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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

Thank you to parents and staff for attending the parent teacher conferences on Thursday evening.

Next week we have another very full week to look forward to with the Byng Arts Gala on Wednesday night and our amazing first theatre production of the year with the Tempest by William Shakespeare!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

Last week, the Fall Strings Concert on Wednesday Night brought the school to life and added to the energy and excitement of a very full week that included another accomplishment for the school in athletics with the Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team winning the City Championships!!!

Also, on Wednesday night our PAC met to review funding requests from our staff and once again have begun the process of supporting our learner through the Direct Appeal Fundraising Campaign for 2022-23 and distribution of other resources.

Here is a quick update on these three highlights from yet again a very active week at the school:

Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team Win the City Championships:



Figure 1 2022 City Champions!!!

Mr. Dan Marks the team coach has provided a short update on this accomplishment:

"Congratulations to the Grade 8 Girls on winning the Volleyball City Championships on Thursday night. The win was a team effort, and everyone played so well all season. The girls only long one set during play offs and last night's win caps a 20-2 run since the start of October. The team wants to thank their family, friends, and supporters: Ms. Chan, Ms. Lambrinoudis, Ms. Tichelman, Ms. Chow, Ms. Davis, Ms. Alblos, Mr. Sandher, the PE Department and custodial staff Rudy and Kim. Thanks also to Melia, Taiki, Elise, Sadie, Karen, Amber, Clara, Julia, and everyone who helped the team train".

Thanks coach!!!

And for those that didn't realize it our incredible coach Mr. Dan Marks coached not one but two teams this year with the Grade 10 girls winning silver and the Grade 8s bringing home the city championship!

Thanks Mr. Marks-you rock!!!!

The Fall Strings Concert Brings the LB Community to Life with the sound of music!!!

The opening concert of the Fall season was organized, led, and facilitated by our talented Strings Musical Director and teacher Ms. Ruth Anderson.

This event reminded us of all how fortunate we are once again to be able to safely gather and to celebrate collective experiences that for so long were only available through on-line platforms!!!

Here is an update on this event by Ms. Anderson:

“After two years of Covid restrictions and new renovations, the Lord Byng Auditorium welcomed a packed crowd to hear the strings and symphony players on Wednesday, November 16th! Families and friends enthusiastically supported a return to live performance full of vibrant and moving pieces, which included members of Concert Strings, Intermediate Strings, Junior Honour Orchestra, Junior Symphony Orchestra and Senior Honour Orchestra. Bravo to the hard-working soloists and performing members for a brilliantly played program!”



Figure 2 Opening remarks welcoming parents included Mr. Wilmann, with student MCs and Prairie Andersen opening the event with the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.



Figure 3 Ms. Anderson conducts the orchestra during the opening set.



Figure 4 LB Strings in full swing entertain an excited and very full auditorium of parents, community members and staff.



Figure 5: The LB Strings orchestra in the newly opened school auditorium.

Great job Ms. Anderson!!!
Pictures for this event were taken by Newcomer ELL student David, Xuanhan, Zhang a recent new arrival at

our school.

Great work David-we are very lucky to have such a talented photographer at our school!!!

November Lord Byng PAC Meeting:

Music was also a major theme at the November PAC Meeting hosted by our two incredible PAC Co-chairs Ms. Tammy Baltz and Ms. Kristin McAllister.

At the meeting, the school update this time was from Ms. Lisa Lan on behalf and provided an overview of the incredible richness of the Music Program within the Fine Arts Department at Byng.

Ms. Lan presented on behalf of her music colleagues Mr. Jason De Couto and Ms. Ruth Anderson. One of the incredible highlights that was showcased for parents at the presentation was the recent signing of the Coast Salish Anthem at the Chan Centre for the 2022 Commencement Ceremony.

As Ms. Lan explained not only is this an acknowledgement of the land but it also aligns with student engagement as well as inclusion and diversity as the piece represented the final presentation by one of the graduating LALS students Joao Guilherme Maia Teixeira.

The focus of the research undertaken by Joao involved researching and learning about the Indigenous music of Canada and his native homeland Brazil.

Supporting Joao with this Capstone learning journey were Ms. Kim Chong-Ping his Capstone 12 sponsor teacher, Indigenous

Education Worker Mr. Chad Carpenter, and Ms. Lan.

The incredible joy of learning was demonstrated in the highlight of the project with the drumming and singing of the Coast Salish Anthem to honour the Graduating Class of 2022!!!

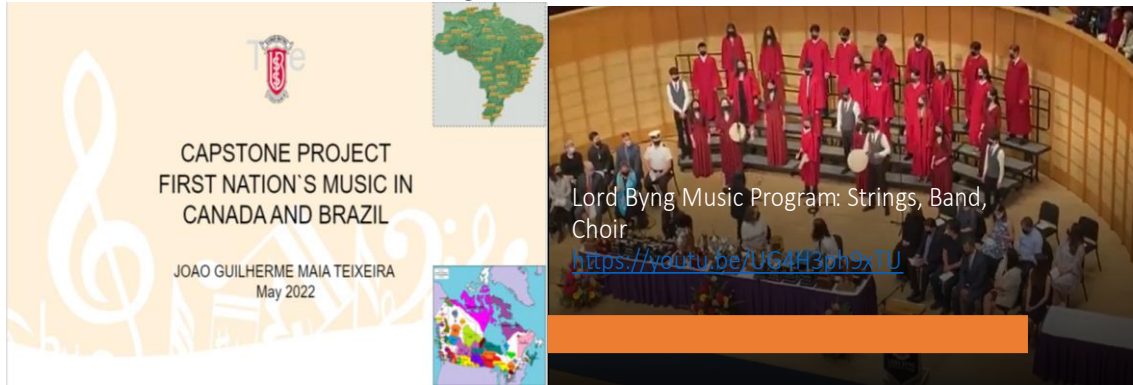


Figure 6 The LB Choir sing the Coast Salish Anthem acknowledging the land and honoring the Graduating Class of 2022

Thanks, Ms. Lan, for updating our community on the incredible contribution that the LB Music Program makes for all our students!!!

Here is the link for those of you that would like to see it again:

<https://youtu.be/UG4H3ph9xTU>

School Closures Due to Weather or Other Conditions

This applies to a situation when schools or worksites are **closed** due to weather conditions, a natural disaster or other emergency situations that might endanger the health and / or safety of students and staff.

Parents please check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed below to learn about **school closures**. Please do not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed

By 7:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global
- CITY TV

School Parking Lot

Dear Parents and Students,

Parents and students should not be in the parking lot during school hours. This pertains to both in and out of the car.

Also, reminder below:

Due to a serious safety issue, we are asking all parents to:

- please do not park on Wallace Street
- please do not drive through the staff parking lot
- please do not use the drive through at the Lord Byng front entrance

If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us.

Thank you,

Mr. Wilmann

Tree Lot

TREE LOT OPENS NOVEMBER 24TH - Our annual tradition is back! The Lord Byng Holiday Tree Lot opens November 24th.

The hours are:

Monday to Friday 2:00pm - 8pm

Sat and Sunday 10am - 6:30pm

Collaborative Dates/ Schedule

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

Byng Arts Drama 10 Performance

Byng Arts Drama 10 will be performing an adapted version of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" on November 28th and 29th at 7pm. Tickets can be bought on [School Cash Online](#). Also, tickets also available to your family and friends if they are not registered on school cash online. You can attach this link to invite them to come. [Public can buy tickets here!](#)

Non-perishable Food Drive for Community Pantries

One initiative of a school service club (Helping Hands) this year is to keep our community food pantries full. We would really appreciate non-perishable, non-expired, food donations such as canned food, boxed crackers, packaged noodles, granola bars, boxed cereals, etc. to be dropped off to Ms. Smith's office 217D in the Counselling suite across from our main office.

All food donations will go directly to individuals who rely on these community pantries due to hard financial times and food insecurity. Please email any questions or comments to Ms. Smith directly at msmith@vsb.bc.ca

Thank you in advance for your kind donations. They are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Helping Hands Service Club

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found table located outside the school office for lost clothing items. All items not picked up will be donated to charity on Dec 16th. For smaller items, please come to the school office.

PAC News

Dear Byng families, there are lots of great things happening. Please read all the information below!

VSB Survey - the District is seeking your feedback to decide on a preferred secondary school schedule. Feedback is also being asked of students and staff. Please share your feedback about an instructional model (semester or linear) that prioritizes student achievement and well-being. For more information on this engagement, visit the [project engagement page](#). Please complete the following [survey](#) by November 30 at 11:59 pm.

PLEASE DONATE – The PAC has launched our annual fundraising campaign and we are asking families who are able, to please consider making a \$125 tax receipted investment in our school community – every bit helps! These funds really do make an incredible difference by providing additional equipment and resources that enhance your child's learning experience. Just about every department and program benefits from PAC funding which means hundreds of students also benefit. More details on how the funds will be used as well as what was funded last year, please visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/support-us>.

To donate got to [SchoolCashOnline](#). In the "Message" field under the section "Message to School Board", you must

enter “**LORD BYNG PAC**”. Or visit the Lord Byng PAC www.lordbyngpac.com and click the “**DONATE NOW!**” button.

Purdys Chocolate Sale - LAST DAY TO ORDER NOVEMBER 26th

Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate:

- Just click on this link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1579540-98664>
- Fill out your info (including email address)
- Click ‘Join Campaign’
- You will be taken to the Lord Byng Grad 2023 campaign and can order away!
- Pick up at the school will be on December 9, TBC.

To volunteer to help, email Kristie at kristietrainor@gmail.com

Holiday Greenery Sale - Ordering is now closed, don’t forget to pick up your greens on November 29th (2:30pm-6:00pm) and 30th (8:30am – 10:30am) in the theatre foyer on Crown Street. For questions or to help on the pick-up days email Pat at patricia.tewfik@gmail.com

NEW Grad Committee Marketplace - Byng Grad Committee has started an online thrift store on Facebook marketplace and WeChat to help raise money for this year’s graduation celebrations. It is an easy way to get rid of unwanted, lightly used items as well as get a deal on something new to you! Any questions about marketplace please email: bynggradevents@gmail.com For instructions on how to participate on Facebook click [HERE](#). For the WeChat QR code click [HERE](#). You can also find this information on the [PAC Website](#).

Grad Bottle Drive – The next bottle drive is Saturday Jan 14, 2023 - 10am-2:00pm

DPAC Update

The School Liaison Program was a program whereby police officers had a presence in schools. The program was cancelled last year by the VSB Trustees after testimony from students and staff, however, due to the election of new Trustees, the question of whether the program will be reinstated is under debate.

- The Vancouver School Board Trustees will debate the Student Liaison Program matter on Monday November 28th at 7pm. That can be viewed at the following [link](#).
- The DPAC is looking for parents to join its Sustainability working group, its Long-Range Facilities working group, its Black and Indigenous working group, its Inclusion/Disabilities/ Neurodivergence Committee and its Student Family and Affordability Fund working group. Interested parents please contact info@vancouverdpac.org

Make New Connections through 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 November 30th at 9:00 am. Pls RSVP to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.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

PAC 会议上可以用中文在现场提问或者在ZOOM 上发消息提问，我们会有翻译服务。

Thanks for your support!

Lord Byng PAC

VSBSWIS Byng Project 3B is offering Youth Volunteer & Leadership Training at Byng

If you are planning to get active in your schools and communities through volunteering, the **Volunteer Training (Friday Dec. 2) and Leadership Training (Friday Dec. 9)** offered by VSBSWIS Program Byng Project 3B will provide a good opportunity to upgrade your knowledge and strengthen your skills. Both training sessions are scheduled from 3:10pm to 6:00pm in Byng Library. Trainees will be awarded with volunteer certificates and hours upon satisfactory completion of each training.

The first interactive workshop on "**Volunteer Training**" on Friday Dec. 2 will focus on Canadian volunteerism, essential qualities of "good" volunteers, volunteers' rights and responsibilities, as well as valuable resources on youth volunteer opportunities in schools and in the community.

To enrich the training, we have invited Ms. Vanna Nguyen, Community Youth Worker of Dunbar Community Center, Mr. Lee Chu, District Volunteer Coordinator of VSB SWIS Program as well as teacher from Byng Work Experience Program to share their expert experiences, resources and volunteer opportunities at the workshop.

The second workshop is on "**Leadership**" and is scheduled on Friday Dec. 9. Key topics included in the training are top qualities of successful leaders, differences between leaders and followers as well as scenario discussions on various leadership issues such as problem solving, time management and resilience, and more.

Special speakers for the Leadership Training session will be announced in next week's update.

For information and registration, please call Janet Chung, Byng Settlement Worker, at 778 772 2084 or email jlchung@vsb.bc.ca. Please provide the participant's legal name, grade, phone contact and email address. Registration for the Volunteer Training on Dec. 2 will be closed on Wednesday Nov. 30 while registration for Leadership Training on Dec. 9 will be closed on Dec. 7. Spaces are limited.



Lord Byng Clubs List

The Lord Byng Clubs list is now available on the school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-byng/Extracurricular/Clubs/Pages/default.aspx>



Byng Athletics

Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the cross-country team which competed at the BC High School Championships at Royal Roads University near Victoria on the weekend. There were approximately 250 athletes in each race.

Junior Boys: Lord Byng had two individuals in the event. Nathan Adkins ran a good race and was in the top half of the finishers. Honorable mention goes to Devon Ho.

Senior Girls: The team had 3 individuals in the race but not enough to qualify as a team. Madelyn Chong, Danielle Chu, and Lisa Dai all represented Lord Byng well.



Senior Boys: Byng qualified a team in this event. Eli Mullen was 51st, Adrian Kan was in the top 100. Honorable mention goes to Sloan Davison and Kingston So. The Senior Boys placed 18th out of 26 teams.

Last but not least...

Junior Girls: The team of Chloe Symon, Jeevut Sajjan, Clara Ho, Megan McCunn, Maddie Ridgway, Ana Radic, and Eowyn Hennessey placed 8th out of 27 teams. Chloe and Jeevut were recognized for their top 25 finishes, with Chloe placing 7th and Jeevut placing 24th. Congratulations to all of the athletes! Way to go Grey Ghosts

Thank you to Ms. Schnieder, Stephen Symon, and Mia Bennison coaching the team this season!

For complete results, you can go to www.startlinetiming.com Mr. Jack



Byng Strings

2023 Strings Benefit Concert Online Donation (open all year long).

School Cash Online: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true/>

* Most importantly, parents need to indicate the Lord Byng Strings name for the funds to go directly to the program.

Instructions to donate: [2023 Strings Benefit Concert Online Donation](#)

Lockers Update

Locker selection will be done online. Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to book online.

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 Oct 31st, 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.

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](#).

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

Counselling Department Update

Grade 11/12 Post-Secondary Visits

We have advertised a number of post-secondary information sessions. All of this information is in student Teams, Grade 11 and Grade 12 (Counselling 2022/23) under Post-secondary channel. UBC is not doing any high school visits this year.

Date	University	Time	Location
October 4	SFU	Lunch	Auditorium
October 11	UVic	Lunch	Auditorium
October 17	UoT	3 pm	Library
October 25	Emily Carr	FIT Time	Room A226
October 26	Western University	3 pm	Library
November 9	Dalhousie	Lunch	Library
November 14	Waterloo	3pm	Library
November 15	Queens	Fit (9:40-10:30)	TBA
November 17	McGill	Fit (1:30-2:06)	TBA
November 22	University of Alberta	3 pm	Auditorium

November 30	Langara College	Lunch	Library
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Grade 12 Graduation Letter

Here is the updated Graduation Letter for all parents/caregivers of grade 12 students:

Graduation Letter: [Grade 12 Graduation Letter](#)

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 eg. Counselling 2022/23 (Grade 12s)

Volunteering Opportunity with Big Brothers

Here is the link <https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/our-programs/>.

The work will be with Queen Elizabeth Elementary school. Each Teen will be matched with a Little Buddies (mentees) and provide their child safety training by the end of November. The program can start by beginning of December.

While the teens are approved and waiting to be matched with a Little Buddy, some Youth Leadership Training on topics that are relevant and applicable for the teens will be provided. This way they continue to be engaged and gain volunteer hours.

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – APPLICATION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE, ONLINE Portal is Open

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/>

We will have two parts to complete if you wish to apply.

1. Paper Application Envelope
2. Online Application Forms

Pick up an Application Envelope from our school office to start the process.

The online portal is open a link to the forms is on our website.

The deadline for submitting your application is December 15th.

Requirements for each area of focus are posted in the Selection Process section of our website – you can read them over and get started today. (Click here to go to the [Selection Process section](#)).

Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

How many events have you completed? All students will need a minimum of 7 events by January so don't delay, get going today.

If you are having trouble with your passport account, make sure to read the detailed instructions on Teams or contact Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca) to get things sorted.

Byng Arts Gala – November 30th at the Roundhouse Community Centre

Thank you to everyone who RSVPed for the Gala. We look forward to seeing you there!!

The Gala is a sit-down celebration of the arts 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 5:00.

Our theme is Time Travel, so start planning out your costume. Turn yourself into a time machine, a clock, a sundial - the possibilities are endless. Or, pick an era and come as a person or location from that time period. Do it on your own or talk to your friends and have your costumes fit a theme.

Costume Categories:

Best Group

Best from the past

Best from the future

Most funny/punny

Most elaborate

We will have the dance following the performances, meal, and costume contest. If you would rather play games than dance, then BYOG: (Bring Your Own Game)! If you have a favourite game to play, bring it along to the Gala. The night ends at 9pm cause it's a school night.

Parents Volunteers: thank you for stepping up to volunteer. We are reviewing our numbers and will reach out if we need more hands to help. We will organize a Zoom meeting to review tasks, so stay tuned.

Byng Arts Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursday face to face in room A223. Everyone is welcome.

Use the link on Teams to go to the Student Council Channel to read the minutes from our meetings, ask questions, or contact council on Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

Meeting Details:

GALA:

RSVP list is now closed – the list of registered attendees is posted on the Byng Arts Bulletin Board on the second floor outside the art rooms.

- Schedule for Gala:
- Doors Open at 4:30
- Doors Close at 5pm (please be on time)
- Performances Start at 5pm (be a good audience and cheer them on)
- Dinner 6pm to 6:45pm
- Second Group of Performances 6:45 to 7:15pm
- Dessert
- Costume Contest: 7:15pm
 - Costume Contest Categories:
 - Best Group
 - Best from the past
 - Best from the future
 - Most funny/punny
 - Most elaborate
- Set up for Dance and Games: 7:30pm
- Dance and Games Night: 7:30 to 9pm
- Gala Ends 9pm
- Clean Up

MURALS

The Mural Group is meeting together each day after school to paint murals - come and lend a hand! We need your help!

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