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## Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

On behalf of the Educational Leadership Team Mr. Vulgaris, Ms. Hughes, and myself Mr. Wilmann I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for making our first week back a great success!!!

None of this would have been possible without the help from our parents and students and our amazing Byng staff teachers, office staff, support staff and building engineers. Opening a school in September is a herculean task in a regular year and in a year when we are still during a pandemic it is especially challenging.

Next week the counselling team Ms. Radic, Ms. Smith, Ms. Birsan and Ms. Boyd will continue to meet with students by grade and complete student timetables for those students that have incomplete schedules.

**Thank you for your patience as our counsellors and teachers work to start the school year.**

The information regarding FIT Time PP, please click [HERE](#)

Return to School Health and Safety Plan, please click [HERE](#)

Have a great weekend and welcome back to all of you!

Mr. Wilmann

## Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Statutory Holiday

Following federal legislation to mark September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and the provincial government announcement to make it a day of commemoration, all schools and work sites in the Vancouver School District will be closed on this day. This is a day to reflect on the impact of colonialism and genocide that resulted in the establishment of the residential schools system in Canada and the deaths of countless Indigenous children.

## Daily Health Assessments

All students and staff are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school.

The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. You can download the app on your device:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
- [Android devices](#)

Daily health checklists are available here: [English](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [عربي](#), [简体中文](#), [繁體中文](#), [Français](#), [فارسی](#), [Tagalog](#)

## **If your child becomes ill while at school**

Any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up.

### **Wearing masks**

As required in provincial guidelines, all staff, students in grades 4 to 12 and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including:

- At their desks
- On school buses

Exceptions include:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
  - If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask.
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
  - While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (for example, a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

### **Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette**

School staff will continue to focus on the importance of frequent hand washing (hand sanitizing) and of proper respiratory etiquette, such as coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue. Over the past several months the District has replaced faucets in all Vancouver schools to enable proper hand washing. Schools have also been provided with hand sanitizing stations for common areas, classrooms without sinks and at entry and exit locations.

### **Cleaning and disinfecting schools**

Like last year, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place in every school in the District. This will include ensuring that all frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24 hours.

### **School Visitors**

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors by appointment only. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, please contact the school directly before coming to the school. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

### **Keeping your distance**

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways and stairwells to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, and, to spread out as much as possible. We will also continue to take students outdoors, as much as possible, to engage in learning opportunities.

### **Ventilation**

Over the past year, significant improvements to ventilation systems have been made at all schools. This work has included making repairs and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacing and upgrading filters, setting controls to maximize the intake of outside air into learning spaces. Work has also been done to make sure windows in learning spaces can be opened to provide good ventilation.

### **More information**

More information about plans and guidelines to keep schools in British Columbia open and safe can be found [here](#). The District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations are available [here](#).

### **Microsoft Teams – Instructions**

Getting Started with Microsoft Teams Instructions– Please click [HERE](#)

### **School Cafeteria**

Cafeteria service is available Monday but space is limited. We are encouraging students to eat outside whenever possible. Alternate lunch spaces are being created.

### **Lord Byng Library**

We are happy to say that the library will be up and running starting Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. However, until further notice, the library will only accommodate a *maximum of 50% of its capacity*.

Here are some key points on how to best access the space and let students know what is available to them in the library.

**Sign out of books:** For the time being, students are free to sign out books ONLY during lunch. Over the next month or so we will see how this accommodates student needs and then adjust when necessary. We need to be mindful of capacity and current safety guidelines.

**Lunch Hours:** The library will be open during lunch (11:45-12:10) for students to sign out books and print their work. There will be 3 monitors as well as a staff supervisor to assist.

Literacy is an important aspect of the school goals; therefore, we are working to create a safe space for students while ensuring they have access to books and resources throughout the coming year.

Let's stay safe and have an amazing year!

Ms. Rezler and Ms. Moldowan

### **School Forms**

There will be many forms sent home with your son/daughter next week in homeroom class (Media Consent, CASL, Emergency Student Reunification, Neighbourhood Excursion Consent Form). We would appreciate that forms be returned to the school ASAP. Student information verification forms will be published via MyEd account. Details to follow.

### **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.

### **Counselling Department Update**

Counsellors are assigned to students by their last name (for all grades):

A to Gr – Ms. Arielle Boyd [aboyd@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:aboyd@vsb.bc.ca)

Gs to L – Ms. J. Radic [jradic@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jradic@vsb.bc.ca)

M to Te – Ms. Smith [msmith@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:msmith@vsb.bc.ca)

Tf to Z – Ms. Birsan [ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca)

Counselling department would like to welcome Ms. Arielle Boyd to our team. Ms. Boyd is very excited about joining the Byng community and meeting all her students.

## Course Changes Requests

1. Priority will be given to all new students and students who have an incomplete timetable.
2. Please do not email us with your course requests but rather follow the schedule below and come in person:
3. Sept. 9 (Thursday) New students and all grade 12s
4. Sept. 10 (Friday) New students and all grade 11s
5. Sept. 13 (Monday) New students and all grade 10s
6. Sept. 14 (Tuesday) all grade 9s and 8s

Please note all the counsellors will be in the foyer in front of the art gallery. We will be helping students from 9-11am and 1-3pm on these days. On Sept. 15, counsellors will work in their regular offices and will continue to see any students who still need help with their timetables. Please, we encourage you to take your time and think carefully before coming and requesting a change.

## Microsoft Teams

Counsellors will use Teams for sharing various information such as University visits, scholarships, volunteer opportunities etc. Please make sure that you are part of our Teams group. If you are not, please email your counsellor and we will add you. The name of the groups are: Grade 12 (Counselling 2021/22), Grade 11 (Counselling 2021/22), and so on.

## **School Photos**

Our school photo day is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **2021/22 Lord Byng Calendars**

Please click [here](#) (updated) to see a list of important dates for the 2021-2022 school calendar, including school opening day as well as a list of vacation days, professional development days and parent conference dates.

In addition, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on **Thursday, September 30** and school will not be session.

## **2021/22 Bell Schedules**

<u>Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays</u>		<u>Tuesdays</u>		<u>Thursdays</u>	
Period 1	8:40 – 10:01	Period 1	8:40 – 9:36	Period 1	8:40 – 10:01
Break	10:01 – 10:11	F.I.T.	9:41 – 10:31	Break	10:01 – 10:11
Period 2	10:11 – 11:32	Period 2	10:36 – 11:32	Period 2	10:11 – 11:32
Lunch	11:32 – 12:17	Lunch	11:32 – 12:17	Lunch	11:32 – 12:17
Period 3	12:17 – 1:38	Period 3	12:17 – 1:38	Period 3	12:17 – 1:13
Period 4	1:45 – 3:06	Period 4	1:45 – 3:06	F.I.T.	1:16 – 2:06
				Period 4	2:10 – 3:06

## **Flexible Instructional Time**

Lord Byng will be incorporating Flexible Instructional Time (F.I.T.) for the 2021-2022 school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The purpose of the FIT block is to provide students with time and flexibility to address the Career Education competencies; to meet with teachers for support, guidance and inspiration regarding curriculum or other passions and interests; collaborate with students, teachers or community members; and explore, work on, or complete assignments and projects. FIT time is a period of Instructional Time built into the schedule that allows students to have some measure of choice and control over their own learning. During FIT, students are expected to be in a classroom or learning space, completing school work (either individually or in groups), meeting with teachers for support on classwork, working on projects under teacher supervision or getting caught up on missed work.

## **MyEdBC Access**

Access to MyEdBC will be available at the end of day September 3rd.

For MyEdBC, First time logging in, please click [here](#). Grade 8's and new students will have the temporary default password Dist\$2022 when you log in and will be asked to create a new password. You will be receiving an email about this.

### **Lockers - Booking online**

If you have signed up for a locker in the **B-Building Auditorium/Band zones**, please log in to <https://byng.lockerassignment.com/> to find your new locker number that replaced the original locker number you selected online. New batch of locker numbered 38 to 87 have been replaced the original locker numbered B97-B136; B1227-1274.

A new approach this year for all grades. Locker selection will be done online. Please note Grade 10 students will be required to share their lockers with a partner. Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to book online.

### **Grade 12 Grad Photo Session**

Grade 12 reminder for all grads to have their grad photos taken at Artona Studios from Sept 26-30, 2021. 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>

### **Byng Athletics**

#### *Volleyball Tryout Schedule*

Please click [HERE](#). All tryouts will be taking place in the **SMALL GYM**.

#### *Gr. 8 Boys Basketball Meeting*

Any gr. 8 boy interested in basketball this season please attend a meeting Wednesday September 15th at lunch in the small gym.

### **PAC News**

Dear Byng families,

Welcome back to all parents and students! We are very appreciative of our community's collective effort so that students were able to return to full time in person instruction this September. A big thanks to all the teachers and staff who are also transitioning to a new semester system.

Please join us for our first PAC meeting of this school year on Wednesday, September 22nd from 7pm-8:30pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent out the day before the meeting. 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 PAC Meeting on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021.](#)

We are looking for a couple parents/guardians to join us on the PAC Executive this year! If you are interested in volunteering a little time to help bridge the parent community to the school, please email us before the September 22 meeting at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com) to learn more.

For any other PAC related inquiries please feel free to email us at [lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com).

Look forward to connecting with you soon!

#### **2021/22 PAC Meeting Dates:**

September 22, 2021

October 20, 2021  
November 17, 2021  
January 19, 2022  
February 16, 2022  
April 20, 2022  
May 18, 2022

## **Byng Arts**

ATTENTION ARTISTS – Call for Artwork

We want to know what you have been doing all summer. Bring your artwork to the Gallery next week and submit it for the first show of the year.

We are excited to replace the current collection of boxes and sports equipment with your drawings and paintings.

Make sure to put your name and grade on the back and a way to contact you (email or phone number). This show is open to everyone.

You can't get smART without ART.

Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any questions ([jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca))

## BYNG ARTS INFO

### **A Welcome Note from Mr. Hartley-Folz**

The year ahead offers the opportunity to be curious and fully engaged with the world around us. Like the poet Ogden Nash has been quoted as saying, *"Shake and shake the ketchup bottle. None comes out and then a lottle."* I hope that you will shake things up this upcoming year and that you will find a more confident voice, a greater depth of creativity and the courage to try new things.

A high school can be nothing more than a necessary stepping stone in a student's path towards adulthood. We are skilled enough, confident enough and creative enough to take a different approach. Take the time to look at the year ahead and celebrate the possibility it holds. Celebrate the curiosity that got you here and your courage to make difficult choices. Celebrate your openness to new challenges and your willingness to make them happen.

It is an incredible privilege to accompany all of you on your journey and hopefully be a part of shaking things up. Thank you for keeping things interesting and unpredictable, your curiosity, passion and commitment to excellence defines us as a school and more importantly it defines you as the artist, actor, musician and individual that you aspire to be.

Welcome back.

### Byng Arts Teams Site

We are rebuilding the Byng Arts Teams site and should have it up and ready to go by next week.

Like last year, the Teams site will be a place for use to share information and a link for us to come together and celebrate the creativity that we all value.

One of our first themes for the online Gallery is to play with your food and re-create a piece of art with your breakfast, dinner, or lunch! On your marks, get set, MAKE!!!



We will also be starting up the passport site and want to know all about what you did last summer – unlock a new achievement by sending in a picture of you attending or performing in an art based event this summer. The passport site can be reached by click this link: <http://passport.lordbyng.net/>

If you are new to the Passport Site, you can register a new account with the link above. You will receive an email to activate your account – likely it will be routed to your spam/junk folder, see the image below for help:

**try:**

Use the search bar to search for "Passport Message"

or click "More"

and look for it in your Spam folder

Look for this message

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me, Sydney Marley, Fel	For your passport	10/16/16
Kendra Coulter, Kendra, knoulter@vsb.bc.ca	Byng Arts Passports - On Hold	Apr 27
me, service@loadsof.space	Welcome to Passport	5/17/17