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A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

As we conclude the first week of instruction after a much needed Winter Break holiday I would to thank all our staff for beginning the year with a new found energy. The year brings with it the promise of a new start and an opportunity to begin to dream of the end of the pandemic which hopefully will be our lasting memory of 2021.

Staff this week had the opportunity to meet directly face to face with students for the first time since December 2020 and it was a joyful experience to watch as our students came back to school. As always, our health and safety guidelines remain as our top priority and are vital to maintaining the well being of our staff, students, and community members. I would like to commend all our students for once again wearing masks, respecting the important distancing guidelines, and continuing to assist us after school ends by dispersing quickly from the school grounds.

This week teachers will be updating their reporting for the midpoint of Q2 with updates available next week for parents and students in MyEd. I would also like to thank all you for the kind words and cards that you gave us at the end of the year and look forward to working with you all in another exciting year of teaching and learning!

Have a restful, safe weekend,

Mr. Wilmann

Quarterly Schedule

Your D2(P2) class will be face to face the week of January 11th and your D2(P1) class will be remote. See rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#).

Byng Wear/Grad Wear

LAST CHANCE 1 WEEK SALE from Wednesday, January 6th to Thursday, January 14th!

Announcing one last chance to order Byngwear and Gradwear school logo clothing appare! Due to a number of student requests, a second chance to order a variety of clothing options such as hoodies and sweatpants with school colours and logos is available to both Undergraduate and Grad students. Grades 8 to 11 students have an array of clothing merchandise options to purchase as BYNGWEAR while Grade 12 students also have similar items only with special Graduation insignias on them available as GRADWEAR.

Order forms may also be accessed by downloading the online order form PDF from the school website (to the left under resources) *or* paper order forms can be obtained from Mr. Johnston in Room 309.

Online payment through [School Cash Online](#) or cheque payments may be used. However, Cheque payments MUST be dropped off to the Grad sponsor Mr. Johnston in Room 309 not in the Main Office please.

Students may see Mr. Johnston in Room 309 to try on sizing with safety protocols practiced.

Purchased items should be available for pick-up later this month as this sale has a much shorter return timeline than the fall sale.

This is the last chance to order Byngwear or Gradwear this year and the sale ends on January 14th.



Numeracy/Literacy 10 Exams

Our Numeracy 10 exam will be taking place during the week of January 25th - 29th, 2021 for all Grade 10 students as well as some Grade 12 students who have not yet written.

- Click [here](#) to find the Numeracy 10 Exam schedule for January 25th - 29th, organized by your face-to-face block 2-1 class.
- The Numeracy 10 exam is a graduation requirement.
- There will be an opportunity for Grade 11/12 students to register to write or re-write the Numeracy 10 Exam during the final session on June 14th - 23rd.
- For more information about the Numeracy 10 exam, including helpful tips and practice questions, [please click here](#).

Our Literacy 10 Exam will be offered during the week of April 12th - 16th, 2021.

- The detailed April 12th - 16th exam schedule will be shared in the Spring.
- The Literacy 10 Exam is a graduation requirement. The current grad class of 2021 is exempt from the Literacy 10 Exam graduation requirement.
- There will also be an opportunity for Grade 11 students to register to re-write the Literacy 10 Exam during the final session during June 14th - 23rd.
- For more information about the Literacy 10 exam, including helpful tips and practice questions, [please click here](#).

Capstone 12 Update

There will be an important Capstone Information Evening hosted by PAC by Zoom on Wednesday January 13th at 7pm. Parents and students are encouraged to submit their questions in advance by clicking [here](#). Grade 12 parents will be sent an email next week with the login information.

Girls Will Stay Club

The Girls Will Stay Club would like to say thank you again for all the kind support. We raised over \$1500 and we could not be more happy! We want to announce the three winners of the raffle. Enjoy your treats!!! Thank you all!

Marshall Wilcox

Finlay Buder

Tina Bao

VSB Career Programs

Are you a grade 10 or 11 student considering a career in the **skilled trades, technology, or health care**? Then you need to know more about what VSB Career Programs has to offer! Students who apply could get a headstart on career training and the school district pays the tuition. That's right, **free tuition** and a chance to get started early on training or an apprenticeship while still graduating on-time.

For more information about what VSB Career Programs has to offer, visit http://bit.ly/cp_tv, or speak to a school counsellor.

Art Gallery News

Happy New Year. Welcome Back. Call for new Art Work for the next show in the Gallery.

Get your drawings, paintings, photos, and sculptures ready. We will be switching the show the week of January 18th. All students are invited to submit their work to the Gallery office or to the Art Rooms on the second floor on the 18th and 19th. Please write your name on the back of your work so we know who you are when it comes to returning the work. Artists who have work currently on display should pick up their work in the Gallery that week as well.

Remember, you can't get smART without ART! Stay creative.

Virtual Food Drive for Greater Vancouver Food Bank - 2020/2021

It's that time of year again, when Lord Byng Student Council collects money for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank! Please donate anything you can to help those in need this holiday season! So far we have raised over \$4000!

Greater Vancouver Food Bank:

For every dollar raised, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank can double the purchase of local, fresh and healthy food because of our buying power and strong relationships with farmers and retailers.

Click [here](#) to donate!

Lord Byng Library

The library has had great success in getting books out to students even through these difficult times. Please encourage your child to request books to read through the entire school year as a focus on literacy is integral to learning. It is also important that students take a break from being online all the time and just read a good book. PLEASE READ!!!!

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 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.

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 schoolwork.

Student Workspace Request Form

Students that are requiring a workspace for Quarter 2 must complete this [form](#) to reserve a space. Please note that space is limited and only students that are registered for a workspace can occupy a dedicated workspace and must always follow the following health and safety requirements:

1. Always remain 2 meters apart.
2. Hands must be cleaned before sitting.
3. Masks must always be worn.
4. Food and drink are not allowed in this area.
5. Students must not share equipment.
6. Students must clean off desk after use.
7. Students can only sit in designated seating.

Dedicated locations for these working areas are:

1. The Upper Mezzanine (outside of library)
2. Art Gallery
3. Art Gallery Foyer (Crown Street Entrance)

School Fees

Click [here](#) to pay for the 2020-2021 School fees and Supplemental fees.

If you haven't registered to School Cash Online, please follow the instructions below:

Step 1: Click [here](#)

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

Visitors to the Building

The school building remains closed to the general public. Access by parents is by appointment only, approved directly by the Principal or Vice Principal, and for essential school business or on an emergency basis only. All other communication and business will occur via phone, virtual meeting, or email.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Procedures

Thank you to all students and staff for completing the [Daily Health Assessment](#) every day as part of our daily routine before entering our building. Thank you as well for discussing as a family the importance of maximizing physical distance, minimizing physical contact, wearing masks, and practicing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. All schools in the Vancouver School District have detailed procedures and protocols in place to do so. Thank you again to all students, families, and staff for your ongoing efforts to help keep Lord Byng safe.

Key Messages for Staff and Students

- Maximize physical distance
- Minimize physical contact
- Proper hand hygiene
- Proper cough and sneeze etiquette
- Wearing masks
- Entry, exit, hallways and stairwell traffic flow
- Completing the daily health check and not coming to school if you are sick



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

Course Selection

Happy New Year! We want to wish everyone best wishes for the new 2021 Year.

Our course selection presentation for all the students will be happening on February 17 during period 1-3 in A/Flex A and B/Flex B. All the students will have an opportunity to hear the presentation and ask questions. Mr. Rymer will be addressing grade 8s, Mr. Greenshields will talk to grade 9s, Ms. Birsan will meet with grade 10s and Ms. Radic will present to grade 11s. In addition to this, we will have a parent presentation on January 20 through Zoom platform (PAC will have more details on this event). We hope to see many of you then. We are continuing to work on our Course Planning page on our school website, so please feel free to check that out as well: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-byng/Guidance-and-Support/Course-Planning/Pages/Default.aspx>. Thank you for all your support. As always feel free to reach out to us, we are here to help and work together.

Byng Arts Information

New Applicants to Byng Arts

Thank you to everyone who submitted their Byng Arts applications. We are beginning our review of the information and will post additional updates later this month.

Consult our website for the most up to date information: <http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

If you have additional questions, contact us at byngarts@vsb.bc.ca. Your emails will be reviewed when we return from winter break. We will not be responding to questions during the holidays.

Byng Arts Passports

PASSPORT SITE (<http://passport.lordbyng.net/>)

The Byng Arts Passport site is designed encourage participation within the Byng Art program, to record your interactions with the arts outside of school, and to bring us together as a community of artists, actors, musicians, film makers, singers, and writers.

Passports are reviewed twice a year and the first review is being delayed until the week after Valentine's Day in February ❤️ we want you to have a minimum of five achievements unlocked. So, get started right away, without delay.

Byng Arts – Info Page on TEAMS

Please use the Team site to keep up with new information for Byng Arts.

Byng Arts Student Council Update

Meeting Highlights for January 7, 2021

- Things to get excited about
 - New house channels in Teams - Everyone has been added to a private Common Room for their House to collaborate in the House Cup Games.
 - The Cypher and House Cup Games will start this month
- Important information:
 - Committee meetings back this coming Wednesday
 - Passports are due but the date has been pushed back to the week after Valentine's Day.
 - There will be a tally before passports close
 - Our individual house logos will be uploaded soon
 - Congratulations to Jane Zhang – her logo was chosen for the Student Council logo
- Final thoughts:
 - We need your help – we need volunteers for the SGN broadcast.
 - Writers
 - Camera Crew
 - Actors/In front of camera performers
 - Production designers
 - Goal: one broadcast a month, first one at the end of Quarter 2
 - Let's get excited about this initiative so we can post our first video this month

Here's to a happy and healthy 2021!

Thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas and energy.

Sincerely, your council executive, Theo, Megan, Sarah, and Camille.

PAC News

Wow, our final numbers are in from our annual fundraising campaign and collectively we have raised over \$35,000 – thank you! The support is very much appreciated and will ensure that all projects are fully funded. More details about these PAC funded initiatives will be included in future newsletters.

Please join us for our next regular PAC meeting on Wednesday, January 20th. We encourage parents to submit questions in advance through the link [here](#).

For any PAC related matters please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support!

Lord Byng PAC

Byng Grad Parent Committee

Save the date! We've optimistically booked the Westin Bayshore for a Grad celebration [on Monday June 21, 2021](#). We're excited to share more details with you in the New Year.