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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

Spring is finally in the air and with it the beginnings of new life here at the school with the first of this year's concerts taking place at the school with members of the community in attendance!

The concert was amazing and reflects the incredible talent and hard work of our teachers and students. Special thanks to Dr. MacLennan and Mr. Chen our music teacher candidate from UBC for all their work to make the Wednesday night event a night to remember.

I look forward to other events to come as we enjoy the lifting of many of our restrictions.

Have a safe, restful weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

This week a major discussion item at the recent Department Heads meeting and for further discussion at this week's staff meeting is the introduction of the [New Indigenous Education Graduation requirement](#).



The First Nations Leadership Council, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEESC), and education partners including the British Columbia School Trustees Association, British Columbia Teachers' Federation, and the British Columbia Association of Institutes and Universities, have previously expressed support for a new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement.

In a statement on the Ministry of Education website the intention guiding this new initiative is described: The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEESC), is implementing a new graduation requirement.

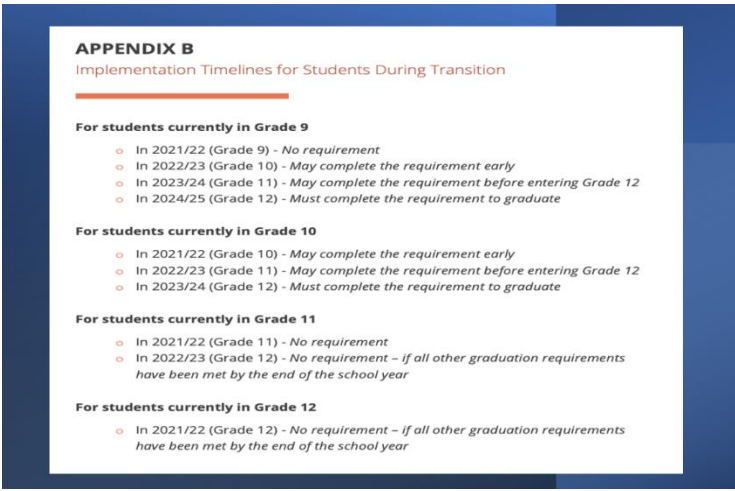
Expected to take effect in the 2023-24 school year, this requirement will ensure all secondary students complete Indigenous-focused coursework before they graduate from B.C.'s K-12 education system.

"We are deeply committed to lasting and meaningful reconciliation in B.C. – guided by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples while working co-operatively with Indigenous Peoples across the province to address the knowledge gaps in our K-12 curriculum," said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education." This new requirement will deepen students' understanding of the experiences, cultures, histories and knowledges of Indigenous Peoples. This will help us to understand the truths of our shared history, while also building knowledge so all students feel a sense of responsibility for our collective future."

The Ministry document that describes the new graduation requirements can be found at this link:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/indigenous_grad_requirement_detailed_overview.pdf

In the document the proposal and the required adjustments for all students to meet their requirements in line with the Ministry timeline is described below:



Other key highlights from the document include:

Proposed Model

The proposed change to the graduation program would require students to complete **4 credits** of Indigenous-focused coursework in order to graduate. Students could earn these credits by successfully completing:

1. One of the existing, Indigenous-focused provincial courses;
2. A First Nations language course at the Grade 10 to Grade 12 level; OR
3. A locally-developed, Indigenous-focused course (BAA)

As a school two issues will need to be addressed as we embrace this new learning opportunity:

1. Developing the capacity of enough staff in the building to successfully teach the new requirements that reflects the spirit and intent of the initiative as expressed by the Minister of Education:

“We are deeply committed to lasting and meaningful reconciliation in B.C. – guided by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples while working co-operatively with Indigenous Peoples across the province to address the knowledge gaps in our K-12 curriculum,”

2. To develop a school plan that provides a clear direction for all students to meet the mandate of the new requirements.

The school is currently well placed to meet the first requirement and have developed relationships with Indigenous educators, artists and community leaders that will support the continued growth and understanding of the curricula guidelines.

The second need will require further school wide discussion and will be taking place over the next few months as we pivot to successfully implement this exciting new initiative from the Ministry and will guide our school as we embark on the new step of our Reconciliation journey!

Thanks for all the energy that you bring and for the optimism, hope and opportunity that you share with our students!

Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers:

The Vancouver School District #39 is participating in the 2022 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and Students in Grades **10** and **12** can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29th, 2022**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Logon* select:
 - District: **39 Vancouver School District**
 - School: **Lord Byng Secondary**
 - Logon #: **For student participants, the Logon # is their unique 9 (nine) digit Personal Education Number (PEN)**
 - Parents may access the survey by the **“Direct Access – no logon number required”**
 - Language: **the language of your choice**
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message **“Thank you for sharing your views”**
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. If you need more information or would like to see the results for the District or your school, consult with your school principal, Mr. Wilmann.

COVID 19 Updates

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

Byng Project 3B Fundraising for Ukraine

Innocent Ukrainian civilians have been suffering since Russia declared war on their country. Ukrainian officials estimate that there have been over 15,000 deaths. The number of injuries, deaths, and destruction are on the rise. What can we do to help? **Byng Project 3B has come up with initiatives to raise funds for Ukrainians through UNICEF Canada.** Our projects include bottle drives, walkathons, inter-school badminton and chess tournaments, arts and crafts workshops, and direct appeal fundraisers. **We are seeking more team members and participants to maximize our impact.** If you are interested, please contact Ms. Smith in the counseling office or Ms. Janet Chung at 778 772 2084 or at jlchung@vsb.bc.ca to join this great cause! We look forward to working with you and helping the people of Ukraine.

Byng Strings

“Congratulations to William Lin, Ryan Chang, Johnny Huang and Ruby Li! They won a place in the national Canadian Music Competition on their Mendelssohn Piano Quartet No. 2. They move on to Quebec to compete at the national level for chamber music.

The Lord Byng Symphony Orchestra (LBSO) is pleased to present their first in-person concert in over two years on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00pm. Solos will be featured by Francis Sadleir and Ken Hung. The concert is free of charge. All are welcome to attend

2022 Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests

Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests are held yearly by the University of Waterloo, providing an opportunity for high school students to explore and develop mathematical problem-solving skills.

Byng mathletes continue to excel in and outside of their classrooms. Their success is reflected in the results of this year's contests. Our Fermat team (Grade 11) ranked 1st in the province (for the third year in a row) and 4th in Canada. Special congratulations to Pandy Yang (Grade 9) who scored perfect on the (Grade 11) Fermat contest!

Our top Pascal scorers: George Zhou, Jun Ye and Brian Lin

Our top Cayley scorers: Eleanor Liu, Garrison Qu and Harry Ouyang

Our top Fermat scorers: Pandy Yang, Kevin Li and Derek Li

Grade 8 students interested in writing the Gauss contest in May can find details and register at

<https://forms.office.com/r/Xb34UzjWgV>

Many thanks to PAC for funding support and congratulations to all our Byng mathletes!

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 ASAP!

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

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!

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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 athletes who attended the track meet at UBC on Monday. There were some great performances. Hopefully we will have even more athletes at our next meet.

Please note the following:

- 1) This is a reminder of the meeting, Monday at lunch in the main gym ("Meeting Mondays").
- 2) This is a reminder of practices, every Tuesday morning at 7:45 am in the main gym for high jump and hurdles only.
- 3) We will have track practices during afternoon FIT time, every Thursday, in the main gym, for speed training and relays only.
- 4) Our next meet is next Monday between 4:00 and 8:00 pm at Swanguard Stadium (Kingsway and Boundary). However, the meet should be done between 7 pm and 7:30 pm. Students should try to get a ride from their parents or arrange a ride with others where possible (especially for the way home). If you need to take transit, you can take the #25 bus and then the #19. Check the Translink Trip Planner for more details. If you need an early dismissal form, it will be given out at the meeting and it will be for 2:00 pm. The meet schedule will be as follows:

Track Events

4:00 pm-200 meters, Gr. 8 Girls followed by Boys, Jr. Girls followed by Boys, Senior Girls followed by Boys

6:30 pm-4 x 400 meters relay, Gr. 8 Girls followed by Boys, Jr. Girls followed by Boys, Senior Girls followed by Boys

*times are approximate and races could go early, athletes should be at the track at least 1 hour before their event.

Field Events all starting at 4:00 pm:

Girls-Javelin, Shot Put, and Long Jump

Boys-Discus, High Jump, and Triple Jump

*We really need to form as many 4 x 400 meter relay teams as possible. Mr. Jack will be giving you special incentive to run the relay which he will explain on Monday at the meeting. Remember, running a relay also qualifies you to run a sprint at Eliminations.

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

Mr. Jack

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/join/joinMeeting/register/tJMsdeitrj8jE9VszDwlqkFyJEdDBlITb_Se

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

Link - https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/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 back in action. Remember that you need another 5 events before the end of this semester. Get out and celebrate the arts and send in your evidence.


Here are two new opportunities to unlock:

Junior Art Show 2022 Art



Come check out the creative work of our Grade 8, 9, and 10 students in the month of April!!!

Spring Music Performance Music



Spring has sprung and it's time for Strings, Choir, and Band to perform. Claim this achievement by performing or watching one or all of the concerts this Spring. (If you are part of the ensemble, tickets will be issued by your music teachers - use the ticket to unlock the badge). You can claim up to 4 Music badges.

BYNG ARTS GALA

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.

Doors open at 4:30 and the event begins formally at 5:00 with performances followed by light snacks. Games and other activities are currently being planned by student council so stay tuned. We will have a costume contest so time to start planning your ideas.

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

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: April 7, 2022

Gala: Theme Tea Party. This year's gala is coming up on May 12 at the Round House Community Centre! 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 help the behind-the-scenes gala planning, come by the Art Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch or email us, dm us on Instagram, or talk to one of the execs in person!

We reviewed activities to replace the dance (still too early with Covid to have such a high contact/energy activity) and plan out the timeline (4:30 to 8:30), and explore ideas for food. Very exciting – costume contest is a definite so get started.

Scavenger Hunt – stay tuned for more info

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