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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

### Welcome back!

It has been another exciting week here at Byng and once again an opportunity for us all to work together as a community of learners. Highlights from the first week include an amazing art display that was here to greet us as we entered the building on Monday. The display was created by young artists from the **Byng Arts Program** and featured the works of artists that were reflecting on their learning experiences from **Black History Month** in February.

There will be a full update on this and several the other projects that are underway at the school next week in the **School News Section** of the **Friday Newsletter**. For now, I will share an image of just one of the art works from the display of prominent Canadian social activist and politician Viola Desmond.



Once again health and safety will remain as our top priority for staff, students and community members for the remainder of the school year as we continue to follow the updated guidelines that were shared with our community in a [letter](#) that was sent out to parents yesterday by the VSB.

The weekend ahead is our Easter Weekend Holiday and on behalf of the school and our community we wish you all the very best and hope that you have a much deserved and restful weekend.

Mr. Wilmann

## **Quarterly Schedule**

Your D1(P4) class will be face to face the week of April 6th. See rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#) (revised January 21, 2021).

Students were provided a Fillable Student Schedule for Q3 on TEAMS. Please click [here](#) for a copy.

## **Not Returning to Lord Byng 2021-2022**

Students who are not planning to return to Lord Byng in Sept 2021, please click [here](#) and return completed form to Ms. Tichelman in the school office.

## **History of Lord Byng Grey Ghosts Nickname**

A Sunday Read: Why do nicknames matter? The origin story of Vancouver's Lord Byng Grey Ghosts! – Varsity Letters  
Please see link:

<https://varsityletters.ca/a-sunday-read-why-do-nicknames-matter-the-origin-story-of-vancouver-lord-byng-grey-ghosts/>

## **Summer School Information**

1. Monday, April 19 Summer School website will go live with available course offerings.
2. Friday, April 30 Brochures/flyers will be sent to schools.
3. Tuesday, May 4 Online student registration process opens at 8:00 a.m.
4. There is no Preview summer school this year.
5. Secondary School Sites – Churchill, John Oliver, Vancouver Technical
6. Grade 8 – 9 Review courses and Grade 10 – 11 Remedial courses: July 8 – August 5 ▪ 8:00 am – 10:00 am; 10:15 am – 12:15 pm. (Students will attend in-person classes.)
7. Grade 10 – 12 Completion courses: July 6 – August 10 ▪ 8:00 am – 11:35 am; 12:20 pm – 3:55 pm. (Students will attend in-person classes unless Public Health Orders warrant a change to a Day1/Day2 hybrid remote/in-person model.

More information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

## **Junior Honour and Senior Honour String Students**

“The Junior Honour and Senior Honour strings students have been working hard for a virtual festival recording. Each will video-tape their pieces for adjudication in the 1st and 2nd weeks of April. The video will be submitted to the ConBrio CloudFest later in April, whereby students will get the opportunity to work with a clinician to give them feedback on their performances.

Additionally, members of Strings Council have been planning a virtual Strings Benefit Concert happening the 2nd week of June. There will be more information provided in the coming weeks and months of school.

Junior Symphony is planning some exciting music: Mozart's Marriage of Figaro Overture and Saint-Saen's Bacchanale. They will be making audio/video recordings of their pieces after Spring Break. The video will be shared on Teams for families to see at home.”

## AP Exam Information – Updated

Hello AP Students!

Please see the following updated Lord Byng AP Exam schedule. Thank you for registering for your AP exams. More information about the exam format will be shared closer to the exam dates.

Exam	Date	Time
AP Calculus AB/BC	Wednesday, June 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Digital At-Home</i>	9:00 am
AP Computer Science A	Tuesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Digital At-Home</i>	1:00 pm
AP English Literature and Composition	Tuesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Digital At-Home</i>	9:00 am
AP French Language and Culture	Monday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>In-School</i>	8:00 am
AP Statistics	Thursday, June 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Digital At-Home</i>	1:00 pm
AP Drawing	Portfolio Submission Final Deadline: Thurs, May 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>(Portfolios need to be completed before this date.)</i>	

For students not enrolled in an AP class at Lord Byng please visit the [VSB website](#) for more information.

## Student Learning Survey

All students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and staff are invited to participate in the annual Provincial Student Learning Survey.

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. We encourage all students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and staff to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and district that focus on local conditions or issues have been included.

### To complete the survey as a student:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access.
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the “Student” section:
  - District: **39 Vancouver**
  - Logon #: *your unique 9 (nine) digit Personal Education Number (PEN)*
  - Language: *the language of your choice*
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views.”

### To complete the survey as a parent/guardian/caregiver:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access.
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
  - a. District: **39 Vancouver**
  - b. School: **Lord Byng Secondary**

- c. Language: *the language of your choice*
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views.”

The Provincial Student Learning Survey site will be open until April 30th. Thank you for taking the time to complete the Provincial Student Learning Survey.

### **Literacy 10 Assessment**

Our Literacy 10 Assessments will be taking place during the week of April 12th – 16th for all Grade 10 students as well as some Grade 11 students who have not yet written.

[CLICK HERE](#) (REVISED for Grade 11 only start time March 30 2021) to find the Literacy 10 Assessment Schedule for April 12th – 16th, organized by your face-to-face block 1-3 class.

- Please note the start time. We ask students to arrive 10 minutes before the start of the assessment (ex: 8:20am, 10:50 am or 11:50am).
- Students will not be permitted to write if they arrive 30 minutes past the scheduled time.
- Students must bring the following items to the assessment:
  - A face mask
  - A piece of photo ID
  - *Devices such as smart phones are not permitted.*
- We recommend that all students try the [sample assessment](#) to become familiar with the assessment format, instructions, and navigation.
  - Students can also collaborate with peers using the [workbooks and collaborative learning videos](#).
  - Students can access the [scoring guide and student examples](#) so they can review real examples of student responses.
- All COVID-19 policies and procedures will be followed during the assessment. Masks must be worn and distance must be maintained. Daily health checks must be completed prior to attending. If anyone is ill, they must stay home. There will be an opportunity during the June session for anyone that needed to stay home.
- The Literacy 10 assessment is a graduation requirement. There will be an opportunity for Grade 11 students to register to write or re-write the Literacy 10 Assessment during the final session on June 14th – 23rd.

### **Core Competency Self Assessments**

This quarter staff and students took the time to connect and communicate about the development of the core competencies. Students work through a process of self-assessment and reflection on their own progress over the school year. The final reflection and assessment of these competencies will occur during Quarter 4.

For more information about the core competencies within the BC curriculum please visit:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

### **Track and Field**

Lord Byng Track and Field training has started! The practice schedule for the April and May will be as follows:

Mondays: 3:15 to 4: 45 pm at Camosun Park

Tuesdays: 3:15 to 4:45 pm at Camosun Park

Wednesdays: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Sprints and Relays, Main Gym

Thursdays: 7:45 to 8:30 am, High Jump and Hurdles, Main Gym

If they missed the initial meeting, students must see Mr. Jack in the PE office or pick up the necessary forms attached to the bulletin board in the west side of the Main Gym. The entire practice and meet schedule is included. Contact Mr. Jack at [bjack@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:bjack@vsb.bc.ca) for more information.

### Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

Boys Grade 8 Volleyball Tryouts will take place Wednesday, April 7th at 11:35 in the small gym and on Friday, April 9th in the main gym at 11:35. Any grade 8 boy interested in playing volleyball this year should be in attendance.

### 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



Please see [Updated Mask Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#) as of March 31, 2021.

**Reminder to students to use correct doorway entrances and exits as well to follow directional arrows. Stairwells are one directional.**

### Student Workspace Request Form – for Quarter 3

Students that are requiring a workspace for Quarter 3 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)

## 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>

## Course Planning

Here is the recap:

1. For all information regarding course planning please go to the [Course Planning](#) page on our school website.
2. We want to thank all the students and families for doing such a great job with entering their course selections into MyEd. At this time, students are able to view their course requests in MyEd. If you have any questions about course requests, please email your counsellor.

If you need help with your MyEd login and password email Mr. Vulgaris at [mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca).

## LB Scholarship

All grade 12 students are encouraged to apply for our LB Scholarships. The application and all the details about the process are now posted in Teams. If you have any additional questions, please see Mr. Johnston or your counsellor. In order to be considered for an award, students must hand in a LB scholarship application.

## Other Scholarships

Counsellors have been posting a lot of other scholarships that are available for all grade 12s to apply. We encourage all grade 12 students to take a look and apply for the ones that they feel are a good match. If they need any help with this, we are here to help.

## Peer Counselling 12

PC 12 applications are now available. Please check your Counselling Grade 11 Team - General Channel for all the details. This is available to grade 11 students only. For more information about this course, please check out: [Peer Counselling 12](#)

## Microsoft Teams

This is just a friendly reminder for students to keep checking their Counselling Team page. We have set up different channels and are posting various information that students may find useful. For Grade 11s and 12s there is a lot of information on various scholarship opportunities as well as post-secondary info.

## 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.



## Byng Arts Information

### *Visual Arts Students! – Time to Collect your Artwork*

Two messages:

1. Did you work on a large shoe sculpture in Mr. Bowen's Art class either last year or this year? If yes, you may have noticed the art installation in the foyer outside of the Art Gallery. Well, the installation is taken down now and we need the shoes collected.  
Please come by the foyer kiosk to collect a shoe as soon as possible; following April 9th the shoes will be irretrievable. Take your shoe home and hang it in your room! Thank you in advance!
2. Work from the last Gallery Show has been taken down and is waiting for you to pick it up in the Gallery. Thank you artists for your creative contributions (any questions or concerns can be directed to one of the art teachers – [jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca))

### *Join Us Online for our Next Coffee House – Spring It & Bring It - April 14*

Music, poetry, humour, and part two of the rap battle. Please join us for a live broadcast on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 on Teams.

Sign up to perform:

If you want to perform as part of the event, please fill out this form. Any type of performance is welcome and all students at Byng can participate!

Sign Up Form: [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

FAQ

What is a coffeehouse: A place for you to showcase your artistic talents in front of a live audience!

When: April 14th at 5pm

Where: All performances will be done remotely over a Teams call.

This is organized by the Byng Arts Student Council but is open to everyone who wants to attend or perform. Check out [@byngartstudentcouncil](#) on Instagram for more info!

### *Tour the Louvre*

Tired of being at home looking at the same walls? This article from the Verge by Kait Sanchez provides information on how to access the vast collections of the Louvre from the comfort of your living room. Follow the suggested itinerary focused on animals which includes a gun wielding monkey or use one of the themed albums provided by the curatorial department of the Louvre. Mona is waiting.

[Click Here](#) for the article.

### *Attention Art Students*

[Portfolio Clinics at Home](#) from Ontario's University of Art and Design. These programs are designed for learners between the ages of 15-19 who are getting ready for a creative education; work with OCAD U faculty (who are professionals in their field) and come away with a finished work or in-progress work to include in their portfolio.

[Between April 10th and 28th student can register for one or more 3-hour long workshops.](#) Each one is \$35 (CAD) and they will take place live on Microsoft Teams.

**Workshops include:**

- Model Drawing Through Screen
- Explorations in Drawing with Ink
- 3-Dimensional Package Design



[Register Here](#)

### *New Applicants to Byng Arts*

We have completed our first and second round of offers to Grade 7 applicants. We have made a small number of offers to students applying for Grades 9 to 12. We are continuing to review our spaces available for Grades 9 to 12 and will only be able to make additional offers when we are sure that we have the space in each department. Please stay tuned for updates.

If you have additional questions, contact Mr. Hartley-Folz at [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca).

### *Byng Arts Passports*

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

Passports have been Talled on Tuesday, February 16. We wanted students to have a minimum of five achievements unlocked. We will send out notification next week to students who did not achieve this threshold.

We will review passports again in May. We will want you to have an additional 5 events recorded for a total of ten, so don't stop now.

### *Byng Arts Student Council Update*

Meeting summary:

April 1st, 2021

- WAT video has been posted on Teams.

April Coffee House– Poetry Themed Title: Spring it and Bring it

- APRIL 14 5 PM
- Audition sign-up due April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Auditions
  - Fill out the google form on teams to participate
- Fundraising Starts Next week on School Cash Online
  - We are working with backpack buddies and there will be more details to come as we iron out the plan through school cash online

### **PAC News**

**PARENT DPAC SURVEY DEADLINE SUNDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>** – After a challenging year Vancouver DPAC is conducting a quick survey to get parent's views on what they liked and disliked about the VSB model. This feedback will help inform their discussions with the VSB regarding what the instructional model will look like in the future. Deadline this Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuLBVkJ-QXr2P\\_RvQwNvgZDWealt-wkYmKvNpSr6lCP65gXg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuLBVkJ-QXr2P_RvQwNvgZDWealt-wkYmKvNpSr6lCP65gXg/viewform)

**SHARE YOUR VIEWS!** The Byng PAC would like to encourage all parents and students to complete the Provincial 2020-2021 Student Learning Survey to ensure their views are shared. Deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 [Take the Survey!](#)