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Lord Byng News
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1. **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>

2. **Strings Concert**

The Strings Program has its year end concert on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the Lord Byng Theatre.

3. **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, etc are located inside the school office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of June.

4. **Interested in hosting a VSB international student?**

Vancouver School Board partners with the Langara College Homestay Program. To find out how to become a host family, please contact Langara Homestay Program at Tel. 604-323-5696 or email: homestay@langara.ca

5. **Lord Byng Debate Team**

Congratulations to Tate Hussey and Miranda Madsen-Orr, who have qualified as finalists in CBC's Shakespeare Selfie Writing Challenge. Over 600 students enter this contest nationwide, and of the ten finalists in the Grades 10-12 category, two are from our school. Wow! Check out Tate and Miranda's entries at <http://www.cbc.ca/books/2017/01/shakespeare-selfie-2017.html>. The winners of the contest will be announced later this month. Good luck, Miranda and Tate!

6. VSB SWIS Program Byng Project 3B

VSB SWIS Program Byng Project 3B is presenting **Art Shines for Canada 150+**, a multicultural extravaganza & recognition assembly, to celebrate Canada 150+ and Newcomer Success on May 19, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the auditorium at Lord Byng. This event is a new initiative by VSB SWIS Byng Project 3B in collaboration with the VSB Aboriginal Department, Lord Byng and David Thompson Secondaries with support from the Vancouver Police Department.

In addition to the recognition of outstanding newcomer youth leadership, parent contributions and community support, there will be multicultural performances featuring talents from schools across the district, including Aboriginal Welcome by Shane Pointe (VSB Knowledge Keeper), Aboriginal Welcome Song, VPD Lion Dance, Japanese Taiko, Indian Bhangra Dance, Newcomer Youth Band, SWIS Parent Celebration Dance, Newcomer Celebration Ensemble, and more.

You are cordially invited to join us in this exciting event on May 19, 2017!

Click the link free tickets: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B11JAqMe5oGaLUhIVXhFVFVBb00> or call Janet Chung: 778 772 2084 or **click links 1004** for event English & Chinese posters.

http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/ArtShinesforCanada_Poster2017-%20Chinese.pdf

http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/ArtShinesforCanada_Poster2017-English.pdf

7. 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/>

8. VPD Volunteer Opportunity

VPD Volunteer Opportunity: Any Gr 10-12 students interested in participating in a think tank session for the VPD on Drug Prevention on May 16th at John Oliver Secondary, go see Mrs. Tsui in the counselling suite or email her at satsui@vsb.bc.ca

9. Parents of Grade 8 Students

Dear Parents,

If your children are in French 8 you should see a permission form to go to the Children's Festival. Please remind them to submit it along with \$5 as soon as possible. Also if you are interested in attending the Children's Festival with us, as a chaperone, please contact me at pvioli@vsb.bc.ca.

Many thanks,

Paula Violi, Modern Languages Department Head

10. 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>

11. Swyng with Byng Wednesday, June 7, 7:00-10:00 PM

The nineteenth annual **Swyng with Byng** will be Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00-10:00 pm in the school's theatre. It is traditionally our Music Society's biggest fundraiser and we would love to see you come out and enjoy a great evening of music. **The monies raised by this event help fund the Band and Choir Programs at Lord Byng**, provide financial scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education in music, assist some students with travel expenses beyond family resources, purchasing new musical instruments, and support ongoing maintenance of instruments. We have professional dance instructors to help put you through some swing moves and Alan Matheson will be back to play with the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Jazz Bands. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the school office or at the door

12. 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/>

13. 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.

14. 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>

15. 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).

16. 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>

17. Byng Athletics

Grey Ghosts Athletic Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c176718pfc4i9q6rdjrlqsn4s@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Vancouver&pli=1>

Junior Rugby

Congratulations to the Junior Grey Ghosts for capturing their 3rd Vancouver Championship in the last 4 seasons with a 29-22 victory over Charles Tupper on Wednesday. The Jrs now advance onto the Lower Mainland semi-finals on Tuesday, May 16 vs St. George's at SGS. The Lower Mainland Final & 3rd/4th Place match is on Friday, May 19 on the North Shore. Good luck boys.

Senior Rugby

The Senior Grey Ghosts had a tough loss in the Lower Mainland Quarter-Finals yesterday at the hands of Carson Graham. The Srs. will now play Kitsilano in the 2nd round of the Lower Mainland playoffs on Monday, May 15 at St. George's. Depending on the result of that match, they may play in the final round on Thursday, May 18.

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

*Follow Lord Byng Rugby on Twitter @GreyGhostsRugby

18. 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

19. 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>

20. Calendar of Events

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15	Mon.	Byng Arts passports due in English class
17	Wed.	Sex Education at lunch
18	Thurs.	Strings Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. Theatre
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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