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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

A big thank you to our Byng parent community and our amazing PAC that met on Wednesday night and approved spending for some incredible projects here at Byng.

There will be an update on these key projects in next week's Friday update so stay tuned!!

Also, just a reminder to all Grade 12 students that next week's Grade 12 students Literacy 12 Exam has been cancelled. We will be giving an update on this and other exam sessions as soon as we have been provided with new information from the Ministry of Education.

Have a great weekend and stay safe!!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

Despite the challenges of the new health restrictions, the weather and all the adaptations that needed to be made last week students successfully returned to full "in person" schooling on January 10th, 2022, at Byng Secondary School!!!



Thanks to all of you for opening doors and welcoming students back to class this week!!!!

A big focus of the week of course was getting our school ready for student returning to school which included revising our eating plans, with food and drink restricted in hallways and classrooms and only selected designated eating zones available throughout the school.

Here are some of the images from the week as we navigated through snow, ice, atmospheric rivers, and omicron!!!

One option for lunches despite the freezing weather was an outdoor dining experience.

Thanks to the VSB for delivering additional furniture for students to eat outside as well as Mr. Harlan Smith and Mr. Tony Crespo for setting up the outside furniture for lunches.

This group of students below ate lunch outside of the entrance on the Crown Steet side of the building or took to the basketball courts for extra spacing!!



Others took advantage of the new seating arrangement in the cafeteria and a big thank you to the Canwell cafeteria staff that had food service available for purchase on Tuesday. Other locations included the large and small gyms, as well as the Crown Street Foyer, the Art Gallery, the auditorium, and the upper foyer.



Classrooms were of course in full swing with adjustments made for appropriate safety measures that teachers had spent putting in place. These included increased distancing and spaced-out seating in Mr. Gustainis' s room (below).



In Ms. Shaw's Textiles Classroom below:



And one very creative teacher Ms. Holman who started the new year with a portable microphone to speak with the class while wearing a mask and speaking from behind a protective screen.

And the drama continues with theatre sports in Mr. Thiessen's class in the auditorium.

As well as classes in full session a big thank you to all our coaches, sponsors, and our Athletics Director Mr. Kevin Sandher that allowed for our athletics teams to get back into action.

Although spectators are currently not permitted to attend either home or away games under our new guidelines our teams were able to play.

The Senior Boys Team travelled to John Oliver Secondary School last week for an exciting game!



The Health and Safety Committee will continue to revise and review all safety protocols that are currently in place and will make changes in line with the public health authority and VSB guidelines.

On another note, just around the corner are the Lunar New Year Celebrations which this year will commemorate the Year of the Tiger and as a community we will be planning for the week of February 7th for the Lunar New Year's Commemoration at the school.

A big thanks to the Lunar New Year Planning Committee led by our amazing Settlement Worker Ms. Janet Chung and team of student volunteers from the 3-B Club!!!

Thanks everyone for all that you do, once again 2022, the Year of the Tiger will be like no other!!!

Semester Turn Around Day Monday, January 31st

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Is an instructional day for:

- Credit Recovery Grades 8-12
- Semester 2 Course Changes
- New Student Orientation

Upcoming Events



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.

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 frontentrance

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>

Cancellation of the January 2022 Provincial Graduation Assessment Administration Session

Literacy 12 Exams cancelled: Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, the January administration session of the provincial graduation assessments is cancelled. No Grade 12 students who are on track to graduate in the

2021/22 school year will be impacted by this cancellation. Further information on upcoming sessions will be provided by mid-February, including a question and answer document to support conversations with students and parents.

Grad Fundraising Appeal Letter 2022

Please click [HERE](#) for the Grad fundraising appeal letter.

Please click [HERE](#) for the Chinese translation.

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

PAC Meeting and A VERY BIG THANK-YOU! Thanks to everyone who was able to join us at the PAC Meeting this week. At the meeting we announced that our Byng community **donated more than \$75,000 to the annual fundraising campaign. This is truly incredible and we want to express our sincere appreciation to the over 200 families who contributed including several who made very generous gifts – THANK-YOU!!!** It is hard to put into words how amazing it is that collectively we were able to raise these funds so that a number of very important projects could be fully funded including, completing the upgrade to the auditorium, new equipment for the weight room, a new computer animation lab and a new science lab. These are all projects that Byng staff have wanted for a very long time, and they also reflect a lot of extra time and energy that staff contribute to enhance the learning experience at the school. Mr. Wilmann also advised at the meeting that the Science Lab will be operational by September - our thanks to him, the science teachers and other VSB staff who worked to creatively come up with a solutions to covert the space.

For those of you who could not join us, a link to the recorded meeting is below.

PAC Meeting January 19th, 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JiEpiAx2wIZ0VDPNtKEgeL2mUn4cfD4USqYoPuVAF0rgoz8yNvMGVNYdlsvBmA6K.vfqEMWJTnvP33TZK>

Access Passcode: #LBPAC2022 *Please note link will be available for seven days.*

Please support Grad Fundraising:

Every year, the Byng Parent Grad Committee raises funds to help support the celebrations of our school's well-deserved graduates. These celebrations include the Grad Dinner & Dance and Grad Prom, and the costs to ensure a memorable Grade 12 graduation are significant. As well as doing their own student committee fundraising, students are still required to purchase tickets and the goal each year is to keep these ticket costs as low as possible. The committee has launched their annual fundraising campaign to raise \$50,000 to offset the cost of the Dinner Dance. All donation over \$20 are tax receiptable. For more details please visit: <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/grad-fundraising>

To make a donation go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true/>

Choose "Fund Destination." And select S-LORD BYNG from the drop-down menu. Please include **Grad Donation 2022 – Grad Dinner/Dance Sponsorship** in the "Message to School Board"

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!

Counselling Department Update

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

Timetable Adjustments for Semester 2

Any students who need their timetable adjusted for Semester 2 (Feb. 1 is the first day of classes for Sem. 2), please come and see your counsellor during the week of Jan. 24. We also would like to encourage all students to log into MyEd and check their timetables for Semester 2.

Course Selection for Next School Year 2022/2023

Students can start to look at the LB website: [Course-Planning](#) . Counsellors are working hard to get all the information updated on the school website as soon as possible. We will also be announcing the exact dates for our course selection presentations soon. Deadline for entering your choices into MyEd will be March 1, 2022.

Parent Course Selection for Next School Year 2022/2023

Dear Parents,

We have worked closely with PAC to organize two evening presentations for our upcoming course selection process. The junior presentation (gr. 8s and 9s) will be on Wednesday, February 9 at 7 pm. Ms. Boyd will present this information. Following this, we will host the senior presentation (for gr. 10s and 11s) on Thursday, February 10 at 7 pm. This one will be hosted by Ms. Smith. Both of these presentations will be via ZOOM and the link for the meetings will be sent closer to the dates. In the meantime, feel free to mark your calendars and take a look at LB website: [Course-Planning](#) . Note: we are still working on updating our LB Course planning page.

VSB Career Programs

Do you know a grade 10, 11, or 12 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! Grade 10 or 11 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.

Grade 12 students interested in an apprenticeship in a construction trade could start early, earn credits towards graduation, and start earning a paycheque as early as Semester 2 of this school year. Check out our [recent Instagram post](#) for more information.

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

With thanks,



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VSB Career Programs

CES Regional Director – Metro West

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Twitter/IG: @mmgreid

YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange for BYNG Students studying French

Dear parents, if your child will be **16 or 17** this summer, the YMCA has an incredible **exchange opportunity** in Québec. This 6-week program allows students to practice their French, work a summer job and get paid. For more information:

<https://swse.ymcagta.org/>

Coffee House: Have You Ever BEAN in Love?

Join us, online, for our next coffee house on Valentine's Day, February 14th at 4:15. Show your love for the arts by performing or by being in the online audience from the comfort of your own home. Bingo returns and we will have draw prizes for Byng Arts passport completion.

Sign up to perform using the link below (open to all students):

[REGISTER TO PERFORM](#)

Art Info

Lord Byng Gallery - Call For ARTwork

The gallery walls are empty and we want you to help brighten up this space with your painting, sculptures, drawings, and photos. Bring your work in this week and next and drop them off in the gallery (by the office door at the back of the room). Make sure to label the back of the work with your name and contact info.

We look forward to seeing your work!!!

Music Info

Henhouse Express Annual Contest for Budding Songwriters – Deadline Jan 31st

Last year, we at the Henhouse Express started a contest for young songwriters and this year we're back at it. 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!**

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 next two 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. Make sure that you are on track. You need a minimum of 5 events by Monday, January 24th, but more is more better!! (Everyone who completes the minimum will be put into a draw prize, people with more events will have their names put in more times).

We will review the passports again in June. At that point, you will need 5 new events unlocked.

If you are having trouble with the passport, make sure to get it dealt with right away. Come and see Mr. Hartley-Folz, mornings in the Gallery or email him at jhartley@vsb.bc.ca.

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 20, 2022

Have You Ever Bean in Love? Although it was tough coming back from winter break and facing new issues with Omicron, we are excited to tell you that our next coffee house is still on! Due to restrictions, we are following the best course of action – which means that the coffee house will be completely virtual for everyone’s safety. In this week’s meeting, we decided a name for our coffeehouse: “Have You Ever Bean in Love?” and set our date and time tentatively for February 14th at 4:15 PM.

The performance application form is on Teams and further information is coming out soon! Since this coffee house will be on Valentine’s Day, we’re hoping to see a couple dramatic monologues about your undying (or dying) love for someone among the performances (and maybe some bad poetry?).

WAT Just a quick update for WAT! We thought that the struggles in facing this ongoing pandemic provided all the more reason to continue with our bright and exciting WAT videos! We may have to tweak certain things here and there to abide by new restrictions, but we are all looking forward to another great video coming soon.

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.

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