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Lord Byng News
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1. A message from Germaine Tsui, Vice-principal

It is with tremendous sadness that I bid farewell to the Byng community. Beginning in January, Mr. Mike Vulgaris (mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca) will be replacing me as the vice-principal working with grades 10 and 11 students. I have already told him about the wonderful school that is Lord Byng and about the supportive community that we have here. I will remember my 3 ½ years at Byng fondly and I thank all those whose paths I have crossed here for helping to make my time here so enjoyable. I send merry wishes to you all this season. May 2018 be a joyous and fulfilling year for you.

2. BOTTLE DRIVE SAT. JAN. 13TH - PLEASE SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!

The next grad bottle drive is scheduled for Sat. Jan.13th, the first Saturday after school begins in the New Year. We are asking that Byng families save all of their returnable bottles, cans etc. over the next few weeks, and particularly over the holidays, and bring them to the school parking lot on Jan.13th. We need your help to make this important fundraiser successful! The grads of 2018 thank you so much for your support

3. Byng Xmas Fundraiser News

Just wanted to update you on our Christmas fundraisers at Byng this year.

1. Over the last few weeks the Leadership class has raised over \$1000 to help buy, wrap and deliver presents to four single mother families in the Greater Vancouver area. I wanted to thank Andrea Armstrong for donating Starbucks gift cards and Paula Violi for her ornaments and a Wii system!! In addition, a few students were instrumental in the process and should be recognized for their hard work: Lucy Tuer, Priya Dosanjh, Siena Caridi Ross Hanna Watt and Paige McPherson! Just a quick story, we dropped off presents for a mom and her son who just immigrated to Vancouver from Costa Rica and the mom was in tears because she could provide her son with a Christmas when she didn't think she would be able to!

2. The student council and the Byng arts Student council started the annual food drive campaign, and over the last few weeks we have been collecting money in block 2-1 and with the help from the staff at Byng we raised over \$4000!!!! A big thank you to Jon Hartley-Folz for helping organize for such a worthy cause!!

Thanks again to all of the staff for your cooperation,

Kevin Sandher

4. **Traffic Safety**

Traffic Safety: Please be very cautious when driving around our school. We need 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 16th, 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.

5. **Cuba 2018**

Our next group meeting will on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. We'll be meeting in Room 316 at lunch. All student travelers are expected to attend.

Mr. Collins is collecting passport information for the trip. Please send him an email with a scanned copy (in attachment) of your passport.

scollins@vsb.bc.ca

6. **Grade 12's TVR's**

Have you verified your Ministry Transcript with Ms. Smith?

Grade 12's who have not yet verified the accuracy of their Transcript with Ms. Smith during English 12 class, must see Ms. Smith as soon as possible. A reminder that Ms. Smith's lunch is during period 3 so please choose another time to see her. Student break, student lunch times, and after school work best. Please knock gently on Ms. Smith's office door, if the door is shut. Thank you.

7. **Work Experience**

If you are volunteering or working over the winter break, please let Ms. Whelan know your schedule in order to arrange for a worksite visit.

kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

8. **Lord Byng Grocery Card Program**

Hello Lord Byng Parents!

A reminder that the Lord Byng Grocery Card program is back. This program costs you NOTHING but benefits the school greatly!

You can learn more about the program, and get order forms here:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/LB%20Grocery%20Card%20Order%20Program%202017-2018.pdf>

Christmas deadline has past....but get your orders in now for January!

Grocery cards DO NOT expire.

Questions about the program contact Erin Davis @ Davidun@telus.net

亲爱的罗宾家长们：

友情提醒：罗兵购物卡项目华丽回归。这个项目不额外多花您一分钱但是却会给学校带来巨大的好处！

点击下面的链接了解详情及下载订单表格。

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/LB%20Grocery%20Card%20Order%20Program%202017-2018.pdf>

购物卡不会过期。

有任何疑问请联系Erin Davis @ Davidun@telus.net

9. Pi Club Peer Tutoring

Peer tutoring is available for **Math** every **Wednesday after school** and every **Thursday at lunch** in **room 304**.

10. Student Emergency Contact Forms & Medical Care Plan Sheets

Student Emergency Contact Forms are due in the school office. It is important that we have up to date information in our school files. Please come to the school office to pick up a form if you require one.

Students who were given care plan sheets for anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizure conditions, asthma or other medical conditions, please return the forms to the school office.

If your child has any medical conditions (e.g. anaphylaxis, seizures, diabetes, asthma), please provide the appropriate medical forms and medication to the school office ASAP. Forms are available in the school office.

Any questions, please contact our school nurse Emily Ho at: 604-261-6366

11. Grade 12 Student Transcript Service (STS) Update

The Ministry of Education has advised that First Term marks will **not** be on the Transcripts from the Ministry website. Therefore, the Student Transcript Service (STS) should not be used at this time to send Transcripts to post-secondary institutions.

Grade 12 students will need to request a Diploma Verification Report (DVR) from the Records Clerk, Ms. Dowell, if they require a paper copy of their Transcript. Request forms are available in the school office. Please note, Ms. Dowell will need at least four working days notice to generate a DVR.

12. Byng Grads and Parents of Grads

Ms. Smith encourages all Grade 12 students to regularly check our Lord Byng website (under Students top tab, Gr.12's drop tab) **for important Gr.12 Information**. Make checking this a habit and be informed about Gr. 12 opportunities, responsibilities, post-secondary updates, scholarships, and application deadlines.

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Students/Grade%2012/Pages/Grade-12-Information.aspx>

13. Attention Grade 12's – Schulich Scholarship

Nomination forms for the Schulich Leadership Scholarships are available from Ms. McKay – due Jan 15/2018 @ 3pm. Looking for academic excellence, leadership & financial need for those studying science/engineering or technology.

<http://www.schulichleaders.com/about-scholarship>

14. Student Course Withdrawals

Dear Byng Parents,

At Lord Byng, we will be keeping accurate records of all student course withdrawals.

1.) For the 2017-2018 school year, we will begin this improvement in record keeping in Term Two. If a student drops a course during Term Two the school report card will show a “W” and the comment section will include the date of withdrawal. If a student drops a course in Term Three the report card will show a “W” and the comment section will indicate the date of withdrawal.

2.) For the 2018-2019 school year, “W” will be included on the school report card for any course dropped after the first five weeks of Term One, and withdrawals in Terms Two and Three may include additional information about date of withdrawal and achievement to that date, in the comments section.

At this time, we expect that the “W” will appear on the School Transcript, and we understand that the Final Transcript issued by the BC Ministry of Education in July does not include course withdrawal information. We have no indication that any university considers a withdrawal from a course to be of any significance.

15. Byng Athletics

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and Field season is just around the corner. If you really want to get good at Track and Field, you should consider joining a community track and field club. Now is a great time to join. Most track and field clubs allow you to try it out for a couple of sessions before you make the commitment. Check out the information below and ask Mr. Jack for more details.

TRACK & FIELD CLUBS:

Vancouver Thunderbirds Track and Field Club

All events:

Club Manager: Kendra, Email: kendra@thunderbirdstrack.org

or jumps:

Email: bjack@vsb.bc.ca (Mr. Jack)

Pole Vault: Coach Bill, Email: w.d.fisher-arch@telus.net or Coach Gordan, Email: gordanp@novuscom.net

Vancouver Olympic Club

Distance, sprints, jumps and hurdles

Coach Tatjana, Email: voc.tatjana@gmail.com

Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club

Club Manager: Karen, Email: karen.kajaks@gmail.com

Sprints, jumps and hurdles: Email: bjack@vsb.bc.ca (Mr. Jack)

Hammer throw, discus and shot put: Coach Garrett, Email: gecoll.er@gmail.com

Race Walking:

Coach Evan

Email: evandunfee@gmail.com

16. SACY Workshops

Free Workshops Parents & Caregivers 2017 - 2018

Want to have more fun and strengthen your connection with your teen?

Could you use some new strategies for setting boundaries as your youth matures?

Are you looking for tips on how to improve communication with your teen?

SACY offers casual, friendly & supportive workshops across Vancouver.

Please see links for dates, information and to register:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Parents/Document%20Files/2017-2018%20%20SACY%20Workshops.pdf>

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Parents/Document%20Files/SACY%20Caregiver%20Welcome.pdf>

17. Trek Program

The TREK outdoor education program is once again looking for interested grade nines to join us for next year. This one year program brings kids from all around the city to join together for an unforgettable year.

<http://www.trekoutdoorprogram.ca/>

18. Ski and Snowboard Club

There is still space for the other 4 trips.

There are 14 seats left for the January 20, 2018 trip. Please get your forms and payment to Ms. Whelan prior to the winter break.

kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

The Lord Byng Ski and Snowboard Club will be heading to Whistler for another epic season. We have scheduled 4 trips with RideTribe: January 20; February 4; March 3 and April 14. All trips will depart Lord Byng at 6:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. Students will be supervised on the bus by Lord Byng staff. Teaching staff will also be available to help direct students who are new to the process. Once at the mountain, students are required to participate in groups determined by their ability for the entire day. There will be a guide/ instructor with every group of students.

Students may sign up for one day or multiple days.

Cost per trip for Whistler Blackcomb Ridetribes

Feb 4

\$96 (bus, lunch, guided day....students must have their own activated Season's Pass)

\$108 (bus, lunch, lift, guide)

\$130 (bus, lunch, lift, guide, rental)

Jan 20, Mar 3, April 14

\$101 (bus, lunch, guided day....students must have their own activated Season's Pass)

\$113 (bus, lunch, lift, guide)

\$135 bus, lunch, lift, guide, rental)

Winter clothing is not included in the cost of the trip and is not available at the mountain.

Lunch is included, but, it's always a good idea to bring extra food and drink for the way home.

There are spaces to store gear at the mountain or items may be stored on the locked bus for the day. The bus must park offsite so students will not be able to access their belongings until the end of the day.

Cheques payable to Lord Byng Secondary

Questions to kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

Forms and money to be returned to Kathleen Whelan in Room 302

19. School-Day 2017/2018 School Fees Payment

Please continue to pay your General School Fees and Supplemental Fees online.

1. New users for School-Day, please go to www.school-day.com . Click **Log in**, then click **Register**. Complete your information, making sure to include a valid email address.
2. Once you make a School-Day account, you need to add a student:
 - a. Click **Add Student**
 - b. In the Secure-Match field, enter your **Secure-Match Key** and then click **Register**.
Contact our school accountant, Ms. Chan for your child's Secure-Match Key
Tel: 604-713-8171
email address: mchan@vsb.bc.ca
 - c. If you don't need the Secure-Match key from Ms. Chan, you can also register your child electronically by filling in their unique student information, select the '*Electronic Authentication*' link.
 - d. Confirm you are the legal parent or guardian of the student

We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes.

20. Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 07 Sat. Fall Show out of Gallery
- 08 Mon. School Re-opens
- 08 Mon. Library Closed for Inventory (Jan 8-10)
- 09 Tues. WEX Training @ lunch in room A316
- 09 Tues. Parent Grad Committee Meeting 7pm A219
- 13 Sat. Byng Bottle Drive School Parking Lot 10am – 2pm
- 14 Sun. Maker Show in Gallery
- 15 Mon. Schulich Scholarship Applications Due @3pm
- 16 Tues. Cuba Trip Meeting @lunch Rm 316
- 16 Tues. Theatre 9 Dress Rehearsal (16-18)
- 17 Wed. Health & Career Education 9 Assembly – Day 1-4
- 18 Thurs. Theatre 9 Show Showcase 7:00 p.m. Theatre
- 19 Fri. Grade Assemblies: Gr. 8 (1-2) & Gr. 12 (1-4)
- 20 Sat. Ski and Snowboard Club Trip at Blackcomb – 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Sat. Pacific Mobile Depot Recycling Byng parking lot – 9-12 noon
- 22 Mon. Byng Arts passports due in English classes
- 23 Tues. Gr. 9 Assembly: (1-2)
- 24 Wed. Gr. 10 Assembly: (2-2)
- 25 Thurs. Collaborative Day – Early dismissal at 1:28 p.m. for 8, 9, 11 & 12 except grade 10's
- 25 Thurs. Byng Arts Audition Lists posted online
- 25 Thurs. Gr. 11 Assembly: (1-2)
- 26 Fri. Grade 8 Rot. #4 – (Jan. 26th – Mar. 8th)
- 29 Mon. **Curriculum Implementation Day – School not in session**
- 30 Tues. Period Flip – (Day 1 – 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 31 Wed. Period Flip – (Day 2 – 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 31 Wed. Code Red Drill @ 1:10 p.m. Day 2-3
- 31 Wed. PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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