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Lord Byng News
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1. Byng Year End Schedule

Formal classes for all grades concluded on Thursday, June 22nd. Lord Byng Schedule June 23 – 29: staff is here throughout the day looking after exam invigilation and supervision of students engaged in the following –

- Provincial Exams
- Call-back exams for students teachers have requested
- Project Completion for credit
- Credit capture activities: completion of work and/or courses to enable students to move forward
- Meeting with students, parents, counsellors and administration regarding student progress and placement
- Planning and reporting regarding student achievement.

If you wish to speak to a teacher or an administrator, please call and make an appointment.

2. Grade 12 Parents and Students

Hello Grade 12 parents and students:

Tomorrow we will be holding the Grade 12 English exams in classrooms along the second floor. The exam starts at 9 am and we are recommending that students arrive 30 min early to locate their rooms and to get settled. Students are being organized alphabetically into groups of 25. A list of rooms and last names has been posted outside of the office. There will also be signage present on the doors of each classroom to help guide everyone. We hope you all have a restful evening and a nice breakfast before you take the last test of your high school career. A reminder that after your exam we will be having a grad BBQ outside in the basketball courts; all grads are welcome. Looking forward to celebrating your learning tomorrow.

3. Yearbook Omission

As many parents of grade 9 students are aware a page of individual photos was not printed in this year's annual. This means that a little over eighty grade 9 students did not get a portrait picture. As the teacher of the class I do want to extend my apologies to those students that had to experience the disappointment of not seeing themselves in print. I fully understand how upsetting this can be when so many of your peers are reveling in their annual, so again, I am sorry that this has occurred.

As a remedy for this situation we will be printing up the missing page. The page will come with an adhesive strip that allows the page to be inserted and become part of the book. In the end very few, if anyone, will be able to tell that the insert was ever not included in the original printing. We can not guarantee the pages will arrive before the end of June (though we are striving for that), but if we can not distribute them before July we will get them out to the affected grade 9 students in September. We will notify people via email, either through this e-bulletin or as a separate message. I understand this is not the solution that will make everyone happy; it is the best one given the circumstances.

I also want to take a moment to congratulate the small group of hardworking students who made this year's annual. It is a wonderful publication that included some bold, well executed design decisions. It is a great achievement for these young women and men to complete a project like this. To go from no to little experience in design, photography, work flow and information management and in the end create something that is prized by their peers for years to come is an accomplishment to cherish and celebrate. Way to go guys! You made me proud!

Forman Howes
Media Teacher

4. Report Cards

Grade 12 students can pick up their report cards on Thursday, June 29th at 11:00-11:30 outside the main office. Report cards will be printed for grade 12 students only. All reports cards (grades 8-12) will be posted to the MyEducation BC family portal the morning of Thursday June 29th.

5. Lockers

Just a reminder that all students need to have their lockers cleared out by Friday, June 23rd. After these dates, all lockers will be emptied with any items placed in the lost and found in the front hallway. At the end of July, remaining items in the lost and found will be donated to charity.

6. BC Ministry of Health – Important Letter to Parents and Guardians

Please read this important letter from the BC Ministry of Health. (see link below)

The BC Provincial Health Officer released the following letter, reaching out to the Parents and Guardians of all children in British Columbia.

The letter addresses the dangers of drug use and overdose in light of the current escalation of drug related deaths in BC.

<http://bccpac.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/1086299-Parent-and-Guardian-Letter-Talk-to-your-youth-about-drugs-di....pdf>

7. Spring Break 2018 Volunteer Trip to Cuba

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Great news - registration for this humanitarian endeavor is now open!!!

This volunteer trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your son/daughter to offer much needed help and contribute towards making a positive difference in the world! While working on various genuine humanitarian projects students will make meaningful connections with Cuban students, and be immersed in Cuban culture, language, and history.

Registration details are available at www.ghardytours.com. Click on 'March Break or School Organized Trip' and enter code: **BYNGCUBA-MAR2018**

Registration is due by June 30th in order to secure airfare, hotel, and meal costs. Priority enrollment is given to Senior Lord Byng students after which enrollment is on a first-come first-served basis.

Please email our Tour Operator, Georgia Hardy Tours at: info@ghardytours.com if you would like to receive the brochure or have any questions.

8. ELL Parents of Science 8 & 9 Students

This is a reminder to any ELL parent of a Science 8 or 9 student who has borrowed a Science 8 or 9 textbook. All textbooks need to be returned in the next few days. Please return directly to Ms. Nakamura in room A310 or to the main office.

9. Grade 12 Provincial Exam Bulletin

Provincial Exam Bulletin please see link. A newsletter for students writing provincial examinations June 2017.

http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Students/Grade%2012/Documents/Provincial_Exam_Bulletin_June_2017.pdf

10. Call for New Employers for Work Experience

Work Experience is a senior level, 4 credit course offered at Lord Byng. Students are placed and supported in a wide variety of volunteer experiences. The aim of the programme is to increase the student's employability skills and at the same time allow them to gain an awareness of what work in their chosen field really looks like.

Students may be involved at any point in the year; however, most are hesitant to miss school and would prefer to participate during school breaks or on weekends.

The VSB Career Program is always working to expand its Work Experience Employer Base in order to allow for a wide range of experiences for our students. In order to join the programme companies must have WCB coverage. The VSB has additional coverage with WCB if this criterion is met. In general, students are mentored and the company agrees to have a supervisor present within the business. Students are given real work to do when possible or are invited to shadow when the required skill level is too great. Employers have the ability to meet and interview the student prior to signing off on the placement. The work experience coordinator is in contact with students and employers through the process.

Although we have placed more than 60 students for at least a week this summer, we are still seeking a few more targeted placements. I'd appreciate hearing from you if you think that your company might be able to help create a 25-40 hour placement for one of our students. I am actively looking for volunteer positions:

- 2 - IT/ coding/ programming positions.
- 2 - architecture placements.
- 2 - accounting or finance positions.
- 1 - environmental biology (birds)
- 2 - medical/health science related placements
- 2 - law placements

There are also a number of students who have many volunteer hours and are now considering paid work. I would be happy to help you connect with one of Lord Byng's employable youth.

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Swim Team Coordinator 2016

Ski and Snowboard Coordinator 2016/17

11. VSB Summer School Program

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

12. Byng Lost and Found

If your son/daughter has lost any clothing items, please come check the lost and found box located outside the school office. Smaller items such as cell phones, keys, bus cards, wallets, umbrellas, jewellery etc are located inside the school office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of June.

13. Byng Athletics

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 imaphee@vsb.bc.ca

*Follow Lord Byng Rugby on Twitter @GreyGhostsRugby

14. 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 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.

Chinese Translation can be found here:

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

15. 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.

16. 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>

17. Calendar of Events

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| 22 | Thurs. | Term 3 Ends |
| 23 | Fri. | Lockers must be empty by end of day. Anything left in lockers will be donated. |
| 23 | Fri. | English 12 Provincial Exam 9AM |
| 23 | Fri. | Grad Barbecue After Provincial Exam |
| 23 | Fri. | ELL Playland Field Trip All Day |
| 23 | Fri. | Life Skills Last Day of Classes (L. Hogan) |
| 26 | Mon. | First Peoples English 12 Provincial Exam 1pm - 3pm |
| 26 | Mon. | Grade 7 Visit to Byng 10am – 12pm |
| 29 | Thurs. | Report Cards Posted to Student Portal – Grades 8-12 |
| 29 | Thurs. | Grade 12 ONLY Printed Report Cards Available for Pick up 11am – 11:30 am outside of office |
| 30 | Fri. | Administrative Day / School Closing Day |

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