Ms. Vanderklippe
- Ms. Chittenden

As well as an introduction by the Counselling and Admin. Teams, Grade 8 students were given a warm welcome by the PE Department Head and Athletics Director Mr. Kevin Sandher. Mr. Sandher provided students an update on the Grade 8 Camp that is being planned for October 12-13 an overnight event in which all Grade 8s attend.




After introductions at the Grade 8 Orientation Peer Counselling 12 students led the Grade 8s in several games designed to get students to know one another which was followed by a guided tour of the Byng school campus.




Welcome to the Science Lab Grade 8s:

Starting in Grade 8 students in Mr. Koscal's Science 8 class got their very first opportunity to experience a real life high school laboratory.

Using an on-line platform [Zombie College](#), the students worked together to complete a list of 5 dos and don'ts for being safe in the lab!!!!

ZOMBIE COLLEGE: THE 5 RULES OF LAB SAFETY		
 <p>Hi, I'm Prof. McClean. Use this worksheet to take notes as you watch my Film, "Zombie College". Unscramble the words below to decode my 5 Rules of Lab Safety.</p>		
 <p>Rule 1 Dress for Lab</p>	<p><b>Do Wear...</b> lecsod-ote osehs nogl anpst</p> <p><b>Don't Wear...</b> eeywrjl reusirtneadn rahi</p>	<p>closed - toe shoes long pants</p> <p>Jewelry Unrestricted hair</p>
 <p>Rule 2 PPE</p>	<p><b>For general lab work, always wear...</b> tasfey aslesgs govsle alb tooa</p>	<p>safety glasses gloves lab coat</p>



**RULE #5 - LAB BEHAVIOR**

### Overview

The zombie apocalypse has started because students failed to follow the 5 Rules of Lab Safety! But you can set things right by following the rules and working safely in the lab to find a cure.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this exercise, you will be able to:

1. Explain the importance of proper attire
2. Identify common personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. Describe the importance of chemical safety
4. Discuss how to create a safe lab environment



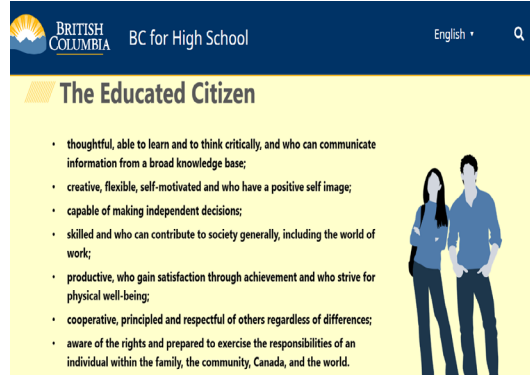
Thanks Mr. Koscal and welcome to Byng and thanks for the introduction to Zombie College I now have my certificate in Lab Safety on my office wall!!!

### Career Education 8:

Helping to support our goals as lifelong learners and Global Citizens, students in Mr. Raoul's Career Education 8 class started the year out by developing a class constitution.

Throughout the course students will be given opportunities to learn about their rights and responsibilities as Global Citizens and how to align their learning with their future as Educated Citizens, the stated mandate of the Ministry of Education for all students in British Columbia.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/career-education/8/core>



**Thanks Mr. Raoul-we are looking forward to finding out more about this very exciting program that will include amongst other components:**

Social and Climate justice as well as bike mechanics and maintenance.

The course is one of six components of the ADST8 rotation for all Grade 8s.

### Collaborative Planning Time

Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> is the first Collaborative Planning Session of the school year. Students will attend the first period class at the times and dates are shown below. Period 1 on Tuesday September 20th starts at 10:00 am.

AM Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am: No F.I.T. Sept 20; Nov 8; Feb 9; May 11	
Staff Meeting	7:45-8:35
Collab	8:35-9:56
Period 1	10:00-10:40
Break	10:40-10:50
Period 2	10:50-11:32
Lunch	11:32-12:17
Period 3	12:17-1:38
Break	1:38-1:45
Period 4	1:45-3:06

PM Collaboration Dates: Students leave at 1:45pm: No F.I.T. Oct 13; Jan 12; Apr 13; Jun 8	
Period 1	8:40-10:01
Break	10:01-10:11
Period 2	10:11-11:32
Lunch	11:32-12:17
Period 3	12:17-12:59
Break	12:59-1:05
Period 4	1:05-1:45
Collab	1:45-3:06

## PAC

Lord Byng PAC would like to welcome all new and returning families to the school and encourage you to get involved and support your PAC.

**Our first PAC meeting of this school year will be next Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the school library – please join us for our first in person meeting in two years!** These meetings are a great opportunity to get updates from our principal Mr. Wilmann and other Byng staff and we encourage all parents to attend.

Future PAC meetings are posted below and on the PAC website at [www.lordbyngpac.com](http://www.lordbyngpac.com). Based on parent feedback and depending on any COVID restrictions, this year we will be hosting some PAC meetings in person and some online.

**PAC Executive** – every year the PAC elects a new executive at our Annual General Meeting which will be held at the October 12<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting. **We have several vacancies we need to fill, and several key executive positions will be transitioning this year and next and we hope to recruit some new parents from Grade 8-10 to join the executive.** Volunteer role descriptions below and please contact us for more information if you are interested.

### Running for the PAC 2022/2023 Executive:

Chair: Kristin McAllister (Final year moving to Past Chair next year)

Past Chair: Tammy Baltz

Vice-Chair: Vacant need to recruit Vice-Chair moving to Chair 2023/2024

Treasurer: Vacant need to recruit

Secretary: Christiane Collin

Chinese Secretary: Jackie Wang

DPAC Rep: Vacant need to recruit

**Chair's Duties:** Liaise with school administration on behalf of parents, organize and chair PAC meetings and other parent information meetings, act as a signing authority, oversee the annual fundraising campaign, manage funding requests, recruit new executive members, respond to PAC emails, draft weekly updates for the newsletter and support Grad Committee as needed.

**Treasurer's Duties:** Act as a signing authority, oversee the PAC financials and coordinate disbursements of funds with school administration. Submit the annual gaming grant request and disbursement report.

**DPAC Rep Duties:** DPAC which stands for District PAC represents the collective view of all the Vancouver area school PACs at the Vancouver School Board. As the DPAC rep you will attend the DPAC monthly meetings and provide an update at Byng PAC meeting on matters of interest to the Byng Community.

### **2022/23 PAC Meeting Dates:**

September 21, 2022

October 12, 2022

November 16, 2022

January 18, 2023

February 15, 2023

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

**Grad 2023 Parent Committee Volunteers needed** - Every year, the Byng Parent Grad Committee support the celebrations of our school's well-deserved graduates by raising funds and supporting the organization of various event. If you are able to join the volunteer committee, please email us at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com).

For any PAC related questions or concerns please email us at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com).

We look forward to connecting with you!

Lord Byng PAC

### **COVID-19 Message**

The Vancouver School District and Lord Byng continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated [guidance](#) for the K-12 sector indicates that, "Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff."

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [BCCDC website](#). Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others' personal space while going through daily school activities.

Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Lord Byng.

Clean air and proper ventilation is an important part of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found [here](#).

### **School Forms – UPDATED**

The following school forms are now due in the school office:

- Personal Information and Media Consent
- Request for CASL Consent
- Emergency Student(s) Reunification Authorization
- Parent/Guardian Local Neighbourhood Excursion
- Student Verification Forms (grades 8 -12)

### **Verification Form Published on MyEd**

Student Verification Form for students in grade 9 – 12 was published In MyEd BC .

It is important that we have accurate and up to date information, so please review it carefully.

This is what we currently have on file. If anything is not up to date, please print the form and make the changes clearly, and sign the last page. Your child can bring it to the office.



### Medical Care Plan Forms

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's important that we have updated medical information on file.

### Library

Students need to ensure they come to the library with their GOCARD to sign out books. We have had issues with using student numbers over the last few years, therefore please use your GOCARD. Thank you and happy reading!!

### Grade 8 Camp Parent Information Meeting

Grade 8 Camp Parent Information Meeting  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00pm  
Lord Byng Auditorium

### Grade 8 Camp Forms

Camp forms are due in the school office by Tuesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. If your child will not be attending, could you please email Kevin Sandher [ksandher@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ksandher@vsb.bc.ca) and Svetlana Lambrinoudis [slambrinoudis@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:slambrinoudis@vsb.bc.ca) by Friday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Cross Country

The Cross Country schedule for next week is as follows:

Tuesday Meeting: at lunch in the main gym  
Tuesday Practice after school at Camosun Park: 3:30 - 4:45 pm

See Mr. Jack or Ms. Schnieder or see the Cross Country announcements on TEAMS for more information.

### Lockers

Locker selection will be done online. Please note Grade 10 students will be required to share their lockers with a partner. Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to book online.

Lockers are up and running. Please scroll down to find grade 12 information. If you don't need a locker, please do not take one as we do not have enough. If you signed up for a locker and didn't put a lock on before Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, we will reassign that locker to another student.

If you did not select a locker online but placed your lock on a locker please remove it or it will be cut off.

### Counselling Department Update

#### Course Changes

Counsellors would like to thank all the students and families for being so patient. We had an overwhelming amount of requests. We want to remind all of our students that the key here is to work together and to plan as carefully as possible. This will make the school start less stressful and give everyone a more fun and enjoyable start. **Last day for course changes will be Tuesday, Sept. 20.**

#### Counselling Teams

Counsellors have set up Counselling Teams for each grade. Yes, we realize that this is another place where students have to check but it is the most official and efficient way for us to give our students information about various topics: graduation, post-secondary options, scholarships, and mental health resources, to name a few. **Please if you are a new student to Byng let your counsellor know so that we can add you to your respective Counselling Team.**

#### LB Counselling website: [LB Counselling page](#)

Just a reminder that we have a website 😊 Feel free to let us know what you would like to see here and we hope that if you are looking for particular topic/information eg. Language Challenge exams or external credits that you will be able to find it here.

#### MADD assembly

Counsellors have organized MADD "Weed out the Risks" assembly for Sept. 26. This will be presented to all of our grade 10s, 11s, and 12s. We are excited to host this amazing organization and have our students hear this important message.

### **Grade 12 Counselling Assembly**

Counsellors will host a grade 12 counselling assembly "Post Secondary Info and Beyond" on September 28 during period 1-4 in our auditorium. We will review and talk about all the important grade 12 topics: transcripts, applications, scholarships and beyond. We will follow this up with a parent presentation in mid October. More details on this to come.

### **Photo Re-take Day**

If you missed having your photo taken, photo retake day will be on Thursday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Grade 12 Grad Photo Session**

Grade 12 reminder for all grads to have their grad photos taken at Artona Studios from Sept 24-28, 2022. The studio has been booked for Lord Byng students. Students need to make an appointment.

Please see link for more info and to book your appointment: <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG/programs/graduation>

### **2022/2023 Lord Byng Calendars**

Please click [HERE](#) to see a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school calendar, including school opening day as well as a list of vacation days, professional development days and parent conference dates.

### **2022/2023 School Fees**

Payment for [school fees](#) via [SchoolCash Online](#) will be available on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Information for course fees and other supplemental fees will follow in the coming weeks.

### **2022/2023 Bell Schedules**

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays		Tuesdays		Thursdays	
Period 1	8:40 – 10:01	Period 1	8:40 – 9:36	Period 1	8:40 – 10:01
Break	10:01 – 10:11	F.I.T.	9:41 – 10:31	Break	10:01 – 10:11
Period 2	10:11 – 11:32	Period 2	10:36 – 11:32	Period 2	10:11 – 11:32
Lunch	11:32 – 12:17	Lunch	11:32 – 12:17	Lunch	11:32 – 12:17
Period 3	12:17 – 1:38	Period 3	12:17 – 1:38	Period 3	12:17 – 1:13
Period 4	1:45 – 3:06	Period 4	1:45 – 3:06	F.I.T.	1:16 – 2:06
				Period 4	2:10 – 3:06

### **MyEdBC Access**

All NEW students at Lord Byng school for school year 2022-2023 are to log in using their student number. All new accounts will have the default password of **Dist\$2023** (case sensitive). After you login you will be asked to create a new password. You will also need to provide an email address. It is highly recommended to use your VSB email that the District provided – [student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca](mailto:student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca) (eg: [12345@learnvsb.bc.ca](mailto:12345@learnvsb.bc.ca))

### **Fine Arts Info**

#### **VANCOUVER FILM SCHOOL**

VFS is hosting an [Open House](#) on **October 1**, specifically for your students to learn more about our school and how we can launch their creative career. The event will be available both online and in-person, but we encourage students to attend the in-person event to get the most out of our Open House. They'll be able to:

- Attend Discovery Info Sessions, campus tours, creative portfolio reviews ([registration required](#)), and individual program booths for demos & program previews
- Learn about all of our 12-month production programs



- Learn about VFS Connect – our part-time, online courses & workshops
- Ask questions about how to apply

## ARTS CLUB THEATRE PROGRAMS

Applications are now open for the 2022–2023 cohort of LEAP! Apply by Oct 18.

**LEAP—Learning Early About Playwriting**—is a **free and interactive program** for young people (**ages 16–25**) in the B.C. Lower Mainland who are interested in playwriting. Over 180 students have been mentored through the creation of original dramatic works since the program’s inception in 2006.

Participants learn the basic principles of playwriting, share their work with classmates, and provide feedback for one another in a safe and supportive environment. Students also receive feedback from theatre professionals and have their plays workshopped and presented to the public in staged readings.

LEAP is a full-scholarship program, and it is 100% funded by donors and sponsors. There is no cost to students.

Instruction is offered at three levels:

**Level 1** students are mentored through the creation of a short-form play (10 minutes)

**Level 2** students write one-act plays (20–40 minutes)

**Level 3** one student is supported through the creation of a full-length play

**Application deadline is Mon, Oct 18!** [CLICK HERE](#)

## Byng Arts Info

### BYNG ARTS Welcome Back Assembly and Grade 8 Sports Day

It was great to gather again as a group and look ahead at the year to come. Thank you to student council for putting us all in Jeopardy with their clever presentation.

Remember that a goal with out a plan is just a wish and a goat without a plane is just a fish. Get help when things are not working and know that you have a community of like-minded learners, artists, musicians, actors, film makers, and writers to lend a hand.

Use the code on the ticket that you were given to unlock the Welcome Back Assembly achievement. See the photo below:

For Grade 8s, we hope that you enjoyed the events afterschool and feel more connected to not only your House but also the program as a whole. We will send out a special email next week with a coded ticket you can use to unlock the badge for this event.

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

Students are expected to record their participation in school-based and community-based arts events in their online Byng Arts

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

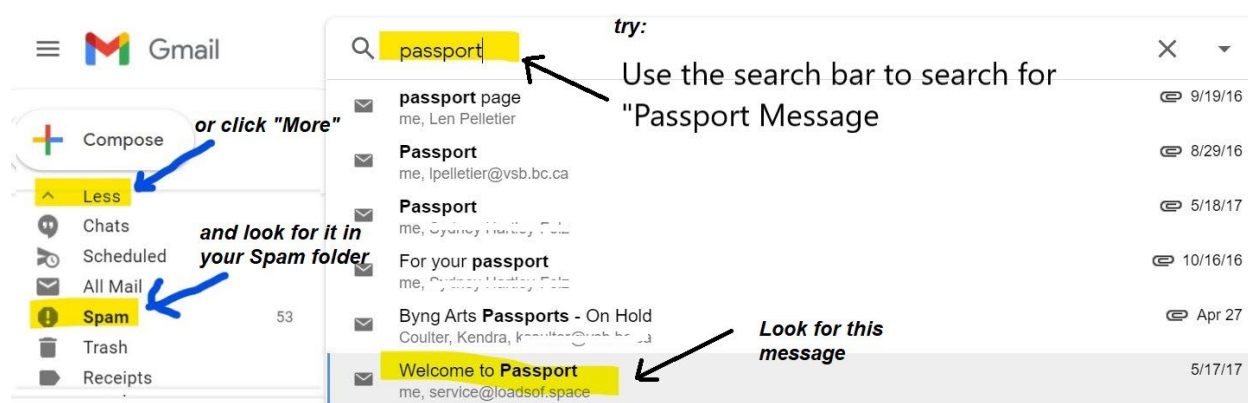
This is a fun, but mandatory part of their program at Byng Arts. Byng Arts Passports are reviewed every January and May and students are expected to have recorded five or more events for each submission date.

Here is some help to register for the passport site.

Register by going to <http://passport.lordbyng.net/>

Put in your details as required. (We have notices that @icloud.com email addresses do not work well – if you are having trouble, use your school email @learn.vsb.bc.ca instead)

You will be asked to activate your account by clicking on the email that the passport site sends you after registering. Many of your email programs will reroute this message to your **spam folder**. Look for a message from [service@loadsof.space](mailto:service@loadsof.space) or search for the word “passport” (it should arrive in less than a minute). See below:



Once you have activated your account, log on and:

Upload a Profile Picture (small file size please)

Unlock a badge by uploading evidence of your activities like the Welcome Back Assembly.

### Byng Arts Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursdays on Teams and in face to face in room A223. Everyone is welcome, use the link on Teams to go to the Student Council Channel and start to get involved or contact council on Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

### Meeting Details: Thursday, September 16th

Hey Byng Arts! Feel free to join us next week Thursday at lunch if you missed out this week!

### Coffee House in October:

We are planning a Halloween Themed Coffee House for the third week of October. Stay tuned for more details.

### GRADE REPS

Grade rep applications - be sure to fill them out if you are interested!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcAO7476APL5iR4jFjJpW-xTq2BJ5JOau\\_rJla-5YpzSmFIg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcAO7476APL5iR4jFjJpW-xTq2BJ5JOau_rJla-5YpzSmFIg/viewform)

### GALA – Wednesday, November 30th

We brainstormed potential themes and will have more to share next week.

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

You can't get smART without ART!