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## **Student Attendance Week of Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Students will attend a mandatory Health and Safety Orientation as well as receive their school opening packing on either September 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow on your student's time slot.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. More information on scheduling and timetable will follow.

## **Counselling Department Update**

Counsellor assignments for the 2020/21 school year have changed. Counsellors will no longer be working with students per grade. Your counsellor will be assigned to students by their last name (for all grades):

A to Gr – Mr. R. Greenshields (temporary) [rgreenshields@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:rgreenshields@vsb.bc.ca)

Gs to L – Ms. J. Radic [jradic@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jradic@vsb.bc.ca)

M to Te – Ms. Smith [msmith@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:msmith@vsb.bc.ca)

Tf to Z – Ms. Birsan [ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca)

Counsellors will be working the week of August 31<sup>st</sup> and will be reaching out to students with incomplete timetables. Counsellors will not be accepting course change requests at this time.

Please do not come to the school, all communication with counsellors at this time will be remote. Counsellors can be contacted by email (see above) or by phone at 604-713-8171.

## **School Photos**

Our school photo day scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.

## **Technology Request**

As courses will be delivered remotely at various times students will need a device to work on. If your student needs to borrow a device from the school please complete the following form: [2020/21 Request for Technology](#).

## **2020/21 Lord Byng Calendars & Bell Schedules**

We are currently updating our School Calendar and Bell Schedule to reflect the new Quarterly school year. We will send out updated school information next week. All Professional Development Days will remain the same.

## **Microsoft TEAMS**

As mentioned in Mr. Wilmann's letter dated August 26, 2020 students are asked to update their Microsoft Office 365 accounts prior to the start of the school year – reset passwords at <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/> or email [studentpasswords@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:studentpasswords@vsb.bc.ca). Students will use Microsoft Teams as their remote learning platform.

When resetting your password, students will need their 9-digit Personal Education Number (PEN), this number can be found on your report cards.

## **MyEdBC Access**

Access to MyEdBC is disabled until September 4<sup>th</sup>. More information on how to log in will be sent next week.

## **Grade 12 Grad Photo Session**

Grade 12 reminder for all grads to have their grad photos taken at Artona Studios from **Sept 25-27, 2020**. 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>

## PAC News

Dear Byng families,

We know parents, caregivers and students have many questions about the transition back to school during this unprecedented time and as your Byng PAC we will do our best to share relevant information, support communication from Byng Administration and facilitate opportunities for dialogue amongst the Byng community.

DPAC (District PAC) is the official body representing all Vancouver School Elementary and Secondary School PAC's at the VSB level. The DPAC is asking parents to provide feedback through this 2 minute [survey](#) by **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**. Results will be shared with the District in order to bring parent feedback into staff and board efforts both to reopen schools as safely as possible, and to advocate to the Ministry of Education for resourcing wider options.

DPAC is also hosting a question and answer virtual town hall on the restart plan with District Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman and other District senior staff members at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 02**. Register [here](#). Parents can submit their [questions](#) before **noon on Monday, August 31**. This will help DPAC develop an agenda for the session, identify themes and give the speakers some time to prepare so that as many questions as possible can be answered with the most up to date information. Trustees will also be attending to hear parent concerns.

Finally, the **Byng PAC** is planning to host a virtual PAC town hall meeting on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm-8:00pm** via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent out closer to the day of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to get an update from principal Wilmann and to answer any general questions families may have. All questions **MUST be submitted in advance through the google form below by Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. The call will be recorded, and a link will be sent out as soon as possible after the meeting. The PAC would like to express our thanks to all Byng teachers and staff who have been working hard to create the best possible experience for Byng Students while at the same time having to adhere to strict guidelines from the Ministry of Education and the VSB.

[Click here to submit questions to the PAC Meeting](#)

Any other questions or concerns please email us at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com). We look forward to connecting with you!