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A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng, Parents, Students and Community Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers as they work to complete their assessment of student learning for this mid-point in our first quare of the school calendar. Parents and students will have access to this mid-quate report that serves in place of an interim next week. As we continue to make our way along our continuum of learning throughout the pandemic each step along the way has been new and our teachers and staff have been asked once again to navigate through unknown waters with the current quarterly reporting timeline and process.

Amongst the many challenges and opportunities that the new reality has presented, our staff have been required to come up with key strategies for remote and blended learning as well as how to continue to engage students with a compressed model of learning. I am very glad to report that they have done so with professionalism and pride and each day that I have the privilege to walk into a classroom I am always impressed by the innovation, creativity and commitment that they demonstrate in their work.

One of the many questions that our students and parents have been asking is the return of school athletics and clubs. Both activities are a vibrant and essential part of our school and provide richness and learning opportunities beyond the scope of our core subject and curricula areas. The district has provided a guideline for our athletics program to begin in alignment with the strict health and safety protocols that are currently in place and our Athletics Director Mr. Kevin Sanders has been working with the guidelines to develop a plan for the school. The school has also begun the process of providing an opportunity for clubs to restart and the school will shortly begin the process of reopening clubs through the Microsoft Teams learning platform under the supervision of teacher sponsors.

Next week I look forward to our scheduled PAC information evening on Wednesday October 21st at 7:00 pm and would like to thank our PAC chair Kirsten McAllister and co-chair Tammy Baltz for hosting these Zoom meetings and providing an opportunity for our staff to answer important questions as we continue to navigate through our current reality.

Thanks for your continued support it is very much appreciated,

Mr. Wilmann

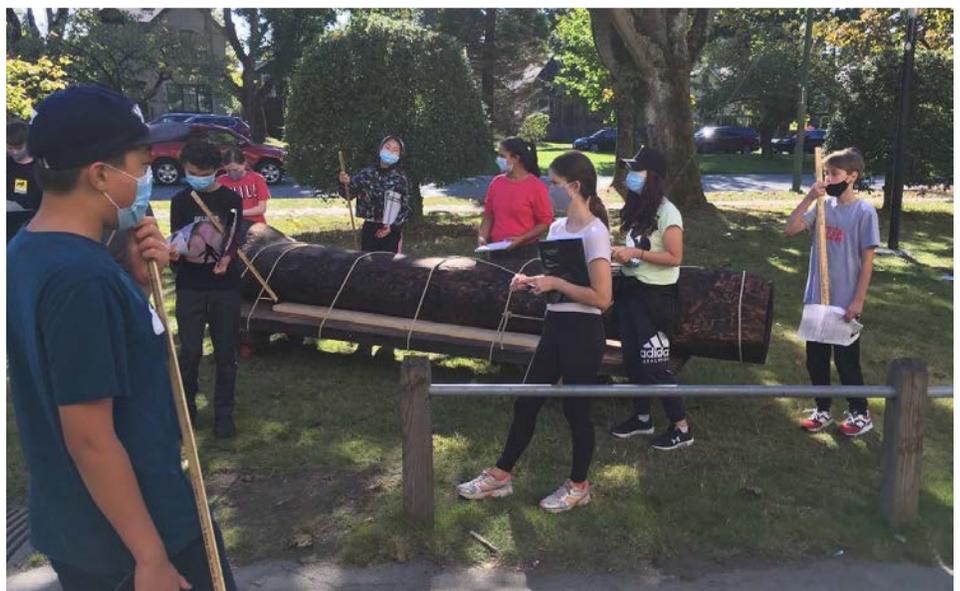
School News

Mr. Gustainis's Grade 8 Math Class

The Grade 8 students in Mr. Gustainis's class were using the shadows of shrubs and tree to calculate their heights. Each group of students was equipped with a metre stick and a formula that provided the ratio needed to calculate the height of each tree using the shadow of the tree as the reference point!!!

One pair of students used the same method to measure Mr. Wilmann's height!

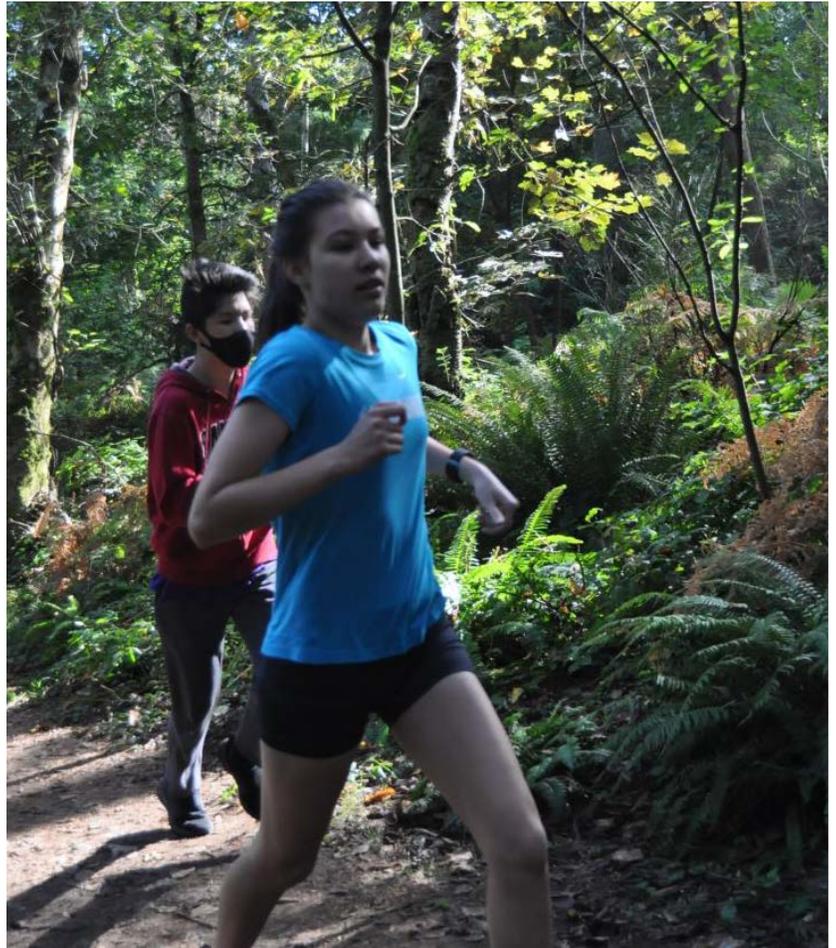
Wow, what a great way to bring math to life!



Terry Fox Run

Another opportunity to take learning into the open was the Terry Fox Run with students and staff taking to the forests of our neighborhood in the annual fight against cancer.

Big thanks for organizing this school event goes to our event coordinators Mr. Jack and Mr. Sandher and every one of our PE department members for setting up and managing the event.



The weather was nice and sunny. Students signed up ahead of time and took part during morning or afternoon flextime. The students ran well and had an enjoyable experience. All students who completed the run earned a prize which was either a gift card or a t-shirt. Thank you to the entire PE staff for pulling the event off without a hitch.

Also, thank you to Ms. Coulter for coordinating the sign up, Mr. Howes who organized his yearbook class to take photos, Ms. Radic, for helping with marshalling, and Mr. Campbell for being our first responder. Props to Mr. McKeen, Mr. Raoul, and Mr. Fung who all were out running during the event.

Here is the list of the top times on the 2.2 kilometre course (students went at different times, so they were asked to time themselves). Some students chose not to time themselves:

Girls

1st Skye Higgins-9:40
2nd Julie Zuo-10:70
3rd Ingrid Li-11:09
4th Catherine Chen-12:00
5th Risa Nakamura-14:00
6th Elise Trinder-14:30
7th Elaine Zhuo-14:59
8th Jaqueline Chen-19:00
9th Alina Huang-19:10

Boys

1st Zachary Mullin-7:58
2nd Paul Paetzel and Jacob De Wijze-8:12
4th Eli Mulli-8:27
5th Isaac Dance-8:59
6th Marko Radic-9:00
7th Victor Li-10:00
8th Nick Watchorn-10:14
9th Aiden Liu-10:17
10th Adrian Kan-10:30

You can still donate to the fundraising campaign by clicking [HERE!](#)

Quarterly Schedule

Reminder that your D1(P1) class will be remote next week, and your D1(P2) class will be face to face (F2F). See rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#).

Communication of Student Learning

The [purpose of assessment](#) is to facilitate learning. With clear communication of how learning is going, students can reflect and plan for their own growth with the support of their teachers and families.

Next week, on Wednesday, October 21st, mid-quarter reports will be published. We invite all students and families to embrace this time as an opportunity for discussion and goal setting. Ultimately, we wish for all students to be able to answer the following three questions:

- *Where am I in my learning?*
- *Where do I need to go?*
- *What do I need to get there?*

This year, for Grade 8 and 9 courses, progress of learning will be communicated using proficiency scale levels as opposed to letter grades and percentages. The use of a proficiency scale helps students and teachers more clearly articulate what each level looks like in the learning of skills and competencies over time.

The proficiency scale is defined as follows:

Proficiency Scale:



BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	APPLYING	EXTENDING
The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to have learning conversations as a family.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Due to the COVID-19 meeting restrictions and protocols this event has been cancelled. Please reach out to individual teachers for an update on your child's progress through e-mail and/or arrange for a phone conversation if required. Students will not be dismissed at 2pm on this day as previously scheduled.

Masks

Reminder to students that masks must be worn while outside your learning cohort (hallways, office, etc.).

Food Deliveries

Food delivery services are not allowed on school property. Students are asked to eat lunch at home. If this is not possible please bring food or meet food delivery providers offsite.

Medical Care Plan Forms

If your child has a medical condition (diabetes, asthma, anaphylaxis, seizures, or any other health concerns), please have your child come to the office to pick up a medical care plan form.

School Clubs and Teams

Clubs

At this time, all clubs will be held remotely via TEAMS. Any students that would like to start a club are asked to find a teacher sponsor.

Teams

Effective October 13, 2020 VSB's senior management has approved schools to move **to stage 2 for extra-curricular athletics**. Here are the key points for stage 2:

Teams will be allowed to practice under the following conditions:

- All participants can safely physically distance for practice (Practice plans will be approved by the Athletic Director and Administration).
- Only Teacher/Staff coaches are allowed. NO community/parent coaches are permitted as this time.
- No spectators are allowed.
- No inter-school sports are allowed at this time.
- No scrimmages or intramurals are allowed within schools at this time.

Individual teacher coaches will be contacting students about when their sports are going to start.

Mr. Sandher
Athletic Director

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams Registration and Fees

Congratulations on enrolling in an Advanced Placement Course at Lord Byng Secondary. To register for your AP exam, you must complete the following steps:

1. Order an AP Exam via MyAP
 - Sign into myap.collegeboard.org
 - Use the access codes provided by your AP teacher(s) to join your AP class section(s).
 - Under "Order Exam?" change "Undecided" to "Yes"
 - If not ordering an AP exam, change "Undecided" to "No"
 - Deadline for AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP English Literature and Composition, AP French Language and Culture, AP Drawing and AP 2D Art and Design: **November 6th, 2020**
 - Deadline for AP Statistics: **March 5th, 2021**
2. Pay AP Exam Fee online using the vsb.schoolcashionline.com system (see Lord Byng website for more information on this system)
 - For AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP English Literature and Composition, AP French Language and Culture, AP Drawing and AP 2D Art and Design:
 - Payment window will be open for AP exam payment between October 19th and **November 6th, 2020**
 - For AP Statistics:
 - Payment window will be open for AP exam payment between February 15th and **March 5th, 2021**
 - AP Exam Fee: \$140

Advanced Placement Exam Schedule

Exam	Date	Time
AP Calculus AB	Tuesday, May 4 th	8:00 am
AP Computer Science A	Thursday, May 6 th	12:00 pm
AP English Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 5 th	8:00 am
AP French Language and Culture	Monday, May 10 th	8:00 am
AP Statistics	Thursday, May 13 th	12:00 pm
AP Drawing	Portfolio Submission Final Deadline: Fri, May 7 th (Portfolios need to be completed before this date.)	
AP 2D Art and Design		

For students not enrolled in an AP class at Lord Byng please visit the [VSB website](http://vsb.ca) for more information.

Capstone

Attention all Grade 12 students and parents,

We would like to bring to your attention that one of the requirements for graduating high school is the completion of a Capstone Project. The Capstone teachers have created a Microsoft Team to facilitate guidance. Your Capstone is a culminating project, presentation, or performance that allows students the opportunity to consolidate and showcase the learning from their school and life experience into a meaningful and relevant product. Students will use innovation, cross curricular knowledge, and critical thinking skills in an area of interest as the basis for the project, which is applicable to a real-world concept. It is incumbent on students to be checking the platform on a regular basis to ensure success in their Capstone Project.

Thank you,
Ms. Schnieder, Mr. Booker, Mr. Barksy, Mr. Gustainis

Daily Health Assessment

Please see the revised [Daily Health Assessment](#) form (revised Sept. 15, 2020). If any of your children are experiencing any of the symptoms of illness on the form, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

Lord Byng Library

The library will be up and running, with some adjustments, this year. We are trying to support student learning and reading as safely as possible. We will not have in and out privileges into the library for students to check out books, however, they will be able to request books.

Students are encouraged to access lordbynglibrary.weebly.com to browse the catalogue. There is a BOOK REQUEST FORM button that allows students to enter information on how the Ms. Rezler can locate them when they are at school in order for the books to be delivered to them during that class. Additionally, there is a BOOK REQUEST FORM on the library door for students to fill out with a red folder for the drop off of the form.

It is so important that students continue to read. Ms. Rezler is happy to help with book recommendations as well as research for assignments. Please email her if your student has any questions or would like some support from the library on their school work.

KEEP ON READING!!

If you still have any books at home, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Terry Fox Fundraising Campaign

So far, we have raised approximately \$3,600 for the Terry Fox fundraising campaign. Donations can still be made on-line or in person to your current quarter one teachers.

Please click [HERE](#) to donate and help us reach our goal of \$8000. Thank you for your supporting our school in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation

Cross Country

Cross country runners are currently meeting for socially distanced run with their peers. Please email Mr. Jack at bjack@vsb.bc.ca if you would like your email (or your child's email address), added to the email list. These runs are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at Camosun Park and are headed up by Grade 12 students. If we move into stage 2 and 3, we will be able to have regular practices and even some competitions. Contact Mr. Jack if you have any questions.

Mr. Jack

Counselling Department

Counsellors have been assigned to students by their last name (for all grades):

A to Gr	Mr. R. Greenshields rgreenshields@vsb.bc.ca
Gs to L	Ms. J. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca
M to Te	Mr. R. Rymer rrymer@vsb.bc.ca (Ms. Smith is currently away)
Tf to Z	Ms. Birsan ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 12 Assembly

Counsellors are organizing a grade 12 assembly on Wednesday, October 28th during Flex A and Flex B. More information is on the Grade 12 [TEAMS](#) page.

Grade 12 Parent Info Night

Save the Date! Counsellors are organizing a *Post Secondary and Beyond Info Night* on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm. This is will be a virtual Zoom presentation, more information will be provided soon.

Team for each Grade on Microsoft TEAMS

Counsellors are organizing classroom groups for each grade on Microsoft Teams platform. All the grades Grade 12 classes/classrooms are now up and running. Students will be able to click on for example, **Grade 12 - 2020/21 (Counselling) team** if they are a grade 12 student, and read all the various posts on graduation, scholarships, post-secondary information, volunteering opportunities, etc. We hope that you check this regularly as it will contain super valuable information. Any students that are not part of their grade counselling TEAM please notify your counselor.

Language Challenge Exams

Language Challenge Exams: Information about Language challenge exams can be found in the counselling office. Please note that students are required to fill out the forms online this year and then print out the completed forms to return to counsellors. Handwritten applications will be returned to be filled out online and then printed. The due date for the application is November 6, 2020. We are not able to take ANY late applications.

Please see Lord Byng website for all the details: [Language Challenge Exams and External Credits](#)

Graduation Checks

Dear Grade 12s,

Counsellors are currently working on checking that all of you have all the high school graduation requirements needed for your high school Dogwood diploma. Please continue to check your transcripts through BCeID or student transcript website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>. If you are missing a grad requirement, eg. PE 10, your counsellor will be meeting with you this month and helping you with a plan on how to meet this. Please note that BCeID transcripts will be updated next week. If you are looking at them now, and your summer school courses are not on there it is because we are in the process of getting them uploaded. This should be uploaded very soon.

Scholarships

Dear Grade 12s,

For scholarship info please check our Teams Grade 12 Counselling group. Also some information can be found on our school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-byng/Guidance-and-Support/Grade%2012/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

Grade 12 Grad Photo Session

It is not too late to schedule an appointment for Grad Photos! Please see link for more info and to book your appointment: <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG/programs/graduation>

Byng Arts Information

New Applicants

In response to Covid-19, we are reworking our intake process, keeping what we can and coming up with new steps where necessary. Please consult our website for the most up to date information: <http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/> To help keep you informed, we will post a set of information videos on November 4th (this is in lieu of our Parent Info Night). Online applications will be available beginning November 9th. We will not use physical applications this year.

Passports (<http://passport.lordbyng.net/signin>)

We have added several new achievements to unlock on the Passport site:

- ART DOUBLE TAKE: Recreate a classic artwork with you as the star and post your photo in our TEAMS Gallery. (ex. Olivia channels Banksy below)



- LORD BYNG GALLERY VISIT: Visit our school gallery and take a selfie in front of your favorite work on display.
- RAISE THE (House) ROOF: Now that you have been sorted, show your House spirit by taking a selfie that references your House (write out a quote, dress the part, take the mike, conduct a concerto... show your creativity)
- TAKE THAT COVID: Art will find a way. You celebrated the arts by going to a performance online, playing in a concert while respecting social distancing, viewing art from afar, etc. Take a photo of your computer screen, a selfie of you performing, or the art you saw. Hit Submit Proof and share.

Byng Arts Student Council ELECTIONS

Elections will take place next week. Thank you to everyone who stepped forward. Our list of candidates is below:

First Name	Last Name	Position applying for
Mindy	Lee	President
Theo	Robson	President
Grace	Du	Vice-President
Pamela	Peng	Vice-President
Megan	Wang	Vice-President
Sarah	Wang	Vice-President
Nina	Chen	Secretary / Treasurer
Camille	Griffiths	Secretary / Treasurer
Isabelle	Printz	Secretary / Treasurer
Darren	Yang	Secretary / Treasurer

Learn more about each candidate by going to the Byng Arts Team site and reading their profiles.

We are very excited to bring the council back together to create something amazing out of the current reality we all live in. The Executive members lead the council, organize the planning and execution of events, and inspire all members to work together to overcome problems and find creative solutions. The election is NOT a popularity contest - each Executive position requires strong commitment and dedication to the council. Please do your research before voting next week. Voting will take place on Teams.

Byng Arts – Info Page on TEAMS

Please stay tuned and use the Team site to keep up with new information for Byng Arts. If you haven't checked out the site, please do so (it can be found attached to your TEAMS page – please contact me if you do not have a link on your TEAMS page and I will add you jhartley@vsb.bc.ca).

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 21st from 7pm-8:30pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent out next week.

These meetings are a great opportunity to get updates from our principal, Mr. Wilmann, and other Byng staff. There will be a Q & A portion and we encourage parents to submit their questions by Tuesday, October 20th at noon through the link below.

[Questions for the next Byng PAC meeting](#)

Look forward to connecting with you soon!

Lord Byng PAC