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## **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Happy thanksgiving to you all and thank you to everyone for your kind words that you sent to our staff and teachers on World Teachers Day on Monday.

Highlights from the week included the arrival of two large indigenous sculptures that were on the front of the school lawn for the past few days. The sculptures are the work of Indigenous Artist and Educator Mr. Dave Robinson. Dave held a “gifting ceremony” at the school on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, a ceremony that was attended by the chancellor of UBC Mr. Steven Point, Ms. Chas Desjarlais the District Principal of Indigenous Education, Indigenous Musqueam Knowledge Keeper Mr. Shane Point as well Byng staff member Mr. Scott McKeen and several other community partners. This event marks an important milestone in the history of the school as we acknowledge and develop our understanding of indigenous culture and history and align our school goals with the important process of reconciliation and continue to integrate the First Peoples Principles of Learning into our teaching practices.

One of the two sculptures was gifted to our school during the ceremony by Dave and will be placed in a permanent location at the school. A second gift, a carved cedar bench was also given to the school and will be placed in a repurposed room on the ground floor and will provide a place of gathering for students from “all nations”. The room is currently being redesigned with input from students with the work of Indigenous Artist Mr. Jason Taylor from Alert Bay on Vancouver Island and the room will be named “Where Nations Gather” in recognition of our school as a place that values diversity and inclusion of all cultures, nations, peoples and identities.

Have a great weekend with your families and stay safe!!!

Mr. Wilmann

## **Quarterly Schedule**

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

## **School Clubs and Teams**

There will be an update on school clubs and teams shortly. Currently there are no clubs and teams running due to our strict health and safety protocols.

Thank you for your patience.

## **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.

## **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.

## 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

## 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, 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.

## 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](http://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**

### *Run*

We had a very successful Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The weather was nice and sunny. Students signed up ahead of time and took part during morning or afternoon flextime. The students ran well on the 2.2 kilometer course in Pacific Spirit Park 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. Kendra Coulter for coordinating the sign up, Mr. Howes who organized his yearbook class to take photos, Ms. Radic, for helping with marshalling, and Geoff Campbell for being our first responder. Props to Mr. McKeen, Mr. Raoul, and Mr. Fung who all were out running during the event.

Mr. Jack

### *Fundraising Campaign*

So far, we have raised approximately \$2,500 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](mailto: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 <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	Mr. R. Rymer <a href="mailto:rrymer@vsb.bc.ca">rrymer@vsb.bc.ca</a> (Ms. Smith is currently away)
Tf to Z	Ms. Birsan <a href="mailto:ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca">ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca</a>

### *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](#)

## *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**

### *Passports*

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.*
- 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.*

If you haven't done this yet, please:

- 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.

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.

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

Thank you to everyone who submitted. Election information will be announced next week on the TEAMS site.

Remember, 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 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](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)).

## *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.

If you missed the video or need a reminder of which house you are in, the lists are posted on the Byng Arts bulletin board by the elevator doors on the second floor. Below are the House messages:

DaVinci: <https://youtu.be/DiM9c7-ol6c>  
Fitzgerald: <https://youtu.be/YMuuQoAeuUg>  
Hepburn: <https://youtu.be/s1QWXGNyIU4>  
Mozart: <https://youtu.be/blwXjhpXs>  
Shakespeare: <https://youtu.be/kdHr4ii8C2k>

A big thank you goes out to Sorting Hat for clearly being head and shoulders above all other hats.

## **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!