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A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

An important part of our September School start up is meeting with students and providing them with a clear understanding of the [School Code of Conduct](#) and engaging them in taking active steps to create a supportive, inclusive and safe school environment for all of our students. Last year Indigenous Artist and Educator Dave Robinson came to Byng to meet with students and to discuss the importance of celebrating diversity and respecting all nations. Dave worked with all our students to carve an artwork that reflected this message. Having completed the Red Cedar Heartwood River Sculpting, the artwork was “gifted” to the school by Dave as a visual reminder of the commitment that students had made to live by the agreement to respect all nations, identities and to welcome everyone into our community. The art piece is currently in the school office and will be used as a teaching tool to remind students about the important role that they all play in making our school safe, inclusive, and open to everyone. The artwork can be seen on the front cover of the 2020-21 student agenda with a written statement by Dave Robinson.

This important message of inclusion and respect aligns with the newly revised VSB Anti-Racism Policy that can be found through the links provided below and will be the message that will be presented to students during our opening school assemblies (virtual) that will be taking place shortly.

- Non-Discrimination
Policy: [Policy 21](#)
Administrative Procedure: [AP 170](#)
- Racial, Ethno-Cultural and/or Religious Harassment: [AP 171](#)
- District Code of Conduct: [AP 350](#)

As a learning community we will all continue to work to support students and our community to fully understand our collective responsibility and commitment to standing against all forms of racism and discrimination. Staff in our LB professional learning community have been fully engaged in this important leadership role and during the summer and as part of their professional development have been reading a number of important resources to support their classroom instruction and teaching practice.

Thanks for all your continued support, we will continue to provide updates and information of our school news on a weekly basis.

Have a restful, safe, and much deserved weekend break!!

Mr. Wilmann

Student Workspace

Designated Workspace: If your child requires a designated workspace during school hours please complete the form below. Please note that space is limited in the school during non-instructional time and that the priority remains to have students leave the building during non-instructional time in line with our health and safety protocols.

[Student Workspace Request](#)

Daily Health Assessment

Reminder to families to use the [Daily Health Assessment](#) to monitor your child’s health. 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.

Quarterly Schedule

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

Off timetable music classes

Off timetable Band, Orchestra, and Choir classes will start the week of September 21st. If you do not know your schedule please email your teacher.

Band: Dr. S. Maclennan smaclennan@vsb.bc.ca

Orchestra: Ms. R. Anderson randerson@vsb.bc.ca

Choir: Ms. L. Lan llan@vsb.bc.ca

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](#).

New Students Orientation (for Grade 9s-12s)

The Byng Ambassadors are inviting new students (Grade 9-12) to join them for a tour and orientation on Wednesday, September 23rd during flex time. Due to Covid-19 protocols we will be dividing the new students into group A and group B. Group A will meet at 10 am and group B will meet at 12:00 pm in the foyer - Crown Street entrance. We ask that you come to group A if your period 1-2 is A, and to group B if your period 1-2 is B. Please email Ms. Radic (jradic@vsb.bc.ca) for any further questions. Please note the tour is optional but we encourage new students to take advantage of this opportunity.

When: Wednesday, Sept. 23 meet at 10:30 group A or 12:00 group B

Where: Lord Byng foyer (Crown Street Entrance)

Who: Byng Ambassadors & new gr. 9-12 students

Why: School Tour and Q&A with fellow peers

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

Course Change Requests

Dear Students and Parents,

Counsellors would like to thank you all for your patience during this past week. We worked hard to try and meet all your various 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 😊). 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. Grade 12 class/classroom is already up and running. Students will be able to click on **Grade 12 - 2020/21 (Counselling) team** 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](#)

Photo Day

School photo day will be Thursday, October 8th. More information will follow on scheduling as well as a retake photo date.

Byng Arts Welcome Back Message from Mr. Hartley-Folz

It is my pleasure to reach out to old and new students and their families as we start off our new school year together. As a way of greeting and reaching out, I am sending you this welcome video. It is for both parents and students. Think of it as an online Welcome Back Assembly.

Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/SLL9YVrFubQ>

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](#).

Gallery Show - Call to Artists

Attention all artists, it is time to show us what you have been upto for the last couple of months.

The gallery walls are bare and we need your art. Please bring in the work that you completed during your time of Covid isolation.

Work can be dropped off in the Gallery next week between Monday and Wednesday. Make sure that you include your name and contact information so the work can be returned to you when the show is done.

Please reach out to your current or former art teachers if you have any questions:

Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)

Ms. York (lyork@vsb.bc.ca)

Mr. Bowen (wbowen@vsb.bc.ca)

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>

Terry Fox Run and Fundraising Campaign

Lord Byng Secondary is proud to take part in this year's 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. Please help show your support by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/LordByngSecondary>. Students can even get involved too 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

Last year we raised a school record of **\$7,541.25**. Please help us reach Lord Byng's fundraising goal for this year of **\$8000. This will be more challenging this year with the pandemic but WE CAN DO IT LORD BYNG!**

This year, due to social distancing etc., we will not be having a group Terry Fox Run. We will be doing the run over the course of the year, with our PE classes. Students and staff are encouraged to run or walk the old route or a new route during September.

The old running route is one and one half laps around the back field, west on 14th to Blanca, left on Blanca to 16th Avenue, left on 16th Avenue to Wallace (where the school sign is), left onto Wallace, past the tennis courts, left at the gate which leads onto the back field and finish on the grass beside the east end of the tennis courts.

The new running route is in Pacific Spirit Park, (**Two laps**, starting at Huckleberry Trail (across from Camosun Park, where Discovery Street turns into Imperial Drive. Go up Huckleberry Train to Top Trail. Turn left at Top Trail towards the fence near the reservoir. Turn right and follow the wide trail to 16th Avenue. Turn right at 16th Avenue. Run down 16th back to the start. **REPEAT ONE MORE TIME.**

Contact me at bjack@vsb.bc.ca if you have any questions or if you want to submit your time.

RUNNERS, SUBMIT YOUR TIME TO MR. JACK IF YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO BE PUBLISHED AND TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR T-SHIRTS AND GIFT CARDS! TIMES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

Mr. Jack

Cross Country

We are still waiting for approval from the school board to start practices. With the uncertainty of whether sports will be able to happen this year, cross country may be more feasible than other sports as far as maintaining social distancing is concerned.

Aside from being a great sport in it's own right, cross country is a great way to get in shape for other sports, or just to stay fit in general. Since students will only have class PE class for a maximum of 10 weeks, or perhaps not at all, cross country would be a great way to maintain or improve your fitness.

The Lord Byng Cross Country Team has long tradition of excellence. Last year, all four divisions qualified for provincials, with the Senior Girls team winning the bronze medal and Eli Mullin (while in grade 8) finishing in the top 25 for Junior Boys, competing against grade 9's and 10's. Whether you want to join for intense competition, fitness, fun or to be a part of a school team, the cross-country team is a great team to join. We do not cut anyone from the team!

We will be having a meeting and perhaps a run on Monday, September 21st, at 3:30 pm at Camosun Track (beside Queen Elizabeth School). We are still waiting to hear what we can and cannot do. If you (or your child) would like to receive information about cross country, please contact Mr. Jack at bjack@vsb.bc.ca and I will add you to my email list. If the first meeting/practice has to be re-scheduled, I can let you know by email. In the meantime, please try to get some practice runs in on your own! Go Grey Ghosts!

Mr. Jack

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

Please join us for our PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd 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 in advance through the link below.

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

In addition, at the start of the meeting we will be taking a few minutes to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect our new executive team for the 2020/2021 school year. We have a few vacancies and are hopeful some parents will step forward to volunteer. Having a full executive ensures we can carry on important PAC tasks as well as ensures we represent the diversity of our school. If you are interested in one of these positions please email lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com. In an effort to maximize our meeting time we would sincerely appreciate if people could declare their interest in advance.

Below is who has indicated they will be running this year.

Co-Chair – Tammy Baltz

Co-Chair – Kristin McAllister

Vice-Chair – Christine Macdougall

Treasurer – Vacant/Volunteer Needed

Secretary – Vacant/Volunteer Needed

DPAC - Vacant/Volunteer Needed

Look forward to connecting with you soon!

Lord Byng PAC