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## **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

With World Teachers Day on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> I would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to all teachers everywhere and for the work that they do supporting our students. Special thanks of course go to our Byng teachers particularly during this current period of uncertainty in which they have demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism, compassion, and support despite the numerous challenges that they have needed to overcome.

Throughout the pandemic the school continues to support our students and thanks to the dedication of staff our students can continue to participate in our school community and adapt to the new learning conditions. All of this has happened in a very short time with both staff and students working together. Next week on October 7<sup>th</sup> the PE Department is hosting the annual Terry Fox run to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation and to support the fight against cancer. The PE Department has created an on-line form for interested students to sign up and participate in this important event (see information below).

Creating a safe and physically distanced opportunity for students to participate in this event is just one example of how the staff have continued to provide rich learning opportunities for our students despite the challenges presented by the pandemic.

Thanks teachers and all our staff for the work that you do to support our students and thank you also to our parents, students, and community members for your help throughout these very challenging times.

Have a restful, safe, and perhaps even sunny weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

## **Quarterly Schedule**

Reminder that your 1-2 class will be remote next week, and your 1-1 class will be face to face (F2F). See rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#).

## **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.

## **Photo Day**

Please see click [here](#) for more information on our upcoming photo day, Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Assembly Videos**

Any students that missed the assembly on Wednesday are asked to watch the following videos and complete the exit slip.

- [Welcome Back Assembly video](#)
- [Orange Shirt Day video](#)
- [Welcome Back Assembly Exit Slip](#)

## **Safe and Inclusive Schools**

For important information and resources on Safe and Inclusive schools please click [here](#).

## **Parking**

The parking lot is for **STAFF only**. No student parking, or student drop off/pick up is permitted.

## Collaborative Days

Collaborative dates have not changed however, the time has changed so it will no longer impact face to face instructional time. Teacher collaborative time will take place on Wednesday during Flex A and Flex B. Teachers will not be available on these dates for additional student support during Flex.

Wednesday, October 7 - Q1

Wednesday, November 4 - Q1

Wednesday, December 2 - Q2

Wednesday, January 6 - Q2

Wednesday, February 3 - Q2

Wednesday, March 3 - Q3

Wednesday, April 7 - Q3

Wednesday, May 5 - Q4

Wednesday, June 2 - Q4

Wednesday, June 23 - Q4 - **New**

## Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

- Students currently enrolled in an AP class at Lord Byng will be provided information on how to register for the exam soon. Please check with your teacher.
- Students not enrolled in an AP class at Lord Byng please visit the [VSB website](#) for more information.

## 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.

## Masks

Thank you for bringing your masks to school. If you do forget there are disposable masks in the school office.

## Forms

Student Verification forms were sent home last week. Please ensure you review the information on the form and indicate any changes (in coloured ink, not black). Please return the form to the office if you have not already handed it in to your teacher.

If your form has the Personal Health number field highlighted, please ensure you add it to the form as it is required for the school to have this information.

All other forms were sent home the first week of school. If you have not received them, they can be picked up in the office or you can click on the links below.

- [Media Consent](#)
- [CASL](#)
- [Neighbourhood Field Trip](#)
- [Daily Health Assessment](#) (updated Sept. 22, 2020)

## **Terry Fox Run and Fundraising Campaign**

**Who:** All students and staff who want to RUN the Terry Fox Route as a group (Due to Covid-19 restrictions which limits the amount of participants we can only have RUNNERS take part this year).

**What:** Terry Fox Run (Since we can't do our school wide event in the regular way due to social distancing, we encourage you to join us to continue the tradition). Prizes for top runners and random draw prizes (gift cards and T-shirts) will be provided.

**When:** Wednesday, October 7 during F.I.T. FLEX TIME (Time to Be Announced)

**Where:** Pacific Spirit Park at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Imperial Drive, (where Discovery turns into Imperial Drive).

**Why:** To raise money for Cancer research, celebrate Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, to get some fresh air and get some exercise. Please click [HERE](#) to donate and help us reach our goal of \$8000. Students can get involved by creating their own fundraising page under their school name: <https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/students/>. Thank you for your supporting our school in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation

**How:** All Interested runners **MUST** click [HERE](#) to register.

## **Counselling Department**

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

A to Gr	Mr. R. Greenshields <a href="mailto:rgreenshields@vsb.bc.ca">rgreenshields@vsb.bc.ca</a>
Gs to L	Ms. J. Radic <a href="mailto:jradic@vsb.bc.ca">jradic@vsb.bc.ca</a>
M to Te	Ms. Smith (Ms. Smith is currently out of the office, please contact Mr. Rymer effective Monday, September 28th @ <a href="mailto:rrymer@vsb.bc.ca">rrymer@vsb.bc.ca</a> )
Tf to Z	Ms. Birsan <a href="mailto:ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca">ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca</a>

### *Counselling Update*

Dear Students and Parents,

Counsellors would like to thank you all for your patience during the first couple of weeks of school. We worked hard to try and meet all your various timetable needs. Moving forward, we would like students to see only their own counsellor (see above). Students are welcome to come and meet us in person (2 meters apart and with a mask on) and/or give us a phone call. Parents are asked to call their child's counsellor, or email to schedule a remote meeting time.

We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better.

### *Teams Class for each Grade*

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.

### *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](#)

## **Bicycle Donation Request**

If your family has a bicycle that has gathered dust or needs a new home, Lord Byng would love to have it!

We are hoping to acquire 30 or more bicycles in an effort to encourage teachers and students to learn more outside, to be environmentally sustainable, and to exercise. No problem If your bike is in need of repair, our Bike Mechanics Club has the ability to repair and maintain all bikes donated to us! However, we do ask for bikes that are only big enough for high school students. No kids' bikes please.

Please contact teachers Alain Raoul ([araoul@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:araoul@vsb.bc.ca)) or Matthew Barski ([mbariski@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mbariski@vsb.bc.ca)) if you have a bike to donate so that we can arrange pick up in the staff parking lot at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this worthy contribution to the Byng community!

## **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**

### *Passports*

This is a gentle prompt to do the following.

- Create a Passport account or log into the one from last year (<http://passport.lordbyng.net/signin>)
- Upload a profile picture on the passport page (size has to be small: 256 pixels).
- Complete the goal sheet found in your student agenda (page 4 and 5 of the coloured section) and upload an image of page 5 to the passport site.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to issues with Covid, we are holding off on the event submissions (Saturn, Arachne, etc.).

If you are registering for the first time or have forgotten your password\*, remember, the messages from our passport site often get re-routed to your junk or spam folders so always do a search for the term "passport" or take a look in your other folders.

\*We have sent out an email message with your username info to all previous passport users.

### *Byng Arts Student Council ELECTIONS – Call for Nominations*

This year is unlike any other. Now more than ever creativity is needed to restore the things we value. With that in mind, 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.

If you are interested in running for the executive, please click on the link and read over the information provided. Completed nomination forms are due by Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

<https://forms.gle/NXgLrnQkPgGJoSvQ6>

### *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 click onto the General site and watch the Welcome Back Video.

### *New Grade 8 students – Get sorted*

Byng Arts has five house teams – DaVinci, Fitzgerald, Hepburn, Mozart, and Shakespeare. A message has been sent to your email to help you get sorted into your new house. We wish you all a warm welcome to Byng.

### **2020 Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests**

Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests are held yearly by the University of Waterloo, providing an opportunity for high school students to explore and develop mathematical problem solving skills.

Byng mathletes continue to excel in and outside of their classrooms. Their success is reflected in the results of this year's contests. Our Cayley (Grade 10) team ranked 3rd provincially and 14th nationally. Our Fermat team (Grade 11) ranked 1st in the province and 3rd in Canada.

Special congratulation goes to Rosalind Huang who was one of twenty-five students in Canada to score a perfect grade on the Fermat Contest. We are proud of you, Rosalind!

Our top Pascal scorers: Xintong Ji, Junran Wang and Mingqi Zhao

Our top Cayley scorers: Darren Yang, Shi Jia Han, Andrew Yang and Linda Rao

Our top Fermat scorers: Rosalind Huang, Jing Ran Mo and Yueyang Liu

Many thanks to PAC for funding support and congratulations to all our Byng mathletes!

### **Attention Mr. Bowen's Art students of the 2019/2020 School Year**

Your Shoe Sculptures from last year are so close to being finished! They're still hanging from the ceiling in the Art room. Let's make sure they are installed and hanging in a public space for all to appreciate this year!

Please email me ([wbowen@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:wbowen@vsb.bc.ca)) and we'll arrange a time to finish your creations during either Flex Time A or Flex Time B.

I look forward to seeing you all.

-Mr. Bowen