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A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng, Parents, Students and Community Members,

The school had a successful start this week for the return of our students. Students had the opportunity to attend an important health and safety orientation with their 1-1 class teachers and will be returning to start their first session of direct “face to face” instruction with their D1(P1) teacher on Monday September 14th. Several important documents were given out during the orientation including the Student Daily Health Assessment Document. This document outlines the important daily health checks that parents are required to make of their children and to ensure that they do not have any symptoms that have been listed on this health and safety check list. Any students that do have any of the symptoms listed must not send their child to school and should contact a health care professional for further advice.

Next week the school will be open for instruction with students returning to their D1(P1) class for direct “face to face” instruction. All documents that were sent home with students and require a parent/guardian signature must be returned to your child’s D1(P1) class teacher on Monday September 14th.

Despite the challenges that we currently face the teachers and staff are excited about the opportunity for both direct “face to face” instruction starting in period 1-1 and for the beginning of their remote learning classes in D1(P2). This new “blended” model of teaching provides a unique opportunity for students to work with teachers over a ten-week period. The new model allows teachers to plan for extended learning opportunities and for staff and students to work on developing the Core Competencies of Learning that are outlined in the New BC Curriculum. In alignment with the curriculum and reflective of our health and safety guidelines from the provincial health department the school is encouraging teachers to take advantage of our phenomenal natural surroundings and to take learning outside of the building into the immediate community whenever possible. A field trip form that provides blanket approval for your child to participate in local “walking field trips” has been included in your child’s return to school start up package and a signed copy should be returned to the class D1(P1) teacher on Monday September 14th.

As always as our partners in your child’s education journey we rely on all of you our parents and guardians in the Lord Byng Community to support us in this journey. Thank you for your support and kind words of encouragement that you have sent us, we anticipate that there will be many questions to come as we move forward and will update you with new information and clarification as new situations arise.

Have a wonderful, restful, and safe weekend with your family,
Mr. Wilmann

Quarterly Schedule

Click [here](#) for a blank Student Schedule to help keep track of when students need to attend. See MyEdBC Instruction below on how to look up your child’s schedule.

The first day of student attendance is Monday, September 14th. Students should attend their D1P1 class, students in A block should attend in the morning while B block student attend in the afternoon. To find out if the student is in A or B block please check the letter at the end of the course code. See MyEdBC information below for instructions on checking student schedules.

TIME	MONDAY - FRIDAY
AM Off timetable courses	
8:40 to 10:25	1-1 (A)
10:30 - 11:30	FLEX (A)
12:15 - 1:15	FLEX (B)
1:18 - 3:03	1-1 (B)
PM Off timetable courses	
*1-2 class is remote	

Linear Courses

A number of classes are offered as year-long linear classes to allow students in certain key areas of learning to experience yearlong teaching opportunities. Linear teaching classes are divided into both AM and PM offerings and are only offered during FLEX times. Classes that are offered as linear classes include: most AP classes, ELC, Yearbook and Skills.

If you have a linear class your teacher will email you with your schedule.

X1 to X6 courses

The Grade 8 Applied Skills Rotation (ADST) is displayed on a student schedule as an X1-X6 course. These courses will not take place until Quarter 4 – D2(P4) (April 27-June 29), more information will follow on how these classes will be run later in the year.

Off timetable music classes

Band

Welcome Band students:

Please log onto the Band website for the latest information about this year's start up and the class times for off-timetable courses. The three off-timetable classes (Junior Jazz Band, Senior Jazz Band, and LB Wind Ensemble) will start in the week of September 21. Check when your class starts. www.byngband.com Please become a "follower" of the website for future updates.

Best wishes,
Dr. MacLennan

Orchestra

Welcome back Strings students,

Please find our website: www.lordbyngstrings.com and subscribe to get the latest up-to-date information. All off-timetable courses, including Junior Honour Strings, Junior Symphony and Senior Honour Strings will run all year long in the mornings and lunch, and be divided in order to ensure safety protocols. All classes will begin the week of September 21st. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Ms. Ruth Anderson
Lord Byng Strings and Symphony
randerson@vsb.bc.ca

Choir

Ms. Lan is looking forward to starting the 2020-2021 Junior and Senior Chamber Choir year! We will be kicking off the year with an orientation meeting, where important information regarding health and safety protocols, rehearsal procedures, and what the year will look like will be discussed.

Junior Chamber Choir will be meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 3:15pm in the Strings Room (A019), and Senior Honour Chamber Choir will be having an orientation meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 3:15pm in the Strings Room (A019).

Remote Learning

During each quarter of the new teaching model every student with a full timetable of 8 classes will have one remote learning opportunity and one direct face to face (F2F) learning opportunity. The remote learning classes will alternate (see rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#)). During the remote learning classes teachers will be connecting

with their classes through the Microsoft Teams Classroom as they did during the Spring Term. Remote learning will be “asynchronous” with teachers required to make a minimum of three direct contacts with students each week. Contacts can include:

- Asynchronous lessons recorded and posted on Microsoft Teams
- Individual project work
- Individual assignments
- Group projects and teamwork
- Other

As an important supplement to this remote teaching model staff will have the flexibility and opportunity to supplement the “remote learning” experience for students during daily “flex time” when teachers will be able to invite students into the school for one on one support and/or additional learning opportunities as needed.

Please click on the rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#).

MyEdBC Access

[Student Family Portal Login](#)

Login Issues:

1. The Student Family Portal is case-sensitive so please be aware of whether the Caps Lock is on or off or whether passwords and security answers contain lower and upper-case characters.
2. If you know the Login ID, Primary Email, and Security Answer
 - You can re-enable the account and reset the password by following this guide: [Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account](#)
 - You will receive an email (sent to the primary email address) with a system randomly generated password. Use it when following this guide: [First Time Logging In](#)
3. If you do not know the primary email or if the system does not accept the security answer or indicates that you are disabled from using the reset feature
 - Provide/confirm primary email address for the student in the system
 - Allow 24 to 48 hour for processing
 - You will receive an email (sent to the primary email address) with a system randomly generated password. Use it when following this guide: [First Time Logging In](#)

For MyEdBC help please click [here](#).

How to find a Student Schedule

Please click [here](#) for how to find a student schedule as well as a sample schedule.

Microsoft TEAMS

As mentioned in Mr. Wilmann’s letter dated August 26, 2020 students are asked to update their Microsoft Office 365 accounts as teachers will use Microsoft Teams as their remote learning platform.

Log in to Microsoft Office 365 [here](#).

Your username once set up will be [student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca](#). To set it up your account go to <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/> and request a password reset using the PEN number (found on past report cards or in MyEdBC). Alternatively please email: studentpasswords@vsb.bc.ca.

If you have forgotten your password please request a password reset here: <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/>. You PEN is required when requesting a password reset (found on past report cards or in MyEdBC).

Maps

The Lord Byng Secondary School map has been updated with seismic information as well as directional traffic flow. Grade 8 students will be provided a paper copy for their orientation.

[Lord Byng Map](#)

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 – Ms. Smith msmith@vsb.bc.ca

Tf to Z – Ms. Birsan ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca

Counsellors will set up in the foyer outside of the Art Gallery (enter off of Crown St.) to help students face to face next week to address all the course change requests that students still may be needing. If your course change request has not been completed please come to the Crown Street entrance at your assigned time.

We are asking that parents not come to the school at this time due to covid-19 health and safety plan.

Grade	Last Name	Date	Time
12	A to Gr	Monday, Sept. 14th	8:30 - 9:45
	Gs to L		10-11:15
	M to Te		12-1:15
	Tf to Z		1:30-2:45
11	A to Gr	Tuesday, Sept. 15th	8:30 - 9:45
	Gs to L		10-11:15
	M to Te		12-1:15
	Tf to Z		1:30-2:45
10	A to Gr	Wednesday, Sept. 16th	8:30 - 9:45
	Gs to L		10-11:15
	M to Te		12-1:15
	Tf to Z		1:30-2:45
8 and 9	A to Gr	Thursday, Sept. 17th	8:30 - 9:45
	Gs to L		10-11:15
	M to Te		12-1:15
	Tf to Z		1:30-2:45

*If your timeslot conflicts with a class, please come to the next available timeslot for your grade.

Technology Request

We have ordered more student devices and will fulfill all technology requests as soon as possible.

If your student needs to borrow a device from the school please complete the following form: [2020/21 Request for Technology](#).

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,

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us on Tuesday night - we had over 250 parents and caregivers join in! We covered a lot in an hour and half and many of our Byng parent questions were answered. At the end of the meeting, there were still a number of unanswered questions that came up during the meeting. Given the volume of questions and comments we have summarized these into a few key questions for Principal Wilmann and his team which we hope will be covered in future communication. For those of you who could not join us, a link to the recorded meeting is below along with a link to the questions submitted in advance and the approx. time stamp during the video meeting in case you are searching for a specific answer. Sincere thanks to Principal Wilmann and Vice-Principals Mr. Vulgaris and Ms. Wood for taking time during such a busy week.

[Lord Byng Town Hall Video Recording](#)

[Lord Byng Town Hall Questions and video guide](#)

Our next PAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00pm via Zoom. We encourage parents to submit their questions in advance through the google form below. In addition to a Q and A at the town hall, the PAC will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM). We are looking for parents to fill a few positions and encourage interested parents get in touch with us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com.

[Questions for the next PAC Town Hall on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020](#)

Look forward to connecting with you soon!

Lord Byng PAC