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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

A big thank you to our amazing PAC chairs Kirsten McAllister and Tammy Baltz for hosting our first PAC meeting on the year that was held on Wednesday night!

The meeting was a great opportunity for the Byng Educational Leadership Team to meet parents for the first time in the school year and to share some of the exciting news and updates about our school. One of the major highlights that was announced at the meeting is the news that we are in the final stages of our seismic upgrade program at the school. The main gym should be open for student use in the early October, our auditorium is now almost ready for use and our shops are already up and running. There are several final projects that need to be completed including the installation of a sound system and lighting panel in our auditorium.

Once again, we would like to thank the PAC and the generosity of the Byng parent community for all the support that you have given us to enhance the work that has been completed by the seismic project and will benefit all our students at Byng for years to come.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

Thank you for continuing to provide a truly rich and engaging environment for all our students during the past two weeks of school start up.

As a result of your efforts the school is now vibrant, alive, and full of energy and has led to creating a truly positive **Climate, Culture and Community for all Byng students to learn and to thrive and to develop as Educated Citizens. Among the Four Pillars of Learning:**

- **Social and Emotional Learning**
- **Inclusion and Diversity**
- **Student Engagement**

The Fourth Pillar of Learning **Indigenous Teaching and Learning** was fully in evidence this week with artists **Jason Taylor** and **Cyler Point** beginning their work on the new school gymnasium floor logo on Friday.

For those staff members that are new to Byng the school staff and students were involved in the plan to create a new floor design for the gymnasium floor in the final weeks of June 2021, completing an online survey to give their ideas on the design in consultation with both artists one Musqueam (Cyler) and one Kwakwaka'wakw (Jason).

The final decision for the design went to Byng Athletics coaches and the artist's rendering has already been placed on the front of this year's agenda book cover with a powerful description explaining the significance of the two ravens that have been included into the design. One of the ravens looks backwards reflecting the history of the school and the Musqueam land on which it sits and the other looks forward to the future in which the students at the school will work together with Indigenous peoples to build a new and better future in the spirit of "**Reconciliation**".

As a part of that **Reconciliation** process Jason and Cyler spent their weekend working alongside the gym floor installation team to paint the artwork on the floor. This visible act of reconciliation will help our school to begin the important work of really starting to understand what reconciliation truly means for us a school, community, province, and country.

To help us on that journey the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** is now set for September 30th throughout our Province and Country and schools throughout BC and many other provinces are closed for the day to allow for a **National Day of Reflection** and acknowledgement.

As a school we had planned to hold a school wide **National Reconciliation Day** on that day. This event has now been moved to September 29th during period 2 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am.

The event will be presented directly to all classes through Teams.



Like other sports teams and organizations Byng is leading the way with its logo and gym floor design and can proudly stand alongside teams such as the BC Lions Football team that have just completed their revised new emblem for the club.

Thanks Byng staff, students, and community for supporting our important national journey of reconciliation!!!



Sept 30th Stat 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.

Water Fountain and Bottle Station

The water fountain and bottle station are now open. Please bring your water bottle to school.

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](#).

School Parking Lot

The parking lot is for **STAFF only**. Student parking, or student drop off/pick up is **not permitted**.

Microsoft Teams – Instructions

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

School Cafeteria

The cafeteria is open and food service is now available. Space is limited and alternate lunch spaces are being created. We are encouraging students to eat outside whenever possible.

CLC 11 - Parent/Guardians of Grade 11 Students

Dear Parent/Guardians of Grade 11 Students,

This year, your son/daughter is required to take a course called **Career Life Connections**

(CLC 11A). All Grade 11 students will complete this course online.

- CLC is a **2 credit course**.
- It is a **mandatory course**, created by the Ministry of Education, **required for graduation**.
- This will be a graded course, and it will appear on their transcript.
- This Course will be completed online by completing assignments on TEAMS.

In this course, students will:

- Think about personal life-long learning choices and post-graduation plans
- Create a career portfolio.
- Students will explore potential career paths, and post-secondary options, and develop important skills that will help them after they graduate.

Please ensure that your child checks TEAMS regularly, so that they can complete the assignments on time. The first assignment has been uploaded to TEAMS, and is **due on Friday, Oct 15th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher advisor.

Please note, if your son or daughter does not complete this course, and receive a passing grade, they will NOT BE ABLE TO GRADUATE.

CLC 12B – Parent/Guardians of Grade 12 Students

Dear Parent/Guardians of Grade 12 Students,

This year, your son/daughter is required to take a course called **Career Life Connections B (CLC 12B or Capstone)**

- CLC is a **2 credit course**.
- It is a **mandatory course**, created by the Ministry of Education, **required for graduation**.
- This will be a graded course, and it will appear on their transcript.
- This course will be completed off-timetable, and your child will be working with a teacher advisor from the school, and a mentor of their choice.

In this course students will:

- Create/Design a Capstone of their choice (they began this process at the end of Grade 11 last year)
- Work with a Mentor on their Capstone
- Have periodic check-in interviews with their teacher advisor on their progress
- Present their Capstone to a panel in May, 2022.

Please ensure that your child checks TEAMS regularly for important announcements/ information about the course, and for assignments. The first assignment has been uploaded to TEAMS, and is **due on Thursday Oct 21st**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher advisor.

Please note, if your son or daughter does not complete this course, and receive a passing grade, they will NOT BE ABLE TO GRADUATE.

Photo Retake Day

Photo retake day is Tuesday, Oct 19th.

Lord Byng Library

We are happy to say that the library will be up and running starting Monday, September 13th. 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

School forms (Media Consent, CASL, Emergency Student Reunification, Neighbourhood Excursion Consent) are now due in the school office. Student information verification forms will be published via MyEd account. Details to follow.

School Fees

[\\$ Pay a school fee now](#)

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/General_Resources/school-fees/Pages/OnlinePayment.aspx

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/layouts/vsbwww/arch/default/files/KEV-Translations/Chinese.pdf>

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. Forms should be returned to the school office.

Counselling Department Update

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

A to Gr – Ms. Boyd aboyd@vsb.bc.ca

Gs to L – Ms. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca

M to Te – Ms. Smith msmith@vsb.bc.ca

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

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

Course Changes Requests

This was a very busy start. We hope that our students feel a bit more settled and satisfied with all of their timetables. We worked very hard on balancing all the requests along with class size and composition requirement. Please feel free to email us or come by if you still need any help with your timetable. The last day for changing courses will be next week, Tuesday, September 21.

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.

New Byng Students

If you are a brand new student to Byng, we would like to welcome you and encourage you to come by and say hello. Our Byng Ambassadors did a welcome meet and greet as well as a school tour last week. If you need any help, or have any questions please reach out to us.

Grade 11/12 Post-Secondary Visits

We have advertised a number of post-secondary information sessions. All of this information is in Teams, eg. Grade 12 (Counselling 2021/22). If you are interested in these please look.

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.

MyEdBC Access

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 put a lock on a locker that you have not signed up online, please remove it or it will be removed by the office. Sign in to <https://byng.lockerassignment.com/> to select a locker and read the Student Instructions to select locker online: Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to book online. If you have already selected a locker online, please put a lock on your locker to claim it by the end of September. **Otherwise, we can reassign the locker to someone else who needs it.**

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.

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>

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us on Wednesday night for our first PAC meeting we had a great turn out. Unfortunately, our zoom account only accommodated up to 100 so for anyone who tried to join, and couldn't, we apologize. However, the meeting was recorded, and you can replay the meeting using the link below. Sincere thanks to Principal Wilmann, Vice-Principals Mr. Vulgaris and Ms. Hughes, Mr. Sandher, and Ms. Silva for their updates – lots of great information was shared. At the meeting, the PAC also approved \$20,000 to purchase a new lightboard for the recently renovated auditorium. Sincere thanks the generosity of our Byng community for making this possible.

[Lord Byng PAC Meeting Zoom Recording](#) – Password: #LBPAC21 *Please note, zoom recordings are only available for 7 days.*

Thanks so much for everyone who stepped up and offered to volunteer this year! We have filled all the openings we needed to fill. However, we can always use more grade 12 parent volunteers so please reach out if you can assist with grad committee this year.

Our next PAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 via zoom.

For any PAC related matters please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com or visit www.lordbyngpac.com

We look forward to connecting!

Thanks for your support,

Lord Byng PAC

2021/22 PAC Meeting Dates:

October 20, 2021

November 17, 2021

January 19, 2022

February 16, 2022

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

Visual Arts Info

ATTENTION ARTISTS – Call for Artwork (open to the whole school)

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.

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

Congratulations to Byng Alumni – Ben Fieschi-Rose

His joint thesis project, “*The Lost Seahorse*” premiered at the 2021 edition of the Ryerson University Film Festival. It went on to win the Best Achievement in Visual Effects at the festival.

It is great to see the meticulous attention to detail that he displayed while attending Byng Arts for Visual Art and Theatre has continued and grown.

The following link is an interview with Ben about his creative process: [INTERVIEW](#)

Go behind the scenes with this time lapse: [CHASM BUILD](#)

View the film and others: Rent the program from the Montreal Stop Motion Festival (ends Sept 19): [RENT THE PROGRAM](#)

BYNG ARTS INFO

Byng Arts Info is now on Teams. [LINK](#)

We have added all Byng Arts students to our new Byng Arts Academy Info Site on Teams (speak to Mr. Hartley-Folz if you cannot access the page: jhartley@vsb.bc.ca).

Like last year, this 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!!! (Counts for Passport).



Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

Students are expected to record their participation in school-based and community-based arts events in their Byng Arts Passport. A trip to an art gallery, music performance, film fest event or a drama performance can all contribute to our artistic development. Involvement in a performance is also a great way to grow as an artist.

This is a fun, but mandatory part of their program at Byng Arts. Byng Arts Passports are reviewed every January and May and students are expected to have recorded five or more events for each submission date.

Students should log in to their old account or register as a new user right away without delay and begin building their record of their involvement in the Arts!!!

Steps:

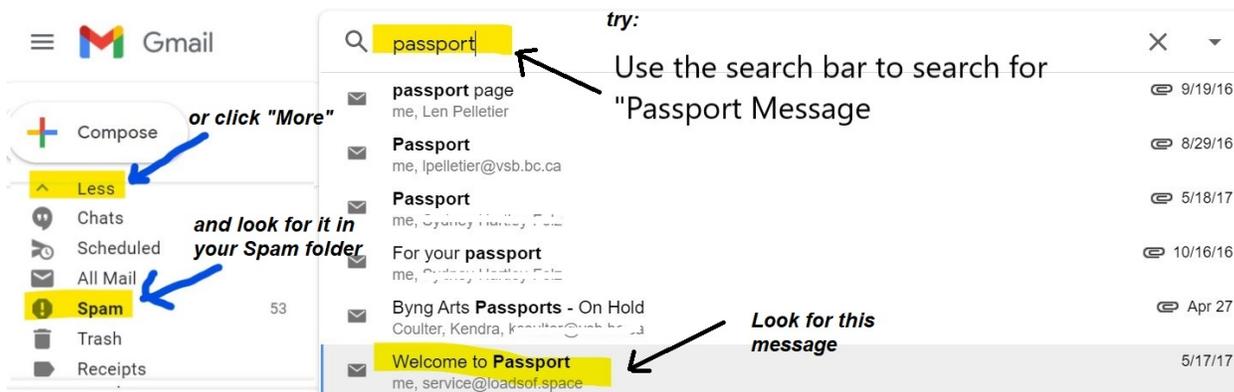
1. Log On
2. Upload a Profile Picture (small file size please)
3. Unlock a badge by uploading evidence of your activities

Potential Badges:

- Self-Starter
- Best Face Forward
- I Know What You Did Last Summer
- Play With Your Food

The passport site can be reached by click this link: <http://passport.lordbyng.net/>

If you are new to the Passport Site, don't worry, we will send out additional information to help get you started. For now, 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:



If you are having trouble, come and see Mr. Hartley-Folz, mornings in the Gallery or email him at jhartley@vsb.bc.ca.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student council met for the first time on Thursday. Everyone is invited to attend these meeting, held online on Teams, Thursdays at lunch.

Agenda:

1. Coffee House Plans: an open mic night broadcast is being organized for the end of October.
Live on Site – Watch Online
2. Prefects: We are adjusting to the semester system by moving from Class Reps to Prefects
See the link to the google form in this newsletter and on Teams to find out more
3. W.A.T. Broadcast Plans: we will build on our success with Where Art Thou but need your help – info and applications to get involved in our video broadcast are on Teams.
4. GALA: Thurs. May 12 – we are not sure what form it will take, online or in person, but we have a date, now we need a theme. Bring your ideas to council or send them to us on Teams or Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](#))

Get involved as a Byng Arts Prefect – Deadline to submit September 30th

What does a Byng Arts Prefect do?

- As a prefect, your primary role is to represent your class and inform them about the latest Byng Arts news and upcoming initiatives
- Taking on a prefect position will require a considerable time commitment so please make sure you can take this on without being overwhelmed
- Each grade will have two prefects; you all apply as individuals (ie. no sharing positions as in previous years)
- The application process involves filling out a Google Form that asks for some basic information, past experience, and written responses

Prefect Position Description: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CkG4h4tEMe3qpUBUF-9Q4wMx3o6Y9QG0tEi6_jzGRz8/edit?usp=sharing

Prefect Application Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMKmpKwTaDZUrxzilBFzQVSNpQQntULExAdT0cc204ydh-eQ/viewform>

W.A.T. – What is W.A.T. you ask?

W.A.T. is our online broadcast about the arts. This is a student led, student run program and it needs interested students to step up. Use the links below to find out more and to apply to be part of this year's team.

WAT Position Descriptions: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vHuT7stICP21agVfyJVz8JV-MfzFMIJXkIDQBvsI5ic/edit?usp=sharing>

WAT Application Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ_2nuXySHekmmxJ6xkSIEOIGI3kXgJQ44_dGPjWkoMkmiZg/viewform?usp=sf_link