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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Ms. Shannon Sorochan who has joined our administration team here at Byng until the start of the Spring Break holiday. Ms. Sorochan has taken over from Mr. Vulgaris who is currently assigned to Gladstone Secondary School as the acting principal.

If you have any questions that you may have needed answering by Mr. Vulgaris, please direct them instead to Ms. Sorochan.

Students are now fully returned “in person” to school after the winter break and I would like to thank staff, students, and our parents for working together to support one another during this current phase of the pandemic.

I look forward to the coming PAC Meeting on Wednesday January 19th and the opportunity to provide an update to parents and community members on our current health and safety practices as well as to give an overview of events that are coming up for the start of the new year.

Have a safe restful weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

Daily Health Assessments

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

BCCDC Tested-positive-COVID19

Please click [HERE](#) for more information if you or your family member tested positive for COVID

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

Please join us for our next PAC meeting next Wednesday, January 19th from 7pm-8:30pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting is below. 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. In addition, at this meeting the PAC will be reviewing and approving several funding requests.

[Questions for the next PAC Meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022](#)

Topic: PAC Meeting January 19, 2022

Time: Jan 19, 2022 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747231305?pwd=MGtHTXF6RkpMZVUzZHJVcHhsaXdoUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 4723 1305

Passcode: 821328

Grad Bottle Drive Postponed to February 5th - Please continue to save all your bottles and cans (no milk containers please) until February 5th to help support your Byng grads! The drop off will now be **Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 2pm in the Teacher Parking Lot. Thank You! Your Grad Student and Parent Committees**

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

Look forward to connecting with you soon!

Lord Byng PAC

Music Info

Henhouse Express Annual Contest for Budding Songwriters

Last year, we at the Henhouse Express started a contest for young songwriters and this year we're back at it. We want to see what the young 'uns can bring to the party! So... if you are under 20 years old (or know someone who is that writes songs), and have written at least one song, and would like to have it recorded by your pals at the Henhouse Express, now is your chance. We're taking submissions now, and will pick the top 3 songs in January. As long as you can provide a track of you singing (we can help, or maybe you know someone locally that can), we will do the rest. You'll have a fully recorded and mixed song by some of the best players around!

To Enter:

- You must be under 20 years old to enter. (If you are 17 or under, please have a parent or guardian contact us instead)
- Send us a rough version of your ORIGINAL song (covers are cool, but we want to hear yours). The quality of recording is not important - you can just sing and play it into your phone.
- [EMAIL us your song here](#), and tell us a bit about it. An MP3 file is best. Please no video links, soundcloud links, etc.

Emailed MP3's only please!

That's about it! We'll listen to every single one, and pick the 3 winners and let you know...

Find out more: <https://www.stevedawson.ca/hhx-junior>

MEIPC Online Piano Competition

The MEIPC Online Piano Competition will be held in 2022 February and August!

The aim of our competition is not only to find pianists with strong talent but also to encourage musicians in this difficult year.

Due to the pandemic, we accept recordings through our website only.

DEADLINE

Spring : 28th Feb, 2022

Autumn : 31st Aug, 2022

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your video links when applying through our website

www.themeipc.com

Drama Info

Arts Club Education Presents: Master Workshop Series

Join the [Master Workshop Series](#), a unique program for youth offered by the Arts Club and Arts Umbrella! This eight-class series offers budding actors aged 13–18 a chance to hone their skills and learn from the industry's best as they explore podcasting, puppetry, fight choreography, physical theatre, and more! Cost: \$50 per workshop.

Classes will take place on select weekends, from November to June, on Granville Island (either Arts Umbrella or the Arts Club's Granville Island Stage)

Next Up is Fight Choreography on Jan 30th

[REGISTER HERE](#)

BYNG ARTS Info

New Applicants to the Program

Thank you to everyone who completed the application by the deadline.

We are currently reviewing the information that you submitted and will reach out in the coming weeks with requests for additional invitation and invites for interviews for those who have been shortlisted.

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

Best of Luck to all the applicants.

Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

Passports are due in a little more than a week. You need a minimum of 5 events by Jan 24th, but more is more better!! If you are having trouble with the passport, come and see Mr. Hartley-Folz, mornings in the Gallery or email him at jhartley@vsb.bc.ca

Review the video for help (remember passport reset messages go to your Spam folder).

[PASSPORT INFO VIDEO LINK](#)

Good luck – *you can't get smART without ART!*

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student council meets every Thursdays on Teams and in face to face in room A226. Everyone is welcome, use the link below to go to the Student Council Channel and start to get involved: [STUDENT COUNCIL ON TEAMS](#)

Meeting Details: January 13

CoffeeHouse for Valentine's Day Week If you are a performer and want to take part (open to all students) we will be posting more information next week on Teams and Instagram. Stay tuned.

Passport Due Date: Jan 24th. Everyone who completed 5 or more events will be entered into a prize draw. Make sure to get everything sent in before the due date.

WAT Broadcast: If you haven't seen the latest episode of WAT, it is up on the Teams page. Send in a screen shot to unlock a passport achievement.

Contact council on Teams or Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](#))

VCH-International Travel and School

Please click [HERE](#) regarding International Travel.

Getting Started with Microsoft Teams & Passwords

Please click on link [HERE](#) for instructions.

School Parking Lot

Dear Parents,

Due to a serious safety issue, we are asking all parents to:

- please do not park on Wallace Street
- please do not drive through the staff parking lot
- please do not use the drive through at the Lord Byng front entrance

If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us.

Thank you,
Mr. Wilmann

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