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1. **Celebrate the Work of Our Senior Art Students**

Come to school on a Saturday. Our senior art students have worked hard all year and their beautiful artwork is on display in the school gallery beginning **Saturday, May 11th**. The opening runs between 11am and 5pm (enter off Crown Street). It is part of the West of Main Art Walk (Saturday only). Please go to the website (<https://www.artistsinourmidst.com/>) to find out more about this event and the celebration on Thursday, May 9th at the Roundhouse Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you there!

2. **Bottle Drive – May 11, 2019 – 10-1pm**

The last Bottle Drive is coming up so please save all your bottles and cans and bring them to the Byng Parking lot (on Wallace, between 15th and 16th) on Saturday May 11th between 10am and 1pm.

Please note that we can only accept BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (no food) and NO DAIRY PRODUCTS (no soya, no almond, no rice dairy products).

This is an important fundraiser for the grads and we appreciate your support. Thank you!

Call for volunteers - Last Bottle Drive - Grad 2019 Fundraiser

Dear Grade 12 Grad Parents,

The Grad Parent Committee is holding its last bottle drive on Saturday 11 May from 10 to 1pm to fundraise for the Grad 2019 ceremonies and needs **volunteer parents**. We need 10 parents/shift for 2 shifts from 10am-noon and noon-2pm. Please sign-up using the link below or alternatively email Claire Stormont at stormont1@gmail.com with your name, contact number, email and preferred shift.

We look forward to your help!

3. **Grad Parent Committee Meeting**

This is a reminder of the grad parent committee meeting on Monday, May 13th @ 7pm in room A219.

4. **Byng Grad Events**

Lord Byng Grad Events: our school has two school related events –

- 1.) Lord Byng School Leaving Graduation Ceremonies on June 3rd
- 2.) Lord Byng Dinner Dance on June 7th followed by the Lord Byng Grad Parent Dry Grad at the school.

There are no other school sanctioned or organized Grad events except a BBQ organized by the School Administrators after the Grade 12 English Language Arts Exam.

5. **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

This year's Lord Byng Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch will be Friday, June 14th.

Parents are invited to say thank you for a great year by contributing food. If you can contribute food, please email Erin Davis at davdun@telus.net We're also collecting prizes for a raffle for teachers and staff. Prizes can be left at the office, attention: Erin Davis.

Thank you!

6. **Ministry of Education – Self-Assessment Report on Core Competencies**

As mandated by the Ministry of Education and the Student Reporting Order, your child is required to complete a self-assessment and report on Core Competencies. To facilitate this, there will be one more homeroom period to assist the students (**May 22**).

On this day there will be a modified bell schedule as below:

8:40 - 9:05 Homeroom
9:10 - 10:15 Period 1
10:15-10:25 Break
10:30 - 11:35 Period 2
11:35 - 12:15 Lunch
12:20 - 1:40 Period 3
1:45 - 3:03 Period 4

Students will need to check their homeroom and location ahead of time. Homeroom lists will be posted in front of the office and in classrooms around the school.

On or before May 9, students will access a fillable pdf from the Lord Byng Website, under the "Student" menu tab, and "Lord Byng Core Competencies Student Self-Assessment", or directly at <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Students/Pages/Lord-Byng-Core-Competencies-Student-Self-Assessment-.aspx>

They will need to download the file, open it with Adobe Acrobat Reader (available on all school computers and free to download), complete the necessary reflections and goal setting and then revisit their goals two weeks later. Once it has been completed, instructions on how to upload it into MyEd Student Family Portal Locker are given in the first page of the pdf file. This is intended for parents to see, read and discuss with their child.

What is expected and how to complete it will be communicated with the students in the homeroom on May 9. It is expected that students will have completed and uploaded the pdf file into the MyEd Student Family Portal Locker before the May 22 homeroom. Ultimately it is the student's responsibility to complete and upload this document.

More information on Core Competencies can be found on the Ministry of Education website at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

7. **Important Message to Parents/ Guardians of Grade 12 Students**

All Grade 12 students were given a grad package with forms regarding grad ceremony tickets, dinner/dance and dry grad. If your son or daughter has not picked up their grad package, please come to the school office. Forms can also be found online at:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Pages/AnnouncementDetails.aspx?announcementID=534>

Please return forms to the school office.

8. Humanitarian Trip to St. Lucia March 2020

Thank you to everyone who attended our general interest meeting. There appears to be enough interest to continue with the school board application process. We will continue to collect names and emails from those interested until May 17th. This trip is open to next year's Grade 9-12 with priority given to our most senior students. Pending approval from our board, we will host a further more detailed information meeting. Please email Ms. Smith at msmith@vsb.bc.ca if you are interested but were unable to attend our May 2nd meeting.

9. VSB Summer School 2019

Registration starts on Monday, April 29th. Please visit: <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

10. Work Experience

Work Experience Applications ongoing
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.

11. YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange

<http://summer-work.com>

Students who will be 16 by the end of June are eligible for this Summer Work program in Quebec. This is a great way for students to improve their French, complete work hours and earn money. The program is only \$125 and includes a return flight to Quebec, room & board and weekend activities. If you need more information, please contact Ariella Barmash at (236) 688-3867 or vancouverwest.swse@ymcagta.org

Deadline: May 15, 2019.

12. 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.schoolcashionline.com/>

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

13. 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>

14. 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>

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15. 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

16. AP Exams

Please see below for the dates for AP exams being written at Lord Byng:

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)

17. Byng Athletics

Golf

The Lord Byng golf team advanced to the city championship to be played next Thursday at Point Grey GCC. Zack Epp had a strong match and was instrumental in defeating Eric Hamber and King George. Reigning overall individual and girls provincial champion Victoria Liu continued her dominance as the top player in Vancouver. She has been under par every match this year and shot a 68 at Marine Drive this week. Grace Chen and Leon Zhang were part of the city championship qualifying match as well. A special thanks to Mr. K. Boechler for arranging a practice round for the team at Point Grey this weekend.

Rugby

Gr. 8

*There will be a short, but important meeting for all Gr. 8 boys who played rugby for Lord Byng this fall on **Tuesday, May 14** at LUNCH in Mr. MacPhee's room (315)

SENIOR

-Last Friday, the boys spent 10 hours on a bus traveling to the Okanagan. It was worth the trip as the Grey Ghosts soundly defeated Penticton Secondary 54-7 in a Provincial Ranking Match.

-Yesterday the boys traveled to play West Vancouver Sec in the final league match. It was a back & forth affair but Byng came out on the wrong end of a 25-17 score to finish league play as the #3 AAA Lower Mainland team.

New Week:

-Tuesday, May 14 - Practice at Camosun

-**Thursday, May. 16 - Lower Mainland Playoff Match** - opponent & location TBD

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

JUNIOR

-The Juniors 2019 wrapped up with a hard fought 46-24 loss to the eventual City Champions from Charles Tupper in the VSSAA semi-final.

A big thank you to Mr. McKeen for his time and effort coaching this boys.

Players are reminded to returned their CLEAN jerseys to Mr. MacPhee ASAP

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

Senior Rugby Schedule:

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

Track and Field Season

The school track and field season is in full swing. We have had two very successful League Meets and there are two more to go. Students must qualify in at least one meet in the events they want to do, to be allowed to compete in the Preliminaries and City Finals. Our top athletes will earn the chance to compete at the BC High School Championships in Kelowna from May 30th to June 1st! Interested students and parents should contact Mr. Jack for more information. Remember that we are going for our 10th City Championship in a row! However, we are still in need many more athletes to make the dream a reality! Students are reminded of Meeting Mondays, our important meetings every Monday at lunch in the small gym.

<https://vancouverhighschooltrack.weebly.com/>

18. 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

19. 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

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. 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"**.

23. Calendar of Events

MAY

11	Sat.	West of Main Artwalk, Sr. Art Show Byng Gallery – 11am – 5pm
11	Sat.	Bottle Drive – 10am -1pm School Parking Lot
13	Mon.	Byng Arts passports due in English classes
13	Mon.	FAB Assembly – @ 2-2 Auditorium
13	Mon.	Parent Grad Committee Meeting 7pm A219
17	Fri.	District Wide Pro – D. Day – School not in session
18	Sat.	Pacific Mobile Depot Recycling Byng parking lot – 9-12 noon
20	Mon.	Victoria Day – School not in session
21	Tues.	Gr. 7 Math Placement Exam @12:45 PM
22	Wed.	PAC Meeting – 7pm – Library
23	Thurs.	Collaborative Day – Early dismissal at 1:28 p.m. for 8, 9, 11 & 12 except grade 10's
24	Fri.	Lord Byng Symphony Orchestra –7:30 p.m. Theatre
27	Mon.	Grad Tickets Distributed @3:05 pm outside library
29	Wed.	Immunization Clinic Grade 9 – Day 2-2 & 2-1 – lower cafeteria
31	Fri.	ICBC Presentation Gr. 12 - @ Per. 2-1

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