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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back everyone for our final term of the 2021-22 school year!!

This week gave us all a chance to reconnect and to settle into what hopefully will be a more typical end of the school year with staff, parents and students planning for events in May and June. Starting on Monday April 4th the new guidelines for all schools in the VSB will be in place for students and staff as well as visitors to the school. With new updates coming out on April 8th from the public health officer we are looking forward to planning our regular end of school year events including the graduation and other celebrations. Fingers crossed that all goes according to plan!!

Have a restful, safe weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

COVID 19 Updates

Please see the updated District Communicable Disease Prevention Plan click on link: [Vancouver School Board \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://www.vsb.bc.ca)

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>

Students Not Returning to Byng Sept 2022

If you are not planning to return to Lord Byng in September 2022, please click [HERE](#) and return the completed form to the school office ASAP!

Immunization Forms

This is a reminder to grade 9 and 10 students who received an immunization consent form. Please return the form to the school office by Monday, April 4th.

Literacy Assessment 12 - April 26th-29th

The January Grade 12 Literacy Assessment has been rescheduled for the week of April 25th.

All Grade 12 students have been assigned a morning session starting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

As this is a graduation requirement, we ask that students make every effort to complete the assessment during their assigned Day/Time. We are offering the exam in the **morning** only. We are not able to accommodate changes.

All assessments will take place in the library, please arrive by 8:20 am to sign in. This assessment will be completed on school computers.

Students are scheduled by their last name. Please see the schedule below to find your exam time.

A-G – Tuesday, April 26 @ 8:30 am

H-L – Wednesday April 27 @ 8:30am

M-S – Thursday, April 28 @ 8:30am

T-Z – Friday, April 29 @ 8:30am

Canadian Association of Physicists Exam

Canadian Association of Physicists Exam will be held on April 6th from 9:00-12:00. This is a challenging Physics Exam based on the AP Physics and Calculus curricula. If you are interested in writing this exam, please see Mr. Lo in room 317 at lunch by April 5th. Previous exams can be viewed here. <https://outreach.phas.ubc.ca/exams-and-competitions/cap-high-school-prize-exam/cap-english/previous-exams-and-solutions/>

LORD BYNG SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS Applications ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Byng Scholarship Awards process will have a new look this year! Sometime today (Thursday, March 31, 2022) a NEW TEAM called **Grade 12 Scholarship** will arrive on every Grade 12 student's device on TEAMS.

- This new Team has been created solely for the distribution and submission of all Scholarship Applications.
- This new Team is only for grade 12's interested in applying for a Lord Byng Scholarship so students who **DO NOT WANT** to apply for a Byng Scholarship, can simply **IGNORE** the new **Grade 12 Scholarship TEAM**.
- Students who **DO WANT** to apply, **MUST USE** the new **Grade 12 Scholarship TEAM** to apply.

Lord Byng Scholarship Awards - brief overview for students applying

Generally, there are two categories of awards:

#1: Outside Sponsors: awards provided by people outside of the school community (older ex-grads, local community members, businesses such as Artona Studios etc.)

#2: Inside Sponsors: awards sponsored by the school Administration and various departments in the school (such as Byng Arts, Athletics department, English, Math, Social Studies, Applied Skills etc.)

For #1, it is very difficult to provide students with information about the outside awards as we don't know each year if the outside award sponsors are still providing their awards until early to mid-May so we can't list them because they might not be offered.

For #2, the school-based awards generally fall into these criteria areas of superior achievement:

1. Academic achievement (in one subject area or more)
2. Academic achievement combined with school/community service
3. Arts achievement (in various areas such as music, drama, etc.)
4. Arts achievement combined with good academics and school/community service
5. Athletic achievement
6. Athletic achievement combined with good academics and school/community service
7. Career/trades interest
8. Career/trades interest combined with good academics or citizenship
9. School/Community service based on type and volunteer hours
10. Citizenship (character, determination, attitude effort)

APPLICATION PROCESS: The APPLICATION and INSTRUCTIONS will be sent on the new **Grade 12 Scholarship Team** on when it is up and running.

Grad Fundraising Appeal Letter 2022

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

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

Bottle Drive Sunday April 24th

The grade 12 students will be holding a second Bottle Drive on Sunday April 24th from 10am to 2pm in the teacher's parking lot. We will be accepting both plastic and glass bottles, juice boxes, aluminum cans and milk containers with a best before date after February 1, 2022. Please save all your containers over Spring Break and Easter and we will see you on April 24th.

Many thanks to all Byng families for your generous support of Lord Byng Grad 2022!

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

Our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, April 20th.

Please Support Grad Committee:

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. This is how each Byng parent can help!

Purdy's Easter Grad 2022 Fundraiser

We are excited to bring this fundraiser back to our school this year. If you are planning on buying any chocolates for Easter for family, friends, office colleagues, etc. please consider doing it through the school as we earn 25% on all orders. The funds raised will help support the celebrations of our school's well-deserved graduates. To order online please click on the link: [Order Easter Purdys Here](#)

You will be asked for your email address. Enter it and click Join Campaign. You then complete the required information and click Join Campaign again.

- Click **Shop Online** top center – and then **Use Marketplace** - this way you see photos of what you are ordering
- Pay for your orders by proceeding to checkout once done.

The **deadline** for placing your orders is **Monday March 21st** so please don't delay. The orders will be available for pick up on or about April 1st but will be confirmed once we receive the order.

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Many thanks to all Byng families for your generous support of Lord Byng Grad 2022!

THANK YOU in advance for your support.

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

Byng Athletics

Track and Field

Congratulations to the approximately 50 athletes who attended the time trials at Rashpaul Dhillon Track at UBC on Wednesday!

Please note the following:

- 1) Mandatory meetings will now take place every Monday at lunch in the main gym ("Meeting Mondays").
- 2) Starting next week, we will have Tuesday morning practices at 7:45 am in the main gym for high jump and hurdles only.
- 3) Starting next week, we will have track practices during afternoon FIT time for speed training and relays only.
- 4) Our first meet is next Monday between 4:00 and 8:00 pm at Rashpaul Dhillon Track at UBC. However, the meet should be done between 6 and 7 pm. The schedule will be as follows:

Track Events

4:00 pm-Girls followed by Boys 1500 meters

5:00 pm Girls followed by Boys 400 meters

Field Events all starting at 4:00 pm

Girls: High Jump, Triple Jump
and Discus Throw

Boys: Long Jump, Shot Put and Javelin

5) Ask your child about the Lord Byng Track and Field Cash Lottery. We are doing a fundraiser and all team members are asked to sell one book of tickets. Prizes are \$500 for 1st, \$250 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd. Anyone can buy tickets. Sellers prizes are \$200 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 10 for \$30. The deadline to buy tickets is April 22nd and the draw date is April 29th.

Contact Mr. Jack for more information on any of the above topics at bjack@vsb.bc.ca

Mr. Jack

Byng Band Concert

Hooray, Spring is here and the Band department welcomes you back to our community concerts, April 6 at 6:30pm. The Byng Band Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30pm in the school theatre. It's been over two years since the public has been allowed to attend our concerts due to COVID restrictions and we welcome the opportunity to see you again. You, the audience, our integral to any performance and we are thrilled to be able to share our music with you again. The Junior and Intermediate Jazz Bands, as well as the Intermediate Band and Wind Ensemble will entertain you with the excellent work they have continued to do through the entire pandemic. The concert will begin with Byng's one and only Saxmeisters Saxophone Quartet featuring four extremely talented and dedicated musicians: Chauncey Li, Ingrid Li, Rebecca McCracken, and Steven Kokan. You won't want to miss them!

Band students who request tickets will receive them in class. If you want to come to the concert, please contact a band student for tickets.

Work Experience

During Spring Break, over 25 Work Experience Students completed work placements at various worksites. Some students completed placements at a STEAM camp, soccer camp, art and literature camp, an architect firm, a law firm, a coding school, a restaurant, animal hospitals, and at a pharmacy. Students learned valuable skills of problem-solving, communicating, working with a team, endurance of working long hours etc. All of the employers gave extremely positive feedback and praised our Lord Byng students. Our students are very well respected in the community. For some students it led to paid employment, or summer internships. These students applied the valuable skills that they are learning in the classroom to real life experiences.



Testimonial from Lily Zhang (Grade 12 Student):

"Over the spring break, I luckily got the opportunity to do an 8 day, 9am to 5pm, work placement at GBL Architects, thanks to Ms. Chong-Ping from the work experience program and Amela Brudar from GBL Architects. This firm of 70 members has done a notable number of buildings around Vancouver. During my stay, I job shadowed 20 to 30 people and watched as they worked on their projects. I learned that becoming a registered architect is a lot harder than I previously imagined and that the job is not as glamorous as it seems, but it's not all bad; they get to spend their day in a relaxed office environment or work from home on the stuff they love. I got to sit in on their meetings and also put in my opinion on design options. They took me on site to two construction sites in different stages and organized a visit to a professional model-making place. Overall this experience was extremely helpful, and I earned stuff that I could have never learned elsewhere. They were all very nice, and I feel very lucky to have had this opportunity and I was even invited back for a summer internship in the future."

Testimonial from Rahim Rahemtulla (Owner and Pharmacist of Dunbar Shoppers Drugmart Pharmacy)

"Over the last few months, I have had the pleasure and the privilege to host work experience students from Lord Byng Secondary School. I wanted to commend all the students that my team and I have worked alongside during their work experience at our site. It is quite rare to have students take on new roles and tasks where they have met and exceeded all our expectations. It is definitely something to mention as my previous experience with other students from different Secondary Schools as well as undergraduate and postgraduate programs has not resonated as highly as it has with Lord Byng. I feel the students perform at a different calibre to the others, some even better than our post-secondary students. I look forward to continuing to host these incredible students and being a part of their educational journey."

Parents, I am always looking for suitable placements for our Lord Byng students. If you work for a company that would be interested in hosting a Lord Byng Work Experience Student for a volunteer work placement, please contact Ms. Chong-Ping at kchong@vsb.bc.ca.

YMCA SUMMER WORK STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This is a fantastic opportunity for **students aged 16 and 17** (with **some exceptions for 15 and 18-year-olds**) to go on a summer exchange to Quebec. This program is run through the YMCA of Greater Toronto and presents students with the opportunity to work, live, and build new long-lasting relationships while working on their French skills. Students on the exchange are put up with a host family for the six-week duration of the exchange. In addition, we also set them up with a full-time paid job for the exchange period. The whole trip is \$125 CAD which is a great deal for an experience that we hope will enrich young people's lives across the country.

The deadline to do so is April 17th, 2022, but the quicker they apply the better. The application process is free and registration fees are only collected in June once everything is finalized. For more information and to apply, feel free to check out our website at <https://swse.ymcagta.org/>

INTERESTED? There are two **online info nights** occurring:

FRIDAY, **APRIL 1ST** @ 7 PM PST

Link - https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsdeitrj8jE9VszDwlqkFyJEdDBlITb_Se

WEDNESDY, **APRIL 13TH** @ 7 PM PST

Link - https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsdeyhpzloE9AjW4825LU4GBDZIKYxL_QD

Counselling Department Update

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

Blush

Counsellors have invited Blush with VCH to come and present to our grade 8s, 9s and 10s. The presentations are happening mostly during Fit time. The topics are: Healthy relationships, Safer sexy and Media Literacy. We are already seeing many of our students engage, learn, and develop these important concepts. We are excited to support them and be part of their learning.

BYNG ARTS INFO

New Applicants to the Program

We have completed our intake of new students at the Grade 7 coming into Grade 8 level. If additional space becomes available at the Grade 9 to Grade 12 levels, we will contact students on our waitlist. We continue to review our overall numbers for each grade and will make subsequent offers if additional spaces become available.

Intake for next year will begin in the Fall. 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

The Byng Arts Passport site is currently experiencing issues and is not accessible. We are aware of the situation, and we are working to correct the problem. We will post updates on Teams so continue to keep track of your events and upload them when we have the site back up. Stay tuned.

GALA – ACTION REQUIRED

Each year the Byng Arts program holds an art celebration at the Round House Community Center. This has been an online affair the last two years, however, with the changes in Covid restrictions we are excited to return to the Round House on May 12th. The event will be a sit-down event with performances and games as well as a costume contest and snacks. It will not be a dance as we feel that it is important to continue to be as safe as possible with our activities.

Please go to Teams to fill out the RSVP and let us know that you plan to attend. It is important to complete this by Thursday, April 7th so we can start planning the event.

We will also be reaching out to parents to volunteer later this month – please stay tuned parents!

Teams Link: [Jon Hartley-Folz: RSVP for GALA by Thursday, April 7th](#)

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student council meets every Thursdays on Teams and in face to face in room A223. 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: March 31, 2022

Scavenger Hunt: Hey Byng Arts! At the beginning of April, we will be starting a big scavenger hunt! In this, you will be looking for the culprit of a stolen jewel. We hope that you're excited to look for clues and use your genius detective skills. Be on the lookout for more information coming your way.

Gala: This year’s gala is coming up soon! It is set to be in May, and we are seeing pandemic protocols begin to lighten up. Just as a reminder, our theme is a spring-themed tea party (think: Alice in Wonderland). If you would like to volunteer your time to partake in more behind-the-scenes gala planning, make sure to email us, dm us on Instagram, or talk to one of the execs in person!

Contact council on Teams or Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

ART OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Club Theatre Musical Theatre Intensive

Applications are now open for the summer of 2022! Apply by April 20.

Aimed at young artists (ages 12–19) with a passion for singing, dancing, and acting. Emphasizing process over product, guiding students through voice, dance, and acting techniques that can consistently be applied outside of our program, we give students the skills to be authentic and expressive on any stage they play.

“Our aim is to move beyond teaching kids how to sing and dance as we ask them to put aside their fears, believe in themselves, and act (on and off the stage) with passion and integrity”.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS AND DATES

BMO Theatre Centre (Vancouver) Junior Program for ages 12–16 July 19–30, 2022 Tue–Sat, 10 AM–4 PM \$595 (plus GST)	BMO Theatre Centre (Vancouver) Senior Program for ages 15–19 August 2–20, 2022 Tue–Sat, 10 AM–5 PM \$865 (plus GST)
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