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Lord Byng News
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1. Byng Secondary Seismic Project – Public Information Session Invitation

Please see link for more info:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/Byng%20Seismic%20Public%20Information%20Session%20Invitation.pdf>

2. Notice to all Parents and Students: Byng Lost and Found

Notice to all parents and students: Our Lord Byng Lost and Found will be cleaned out and all items either disposed of or donated to charity – during Spring Break. If you or your student has lost any item(s), please look at the lost and found this week. After Spring Break it will be empty.

3. Swyng with Byng Annual Music Gala – April 5th

It's about time! The once a year showcase of some of the most talented musicians in the school just got a WHOLE NEW UPGRADE!

Join us for an entire evening of music and dancing and a catered buffet dinner at a fancy golf course. Proceeds will go towards the Lord Byng Music Program.

Date: April 5th, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Riverway Golf Course

9001 Bill Fox Way, Burnaby

Ticket \$ 80 dinner & entertainment included tickets sold at Lord Byng Music Office *ask a Jazz Band Student

Or pay online at the link below:

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/12144/196/False/True/>

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/Swyng%20with%20Byng%20Invitation.pdf>

4. Course Planning Message to Byng Students/Parents/Guardians

If you have not selected your courses for 2019/2020 please make an appointment to meet with your counselor as soon as possible. The online Family Portal is now closed. Requests can only be made in consultation with your counselor. The request process is a critical component of the overall school timetable and schedule. Next years' classes are determined by student requests and it is therefore important that those requests accurately reflect the students' academic progress. Only request those courses for which you have completed the pre-requisite course work. For example, if you have completed Math 9 successfully or if you plan to complete Math 9 in Summer School or On-line then you should select Math 10 for next year.

If you are on an accelerated path to complete course work, please be advised that priority will be given to Grade 11/12 students for entry into Grade 11/12 courses required to complete graduation requirements. For example, if you are in Grade 9 and going into Grade 10 but will be completing Math 10 in summer school, you may wish to request Math/Calculus 11 but your request may not be accommodated. Grade 11/12 student requests will be given priority and if space is available within the timetable, Grade 10 students may have their requests satisfied.

Please notify your counselor in advance if you plan to take courses in summer school or online. You should also have indicated this on your Course Planning Sheet. It is not too late to let your counselors know what your plans are for next year. Ask questions and stay informed. For more information regarding course planning please contact the counselor or the grade administrator:

Mr. Taylor (Grade 12) - gtaylor@vsb.bc.ca

Mr. Vulgaris (Grade 8 and 11) - mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca

Mr. Tuerlings (Grade 9 and 10) - atuerlings@vsb.bc.ca

5. February Grad Parent Committee Meeting

Hello Grad Parents,

The Grad Parent Committee is having our monthly meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7 pm in Room A219.

If you have any questions, this meeting is a great place to find out what is going on. We will be sending out more details regarding the Family Dinner/Dance and the Dry Grad in April as final details come together.

We look forward to seeing you Monday night. The school can be accessed after hours using the doors by the gym off the parking lot.

If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs Tiffinie Green (teeniegriffin@gmail.com) or Claire Stormont (stormont1@gmail.com)

Best wishes,
Tiffinie

6. AP Exam Registration

The deadline for Lord Byng students to register for an AP exam in a course they are currently taking at Lord Byng is approaching. March 20, 2019 will be the last day students can register for their exams which are written in May. Students are able to pay for the exam through their SchoolCash Online account - paying for the exam ensures their registration to write at Lord Byng. Please note, that there will not be any refunds for exams that are missed, once the exam is paid for the student has indicated their intent to write. Please see below for the dates for AP exams being written at Lord Byng:

May 8 - English Literature and Composition (8:30 AM)
- French Language and Culture (12:30 PM)

May 10 - Studio Art Submission Deadline

May 14 - Calculus AB (8:30 AM)

May 16 - Statistics (12:30 PM)

May 17 - Computer Science A (12:30 PM)

** Please note that the Computer Science A exam falls on a District Closure Day - the exam WILL still take place at Lord Byng**

If you have any questions please do hesitate to contact Mr. Tuerlings (atuerlings@vsb.bc.ca)

7. Grad Ceremony Comments

Grade 12s, Please go to this link and complete the form by April 8. These comments will be read out as you cross the stage during your graduation ceremony at the UBC Chan Centre on June 3.

<https://goo.gl/HNK1gy>

8. Message from VCH & VSB – Measles

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and the school district encourages everyone to take this current set of measles cases as a reminder to ensure their vaccinations are up-to-date and to report student vaccination records to Vancouver Coastal Health via the school's Public Health Nurse.

If you have documentation of your child's vaccination records and wish to get them to VCH, please feel free to drop a copy of them off at the school office and we will provide them to our school's VCH Public Health Nurse.

If you are wanting to receive vaccinations, you can access such services via:

-One of the VCH Community Health Centres (North, South, Three Bridges, Evergreen, Ravensong, and Pacific Spirit Community Health Centers)

-Certain pharmacies which offer vaccination services
-Certain family/general physicians' offices

If you have questions regarding measles or vaccinations, please call 811 or Vancouver Coastal Health.

Please see link below for a letter from the VCH about the measles outbreak in Vancouver.

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/Measles%20Update%20VSB%20and%20ISABC.pdf>

9. Work Experience

Work Experience Applications deadline extended to March 14th.

2 year/ 4 credit/ mixed mode, outside of timetable course

Pick up Application: Room 302

Return Application : Room 302

Questions to kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

Limited space for new Grade 11's to start March 2019 and continue through to June 2020

Grade 10's to start as early as July 2019 through to June 2021.

10. Current Byng Arts Students: ACTION REQUIRED – Course Planning Sheet 2019/20

All Byng Arts students are asked to complete the on-line Course Planning Sheet by March 8th. This online form is specific to Byng Arts and can be accessed through the school website or by clicking the link: [FORM](#). Please let us know your plans for next September. You will be asked to confirm that you plan to attend Byng Arts next year. You will be asked to indicate your Fine Art focus and the specific fine art course(s) you will be enrolled in next September. If you do not plan to attend the program next year, your timely response will allow us to contact potential new applicants with an offer of a seat. Thank you for your attention.

11. Byng Arts Drama/Visual Arts Senior Trip to New York – March 2020

An entertaining and educational trip is planned for senior students in Byng Arts Visual Art and Drama to the “Big Apple”, New York City, U.S.A. This trip is an opportunity for Byng students to further their learning opportunities through exposure to some of the world’s most famous galleries, museums, Broadway shows, and landmarks. This rich cultural trip is sure to create high-school memories that will last a lifetime.

Departure: Friday, March 6th, 2020, (Vancouver, BC to New York, NY)
Return: Thursday, March 12th, 2020, (New York, NY to Vancouver, BC)

The current estimated cost of this trip is \$2,900 to \$3,100 CAD but may increase depending on the rate of exchange at the time of booking. The cost of this trip includes return airline transportation to and from New York City, coach transportation into Manhattan and One Week Metro Card; 6 nights hotel accommodation; daily continental breakfasts; and 3 Group Dinners, tickets to 3 shows; the Apollo Theatre-Amateur Night; tours to the Rockefeller Centre, Radio City Music Hall, Empire State Building Observatory, Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and many more exciting activities planned along the way.

Trip chaperones will be staff members from the Visual Arts, Drama, and Tech Ed Departments. Please contact Jon Hartley-Folz at hartley@vsb.bc.ca with your questions. We will have an initial student meeting on **Monday, March 11th at lunch in A223**, Mr. Hartley-Folz’s art room to get a sense of the level of interest and to provide additional details.

12. Provincial Numeracy Assessment Schedule June 2019

Please see below for the June 2019 Provincial Numeracy Assessment Schedule **REVISED FEB 26**:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/2019%20Provincial%20Assessment%20Student%20Schedule%20REVISED%20FEB%2026%20v1-1.pdf>

Questions regarding the Numeracy Assessment Schedule can be directed to Mr. Tuerlings, Vice-Principal, via email at atuerlings@vsb.bc.ca

13. 2019 Provincial Numeracy Assessment

The Provincial Numeracy Assessment is a graduation requirement and can be written in grade 10, 11, or 12. The provincially mandated dates in June 2019 for the Numeracy Assessment are June 21, 24, 25, 26, and 27. Last June, all of our grade 10's and 11's were scheduled to write the assessment. This year, all grade 10's will be scheduled as well as students in grade 11 and 12 who did not write the assessment last June.

Any grade 11 or 12 student wishing to *rewrite* the assessment will need to register through the office. Numeracy Assessment times for students will be organized alphabetically by grade and last name. Lord Byng is not able to accommodate alternate writing times for students. If a student is unable to write the assessment during their assigned time, their next opportunity to write at Lord Byng will be June 2020.

Questions regarding the Numeracy Assessment can be directed to Mr. Tuerlings, Vice-Principal, via email at atuerlings@vsb.bc.ca

14. Byng Athletics

Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Basketball team for a very successful AAA Provincial tournament in Langley last week. This is the first time the Senior Girls have made it to the provincials since 1998 and they won hard-fought games against #1 and #2 Lower Mainland seeds Argyle Secondary and R.A.McMath to place #10 in the province. This small but tenacious team says goodbye and good luck to seniors Yvona Acimovic, Stephanie Yang, Meg Tolbert, Sierra Jaggs and Serena Bai. We look forward to watching Engy Meseha, Hana Kimura, Maggie Mackay, Joni Bromige and Juliette Kladko next season. Well done team!

Rugby

Results from Week ONE of the Spring Rugby Season:

Rugby - 1, Weather - 1

SENIOR

-Despite changing fields 3 times, Thursday's Exhibition Match was cancelled due to unplayable conditions.

-Next week the Senior boys will have a **INTER-SQUAD MATCH** after school (3:30-5:00) on Tuesday & a practice Wednesday at CAMOSUN.

-**Thursday, March 14** - Lower Mainland League Game #1 vs Handsworth Secondary (North Van) @ 4:00 at CAMOSUN or JERICHO or BALACLAVA (TBD)

-Please see Mr. Mallette or Mr. MacPhee for more information.

Please see below for schedule calendar:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/2019%20Senior%20Boys%20Rugby%20Schedule.pdf>

JUNIOR

-Had a very successful first 'hit up' of the year on Wednesday.

-Next week the Junior boys will practice after school 3:30-5:00 on Tuesday at Camosun.

-**Wednesday, March 13** - Preseason Jamboree #2 at Connaught Park (Kits) @ 3:30

-New Gr. 9 & Gr. 10 boys are still welcome.

-Please see Mr. MacPhee or Mr. McKeen for more information.

**The Follow details are on the assumption that the Parks and School Board Fields are open and safe to use next week.*

Please see below for schedule calendar:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/2019%20Lord%20Byng%20Junior%20Rugby%20Calendar%20Schedule.pdf>

Follow the progress of Lord Byng's Rugby Teams on Twitter @GreyGhostsRugby

Girls Soccer

Girls soccer exhibition game:

Tuesday March 12th,

UHILL secondary @ 3:45pm.

See Ms. Pendree for details

Track and Field

Be a part of history! Help Lord Byng win our 10th Championship in a row!

"Meeting Mondays" there will be track meetings every Monday at lunch in the small gym. A very important meeting will happen this Monday (Krispy Kreme donuts will be served!) We have important tryouts at UBC on March 12, 13 & 14th. All athletes are expected to attend at least one of those days. Sessions will be from 3:30pm to 5pm.

We are very excited about the 2019 track and field season! This year we are hoping to win our 10th City Championship in a row. However, we will need as many athletes as we can get. The track and field team doesn't cut anyone from the team. We are the biggest team in the school. We have boys and girls from grade 8-12! Everyone is welcome. It is great exercise, excellent training for other sports, good for athletic points, CAPP hours and could help with possible awards, scholarships and applications to university. It also looks great on a resume! See Mr. Jack for more details. If you would like to make your payment online please see link below:

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/12239/196/False/True/>

Raffle Tickets

The track and field team is selling raffle tickets. All team members are asked to sell one book. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 10 for 30\$. All prizes are cash prizes: first prize is \$500, second prize is \$250, and third prize is \$100. There is also a seller's draw (for each book sold, the seller will be entered into a draw: first prize is \$100 and second prize is \$50). Please send your child to Mr. Jack if they have not picked up their raffle booklet. Also, interested buyers can contact Mr. Jack at bjack@vsb.bc.ca. Sold and unsold raffle tickets and money are due back on March 1st. The draw will be held on March 15th.

Schedule and Permission Forms

Complete schedules and permission forms are available for all students who wish to do track and field this year. Please note that students can do more than one sport each term. Track and Field offers a lot of practices and competitions. However, this only gives the athletes lots of opportunities. They are not expected to be at all practices and all meets. Please see Mr. Jack for forms.

Track and Field

Retired teacher, track coach and Olympian, Sara Neil, will be holding practice for middle distance runners (400 meters to 3000 meters) at 3:45 pm at Camosun Track on the following date: March 14th. Please note the later start time.

15. Not Returning to Lord Byng Next School Year 2019-2020

If you are not planning to return to Lord Byng next year, please complete the required form and return to the office. Extra forms are available in the office, or use the one on line and return. Please see link:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Parents/Document%20Files/Not%20returning%20to%20Lord%20Byng%202019-20%20School%20Year.pdf>

16. Grad Plant Fundraiser

A Grad Fundraiser that will raise your spirits and beautify your garden!

Save time and money by ordering your spring plantings through Byng Grads. Our spring plant sale runs from now until April 14. The plants you order will be delivered to the school by April 25.

If you cannot pick up the plants on April 25 or 26, please contact sutees@shaw.ca before ordering. We cannot arrange for private delivery of orders of less than \$100.

Our experience with this vendor has been excellent in terms of quality.

12" Premium Hanging Basket	\$30
12" Outdoor Patio Planter	\$30
12" Strawberry Hanging Basket	\$20
10 Pack 4" Succulents	\$30
10 Pack 4" Herbs	\$30
10 Pack 4" Veggies	\$30
10 Pack 4" Geraniums & Petunias	\$30
10 Pack 4" Marigolds	\$25
Fertilizer Shaker	\$15

Ordering and payment is by School Cash Online, which has photos of sample products, please see links below.

Please click on link to see description and photos of plants:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Documents/Grad%20Plant%20Fundraiser%20Photos.png>

***Please note that PREMIUM SOIL is not available for sale.**

The following links can also be purchased by the public, please forward the links to your friends, relatives, co-workers or neighbors if they are interested in getting some Spring Plants...

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10188/196/False/True>
<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10229/196/False/True>
<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10260/196/False/True>
<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10263/196/False/True>
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<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10285/196/False/True>
<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10286/196/False/True>
<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/10287/196/False/True>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

17. Grad Parent Committee Dry Grad Prize Request

Prizes Wanted

Dry Grad Prize Donations needed! For example, gift certificates to:

- Go-karting and dinner for 4 grads
- Escape Room and dinner for 4 grads
- Paddle board rental & Gourmet picnic 4 grads
- Summer concert for 4–6 grads
- Spa service for 4–6 grads
- Playland Entry & food 4-6 people
- Ziptrek, Bungee, Paintball or River Rafting for 4
- Other prize suggestions are welcome if you have something you can donate

Tiffinie Green

ByngGradPrizes2019@gmail.com

REQUEST: Please consider making a gift of cash, products, services or gift cards for all or part of any Dry Grad prize experience for Lord Byng 2019 Grads.

UPSIDE: Promotion of you, your friend, or any business to 500+ people at the family Dinner/Dance. Keeping our kids engaged and safe at Dry Grad. Winning points with your child (always a plus)!

INTERESTED? Contact us at ByngGradPrizes2019@gmail.com

The Byng Dry Grad will take place on **Friday, June 7** in the gym following the family grad Dinner/Dance at the Hyatt. Dry Grad is an inclusive, safe, alcohol and drug-free event for the entire graduating class. It includes dancing, entertainment, food, and fantastic prizes at the end of the evening. Like last year our plan is to provide fewer, more exciting prizes that offer the winners an adventure they can experience with their friends.

18. Peer Counselling 12

Grade 11's interested in applying for Peer Counselling 12 next year please note that applications are available online through the school website or from the counselling suite. Deadline for application is April 15th.

19. Youth Train-In Trades

Any grade 11s or 12s interested in a career in trades, please check out a number of different opportunities with Youth Train-In Trades program (formally known as ACE- It).

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/careerprograms/programs/youthtrainintradetrades/Pages/default.aspx>

This is an awesome opportunity for the student who is interested in any of these career options. Please come and see your counsellor for more information.

20. Talking with Your Teen About Vaping – A Tip Sheet for Parents

Here is a new informative video about the vaping phenomenon and youth:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AF0poKBUyok>

Please see link for important information.

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Parents/Document%20Files/HC%20Talking%20with%20Your%20Teen%20About%20Vaping%20-%20Dec%202018.pdf>

21. Information for Parents and Students on Vaping

Vaping - Students are not permitted to use a vape device at Lord Byng school. All students have been informed that vaping is not permitted in the school, on the school property or while attending any Vancouver School Events

– including but not limited to athletic events and any Field Trips – local, regional, national or international. Parents and Guardians, we ask that you discuss vaping with your student(s).

Any student caught vaping will be brought to the office and the device will be confiscated. The administration will call parents/guardians to pick-up the student, and if they wish to also claim the vaping paraphernalia. We will take an educational approach with all students (see below), and VSB Administrative Procedures regarding progressive discipline will apply. Students choosing to vape at school may be suspended; they may also be jeopardizing scholarship awards and permission to play on school athletic teams, to attend sporting events, and/or to participate in school related field trips.

Ted Holkestad, our Lord Byng School Age Children and Youth (SACY) worker is helping to educate our students about vaping. Ted's door is open and he's here to help students with their decision making process.

22. Grade 12 Parents – University/Post-Secondary Institutions Applications

Dear Grade 12 Parents,

All students who are applying to post secondary institutions in Canada must do the following: Student Transcript Services, this is where Grade 12 students LOG IN with their BCeID (they need to create one if they haven't already) and then select which post-secondary institutions can have access to their transcript: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates> Typically, post-secondary institutions will see their interim marks and final marks.

In addition to Step 1 (BCeID), Students must also check with each University and do the following: for example self-report (UViC, SFU, Western), upload their transcript/marks (UOT, York), mail (Queens, Dalhousie), and finally nothing (only UBC).

Grade 12s have been doing a great job coming to me and asking for any help that they need! Great job, parents!

23. Grade 12 Parents – Scholarship Information

Dear Grade 12 Parents, I have been advertising many scholarship opportunities through our grade 12 Facebook closed group Counselling Opportunities & Notices.

I have also encouraged all the students to check out each post-secondary institution that they are applying to and check out the scholarships they offer.

Lastly, there are many scholarships out there, as well as various websites that students can use in order to search for scholarships. These have also been given and advertised to all the students. <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/departments/counselling/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

LB Scholarship applications have now also been advertised to grade 12 students through our FB page. They can print them out, fill them out and hand them in to me. Due date for this is April 8. I will visit English classes to talk to students more about this in March. If you would like to take a look, here is the link: <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/departments/counselling/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

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24. IMPORTANT Grad Transitions - INFORMATION FOR GRADES 11 & 12 PARENTS

Dear Grades 11 and 12 Parents,

On October 9th, all Grade 11 and 12 Byng students participated in a mandatory assembly to learn about Graduation Transitions: 2019

Completion of BC Graduation Transitions 12 course, is required for Graduation in June 2019. It is a requirement for Graduation in 2019. At Lord Byng our teachers have developed a comprehensive and fairly simple model of Grad Transitions: one which has seen hundreds and hundreds of Byng students complete and graduate successfully. It's great and it's simple. Please see <http://gradtranslordbyng.blogspot.com/>

As this is the last year of Grad Transitions and the replacement Capstone Project for Grads in June 2020 is not yet fully developed, we're letting Grade 11 students this year join our Grade 12s in completing the Grad Transitions program – in 2018-2019. If students in Grade 11 *want* to do this, they will need to finish all the assignments by April 2019, and turn all necessary assignments and documentation in to Mr. Mike Vulgaris, Vice Principal in charge of Grad Transitions. We will have boxes in the office for this purpose. **Note:** we have already

pre-registered our Grade 11s for Grad Transitions, so it will appear on the report card, just as it does for our Grade 12s.

Grade 12 students MUST complete Grad Transitions this year, by April 2019, in order to Graduate. Grade 11 students have this opportunity as an option – but only this school year. Any Grade 11 student not completing the Grad Transitions Program this school year will be completing a different program based on the new BC curriculum, involving a “Capstone Project” https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/10-12/career-education/en_ce_capstone.pdf as a part of the new Career Life Curriculum: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/10-12/career-education/en_ce_career-life-connections_elab.pdf. As so many details of the new Career Life curriculum are not yet clarified, we think it prudent to allow both our Grade 11s and 12s the opportunity to do Grad Transitions. Please speak to your students about this, whether they be in Grade 11 or 12.

Stay tuned for updates and deadlines from Mr. Vulgaris!

Please contact Mr. Vulgaris with any questions/concerns that you may have. Use "Grad Transitions" in the subject line.

25. Byng Year Books

If you haven't already purchased a **School Yearbook** along with your school fees, you can **reserve a Lord Byng Yearbook online** now at: <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Preserve these important School memories for a lifetime. This year's Yearbook will be better-than-ever! Quantities are limited.

26. School Forms / Medical Care Plan Forms

Students are reminded that the forms that were handed out in homeroom class are due in the school office ASAP! (Student Emergency, CASL, Media Consent, Technology Policy). If you are missing any forms, please come to the school office. If your child has a medical emergency concern, (ie. anaphylaxis, asthma, seizures, diabetes, etc.), please come to the school office to pick up a Medical Care Plan form. Any questions, please contact our school nurse Emily Ho at 604-261-6366.

27. Ski and Snowboard Club 2018-19

Lord Byng is operating an extracurricular Ski and Snowboard Club for four dates over the course of this school year. The focus of the trips will be to provide a fully guided day of skiing or snowboarding in Whistler for students of Lord Byng. All forms and payments must be returned to Ms. Whelan in Room 302. All questions should be in writing to kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

Currently we have 1 weekend dates left for this school year.
March 9, 2019 (Sat) FULL

We will depart from Lord Byng by 6:15 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. We travel to Base 2 on Blackcomb. Parents are expected to have their children at 3939 West 16th at 6:00 a.m. and should be prepared to pick up by 6:00 p.m. upon return. There is no supervision after 6:00 p.m. and it will be dark at that time.

There will be at least one Lord Byng teacher supervisor on the bus for the trip and another one at the mountain to help with tickets and general organization. Students will meet their RideTribe instructor/ guide as they get off the bus and will stay with this guide and their group for the day. There is no opportunity to leave the group to ski or snowboard alone. Students will have selected a level. This will be confirmed with a practice run on the lower half of the mountain. If the instructor feels that a student has overstated their ability, they'll be moved to a more appropriate group.

Students need to provide their own winter clothing which includes winter jackets, pants, long socks, mitts or gloves and goggles. There is the opportunity to rent equipment, but, arrangements should be made ahead of time when forms and payment are returned. If a student purchases their own equipment part way through the season, we can cancel the rental agreement and provide a refund for that portion of the trip. All students must wear helmets and GPS cuffs. These will be provided free of charge.

Teacher sponsors will be at the mountain the entire time; however, direct supervision at the mountain is the responsibility of Ride Tribe staff. In the event of an injury the Safety Patrol and the instructor will assess the immediate situation. Teachers will be contacted if warranted and will meet the student to travel to the Whistler Medical Centre. It is very important that the medical and contact form be filled out accurately as the supervisors

need to be able to contact parents. Parents wishing to contact Kathleen Whelan should email kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

Kathleen Whelan: Trip Organizer, Chaperone (kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca)
J. Hartley-Folz: Chaperone S. Collins: Chaperone

28. School Cash Online

School Cash Online:

2018-2019 School fees and Supplemental fees are now DUE !

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have already registered with *School Cash Online*, our school's preferred method of payment. We now have a 96% adoption rate of parents since the launch of the latest version of *School Cash Online*, an online fee payment system to pay for student fees and ALL school items. For those of you who haven't, please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see all your child's required to fees. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

✓ Convenient ✓ Safe ✓ Secure

If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Thank you for helping our school **"Go Green"**.

29. Calendar of Events

MARCH

08 Fri.	BC Lions Assembly– Gr. 8/9 @ 1.2 – Auditorium
09 Sat.	Ski & Snowboard Trip Whistler All Day
09 Sat.	UBC Physics Olympics
11 Mon.	Planning 10 – Day 2-3
11 Mon.	Applied Skills Grade 8 Rot. #5
12 Tues.	Peer Counselling Grade 8 Assembly – Day 1-2 – Auditorium
12 Tues.	Theatre Club Musical – 7pm Auditorium (12 th & 13 th)
14 Thurs.	Report Cards Posted to Student Portal
14 Thurs.	BC Lions Assembly – Gr. 9/10 @1.2- Auditorium
15 Fri.	Last day of instruction before Spring Vacation
16 Sat.	Pacific Mobile Depot Recycling Byng parking lot – 9-12 noon
18 Mon.	Spring Break Vacation – (18th - 22nd)
25 Mon.	Days Not In Session – (25th – 29th)

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