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### 1. **13 Reasons Why Netflix Series**

Guidance for Parents/ Guardians/ Caregivers:

In light of the popularity of the new Netflix series 13 Reasons Why and its depiction of suicide, bullying, drunk driving we want to bring to your attention the following information.

The B.C. Ministry of Education and many mental health organizations are highlighting concerns and providing guidance to school communities and parents to be aware of the dangers and risks associated with children and young people who have been exposed to the series.

It is important for parents to know what children are watching and if necessary, engage them in reflective conversations to make sense of what they are seeing on TV or social media. The following article was created by the Suicide Awareness Voices for Education Society (SAVE), <https://www.save.org/blog/tips-watching-new-netflix-series-13-reasons/> as a guideline for talking to children about the TV series. It explains much of the shows content, and the reasons why some mental health associations are urging caution in allowing children/teens to watch the show unsupported.

School counsellors can assist school staff and parents to engage in supportive conversations with students as well as provide resources and offer expertise in preventing harmful behaviors.

If you need help:

- HealthLink BC- Call 811 or visit [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)
- BC Mental Health Support Line- 310-6789
- Kids Help Line 310-1234
- Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868
- [www.youthinbc.ca](http://www.youthinbc.ca)
- Call 9-1-1 if you believe that someone's life is in danger.

Please see link:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/13%20%20Reasons%20%20Why%20%20Netflix%20%20series.pdf>

## 2. Theatre Company Presents: Curtains The Murder Mystery Musical

Dates: April 28, May 3, 4, 5

Lord Byng Theatre  
3939 West 16th Avenue  
Crown Street Entrance  
7:00 pm

Tickets: \$12 Students, \$15 Adults

Tickets Available at the door or online at: <http://www.lordbyng.net/thco/>

## 3. Big One at 2pm Earthquake Drill

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Vancouver School Board District will hold its annual earthquake drill for all schools on **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**. This year the District would like to practice a mock student-parent Reunification process, similar to those at most other school districts.

We are asking for volunteer parents interested/able to come to the school at 2:30 pm to participate in this drill. **This is completely voluntary. The school does not expect parents to take time off work to participate. Interested parents are asked to email Mr. Ben King at [bcking@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:bcking@vsb.bc.ca) by Tuesday May 2nd.**

Students will be released following a FORMAL process where paperwork will be required. For the safe and effective release of students, personal information will be needed to verify authorization. Patience and cooperation will be needed and appreciated as the process may be lengthy.

Once a list of interested volunteers has been compiled more information will be sent to those specific parents/guardians.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation,

Benjamin King  
Vice Principal  
Lord Byng Secondary School  
604-713-8171

#### 4. Thank you and Update from the Byng PAC

Thank you to the 70+ parents that attended the Wednesday PAC meeting!

We deeply appreciate the wonderful response to our request for attendance to help us reach quorum. The minutes have been posted on the PAC website (<https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services>).

We had a short presentation from Dr. David Worling R. Psych., Director of the Westcoast Child Development Group on Anxiety and Teens. He provided useful information on the issues and causative and perpetuating factors regarding anxiety plus tips on how to talk to our teens about stress.

A copy of Dr. Worling's presentation as well as resource materials are available on the PAC website. Please refer to the PAC Meetings/Current Agenda & Meeting Minutes section (<https://www.lordbyngpac.com/services>).

Last Tuesday April 4th BCCPAC hosted The All Party Forum on BC Public Education if you would like to see it, you can watch it here.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lon8bVprk8&utm\\_source=ZOHO+Member+Contacts+2016%2F17&utm\\_campaign=1debd10202-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_04\\_10&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d837bec74a-1debd10202-254857913](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lon8bVprk8&utm_source=ZOHO+Member+Contacts+2016%2F17&utm_campaign=1debd10202-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_04_10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d837bec74a-1debd10202-254857913)

Parents interested in providing input to our DPAC representative at the upcoming BCCPAC conference will be able to fill in a survey which we will have available next week.

We hope to see you at our last meeting on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the library! Stay tuned for details on the agenda and our presenter, thank you again for heeding our call and joining us at this past week's meeting.

The PAC Steering Committee

#### 5. Grades 11/12 BC Election All-Candidates Meeting

In the lead up to the May 9 BC provincial election, we're very excited to announce that Byng has organized an all-candidates meeting for the political candidates of the ridings of Vancouver-Point Grey and Vancouver-Quilchena.

The debate and question/answer session will be held **the afternoon of May 1st at the Dunbar Theatre (4555 Dunbar St.)** for all grade 11 students, and for grade 12 students who are eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

Please ensure that you sign the field trip form your child presents you, and that he or she has \$1 to bring for admission to the event. Students will be dismissed from the theatre at 2:30pm.

#### 6. Additional Grad Ceremony Tickets Availability

To those who have been put on a waitlist, we are likely to accommodate you with additional grad tickets. If you have not paid, please pay on School Day online or pay in person with cash or cheque to Ms. Chan in the school office to hold those tickets by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7. Grad Write For Leaving Ceremony

This year, Grads will have the opportunity to personalize one aspect of what is said as they cross the stage at the school leaving ceremony. **Their awards** (such as honour roll, service awards, scholarships etc.) **will already be mentioned**. This is their opportunity to have some input as to what is said as they cross the stage. To personalize what is said the students are asked to follow this link to the website where they can submit their write-up. Please be

mindful of the guidelines provided on the site as any write-up that does not follow the rules will be removed and replaced with a generic message. Deadline to submit is Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. 100 <http://gradwriteup.weebly.com/>

## 8. Lord Byng Debate Team

Congratulations to Judy Rhee and Emily Sorrenti who made it to the quarter-finals of the Canadian Nationals debate competition held in Vancouver, April 20 to 23. Ultimately, they finished 18th and 20th respectively out of a field of 96 of the best debaters in Canada. Finishing in the top 20 is considered a very strong achievement. Go Lord Byng debate team!

## 9. Allergy Clinic Survey

The Allergy Clinic at BC Children's Hospital would like to invite you to participate in a short online survey. The results from this survey will be used to help us develop a mobile tool, such as a website or smartphone application, to provide more information about food allergies.

Please see link: <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/Allergy%20Survey%20Invitation.pdf>

## 10. Artist in Our Midst

The Roundhouse Exhibit

Roundhouse Community Centre

Thursday, May 18, 10am – 9pm

Opening Reception: 7pm -9pm

Please see link for more information: <http://www.artistsinourmidst.com/>

## 11. Upcoming Events for Strings Program

The Strings program is participating in the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival on May 5th at Douglas College. The Strings Year End Concert and Grad Concert takes place in the Lord Byng Theatre on May 18th at 7pm.

Lord Byng Symphony Orchestra Concert takes place in the Lord Byng Theatre on May 26th at 7:30pm. We are looking forward to performing for you!

## 12. Traffic Safety

**Traffic Safety:** Please be very cautious when driving around our school. We need to keep access to the school safe for everyone. Drop off and pick up of students should not block the streets or the entrance to our parking lot. The further away from the school the safer for everyone. If you're near the school you may drop-off Lord Byng students on Wallace or out in front of the school, on 16<sup>th</sup>, but please do not come into the school parking lot or in any way block the entrances to our school.

Avoid pick-up or drop-off of students along Crown, or *anywhere* near the elementary school. If you're in the car waiting to pick up a student after school, please do so as far from our school zones as possible. We've had a number of dangerous traffic incidents with students, especially in the congestion around the elementary school. As the fall weather sets in, Police and Bylaw Enforcement will be coming to help us alleviate the dangers of traffic around our school. Please remember to be careful, and adhere to all the traffic laws and parking bylaws. During school hours, pick-up and drop-off of Byng students in the staff parking lot area is not permitted.

**Thank you for helping us to keep the students safe.**

Chinese Translation can be found here:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/Traffic%20Safety%20English%20Chinese%20Translation.pdf>

### 13. **Grad Bottle Drive – Vancouver West Return-it-Centre**

Dear parents,

This year's Grad Bottle Drives held at school have all finished and a total of \$3532 has been raised. If you missed the last one, you can still drop off your bottles at Vancouver West Return-it-Centre. Money raised will be collected regularly by responsible parents and sent to school. Thank you for your support!

Vancouver West Return-it-Centre

Lord Byng Account Number: E009413

Address: 1253 West 75th Avenue, Vancouver

Phone: 604.263.8809

Hours of Operation: Mon-Sat 9am to 6pm; Sun 10am to 5pm

### 14. **Nineteenth Annual Swyng With Byng**

This year's Swyng with Byng will be on Wednesday, June 7 in the school theatre. We will start at 7pm and all three jazz bands will perform. Ticket sales will begin in May.

### 15. **2017 Grad Package Distribution**

Student Fees Account Report and Guest Grad Dinner Dance and Grad Ceremony Ticket order forms. These were given out to all Grade 12 students at the Assembly on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Any students not at the Grade 12 Assembly can pick up the Grad Package in the office. Please fill out the forms and return them on or before the deadline on Friday, April 28th. School-Day online payment for the Guest Grad Dinner Dance Ticket and Grad Ceremony Ticket will be posted later on today. Please see below the forms that were distributed. We encourage you to use the forms that were in the Grad Package.

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/Grade%2012%20Spring%20Ltr%20to%20Parents%202017.pdf>

[http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/2017%20GRAD%20CEREMONY%20TICKETS%20REQUEST%20FORM%20\(1\)%20\(002\).pdf](http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/2017%20GRAD%20CEREMONY%20TICKETS%20REQUEST%20FORM%20(1)%20(002).pdf)

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/2017%20Grad%20Dinner%20Dance%20Form%20blank.pdf>

### 16. **Grade 12 Scholarships**

Please visit the school website and the Career Information Blog for the latest scholarship opportunities:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Students/Grade%2012/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

<http://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/careerinfo/scholarships/>

### 17. **2017 - 2018 School Year**

If your son/daughter will NOT be returning to Byng next year, please send an email to the grade counsellor to let the school know of your plans.

## 18. Grade 12 Families – Grad Information

Please see links for the latest updates:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Students/Grade%2012/Documents/Dry%20Grad%20Letter.pdf>

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Students/Grade%2012/Documents/Dry%20Grad%20Donation%20Form.pdf>

## 19. Gr 10 Girls Kickboxing Fieldtrip

Any Grade 10 girls interested in going to a kickboxing gym for a fieldtrip on May 9th with your counsellor, Ms. Tsui, please sign up in the counselling suite. For more information, email [satsui@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:satsui@vsb.bc.ca) Last day to sign up is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 20. Oxford University

Oxford University from the United Kingdom will be giving a presentation about their University and the admissions process. The presentation will take place at Collingwood School's Lecture Theatre on Saturday April 29th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The address is 70 Morven Drive West Vancouver. Please register at: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/canadatour>. The poster on this event is located in the Counselling offices.

## 21. Pi Club Math Peer-Tutoring

Peer tutoring is available for students who need extra help with their math homework, quiz/test preparation or just general review. Every Tuesday at lunch and Wednesday after school in Room 304 (Ms. Bains' Room).

## 22. Seeking Grade 8 Parent Chaperones For Trip to Children's Festival

Dear Parents,

The Modern Languages department would like to take the Grade 8 French students to the Children's festival. We are looking for 3 or more parents who would be comfortable accompanying students on public transit to Granville Island on May 31st at noon. Without parent chaperones we may not be able to go. If you are available and willing please contact Paula Violi at: [pvioli@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:pvioli@vsb.bc.ca)

Many thanks for your consideration! It will be fun.

## 23. Lord Byng Grocery Card Program

Please help support the Lord Byng Grocery Card Program. All profits benefit the students in the school. Please consider placing an order for gift cards. Order forms and a full explanation of how the program works can be found here:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/About/Documents/Grocery%20Card%20Order%20Program%202016-2017%20Revised.pdf>

## 24. Byng Athletics

Grey Ghosts Athletic Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c1767i8pfc4i9q6rdjrlqsn4s@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Vancouver&pli=1>

### **Junior Rugby**

The Jr Grey Ghosts defeated Pt. Grey 55-32 this past Monday and had a hard fought 29-15 loss to St. George's in exhibition play yesterday. The Juniors finished the VSSAA regular season undefeated and in 1st place and will host a semi-final match on Wednesday at Camosun.

### **Senior Rugby**

The Sr Grey Ghosts took one on the chin from St. George's this past Tuesday and will host West Vancouver Secondary in the final league match on Tuesday at Camosun. Lower Mainland playoffs will begin the following week. The Srs will train after school Monday at Camosun.

### **Lord Byng Rugby 2018 Tour to NZ & QLD**

Lord Byng rugby teams have gone on 10 overseas Rugby Tours over the past 30 years and in March of 2018, the Senior Grey Ghosts will once again be embarking on a two week, 8 match tour of New Zealand & Australia (our 4th tour in the past 7 years).

To help offset some of the expenses, we will once again be providing sponsorship opportunities for members of our community.

Please direct all enquiries to [imacphee@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:imacphee@vsb.bc.ca)

\*Follow Lord Byng Rugby on Twitter @GreyGhostsRugby

### **25. VSB Summer School Program**

Registration begins on May 5, 2017. Sign up early to avoid disappointment. Some courses fill up very quickly.

Please see link: <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

### **26. VSB Career Information Website**

Please visit the New VSB Career Information website: <http://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/careerinfo/>

- Information of bursaries, scholarships, admissions and other applications
- Universities/ Colleges
- Student Volunteer Opportunities
- Post-Secondary Events
- Resources

### **27. School-Day – School Fees Online Payment Are Due**

If you have not yet paid for your General School Fees and standard Supplemental Fee online with our online payment program School-Day by registering at <https://www.school-day.com/> please do so at your earliest convenience or you will be invoiced. If you have Supplemental fees that do not appear on your account that is associated with your child's account please feel free to contact Ms. Chan in the office the phone number is 604-713-8171.

New users for School-Day should only use Student ID with the registration if using 'Electronic Authentication 'or if you are not successful linking up your child in School- Day please call Ms. Chan in the office phone number 604-713-8171 to get the individual Secured Match Key.

See links for more information:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/School-Day%20registrationHandout.pdf>

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/School-Day%20set%20up%20instruction%20-%20simplified%20Chinese.pdf>

## 28. Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- 27 Thurs. Theatre Company Spring Show – 7:00 p.m. Theatre – (28<sup>th</sup>)
- 28 Fri. Grad. Package Ticket Forms Due in School Office

### MAY

- 02 Tues. WEX Employability Skills @ lunch in room A316
- 02 Tues. AP Computer Science Exam 7:45 AM
- 03 Wed. AP English Literature Exam 7:45 AM
- 03 Wed. Theatre Company Spring Show – 7:00 pm Theatre – (May 3 - 5)
- 03 Wed. Collaborative Day – Early dismissal at 1:28 p.m. for 8, 9, 11 & 12 except grade 10's
- 05 Fri. AP Studio Art
- 08 Mon. **Pro D. Day – School not in session**
- 09 Tues. AP Calculus Exam 7:45 AM
- 09 Tues. AP French Exam 11:45 AM
- 10 Wed. Grade 8 Rot. #6 – (May 10<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>)
- 10 Wed. Gauss Math Contest – Day 2-2
- 11 Thurs. AP Statistics Exam 11:45 AM
- 11 Thurs. Fire Drill #6 - @ 9:40 a.m. Day 1-2
- 11 Thurs. Theatre 9 Show – 7:00 p.m. Theatre
- 12 Fri. Peer Counselling Training off campus at St. Phillips Church
- 15 Mon. Byng Arts passports due in English class
- 17 Wed. Sex Education at lunch
- 18 Thurs. Strings Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Thurs. Artists in the Midst at the Roundhouse – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- 18 Thurs. Parent Grad Committee Meeting 7pm Rm 219
- 19 Fri. Art Shines For Canada Show @ 6pm Theatre
- 20 Sat. Pacific Mobile Depot Recycling Byng parking lot – 9-12 noon
- 20 Sat. Senior Art Show in Byng Gallery – 11:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Mon. **Victoria Day – School not in session**
- 24 Wed. Planning 10 Assembly – Day 1-1
- 24 Wed. Byng Arts Fine Arts Meeting
- 26 Fri. Lord Byng Symphony Orchestra – 12:30 p.m. Elem. Visit & 7:30 p.m. Theatre
- 27 Sat. Senior Art Show Byng Gallery @ 11am – 6pm
- 30 Tues. Year End Band & Choir Concert (Jr. Night) – 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Wed. Immunization Clinic Grade 9 – Day 2-2 & 2-1
- 31 Wed/ Byng Arts Grad Assembly – Day 2-3
- 31 Wed. PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



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