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### 1. **MyEd Portal Access**

First term report cards will be posted to the MyEd Portal on **December 6th** and not printed out for distribution. This will require that students and parents have access to the MyEd Portal to view the reports. Students should check their log in credentials for MyEd in advance. Is the username and password working? If not, they are to please contact [mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca) and request a reset of their account.

### 2. **Bottle Drive – Nov 24, 2018 – 10am - 2pm**

The next 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 November 24th between 10am and 2pm. 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!

### 3. **Call for Volunteers – Grad 2019 Fundraiser – Bottle Drive**

The Grad Parent Committee is fundraising and needs volunteer parents for our first bottle drive on Saturday, 24 November. We need 10 parents/shift for 2 shifts from 9am-noon and noon-3pm. Please sign-up using the link below or alternatively email Claire Stormont at [stormont1@gmail.com](mailto:stormont1@gmail.com) with your name, contact number, email and preferred shift. We look forward to your help!

 [Byng Bottle Drive - November 24, 2018](#)

### 4. **Filming at Lord Byng**

Filming at Byng November 20th and 21st

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There will be a series produced by Marathon Productions Ltd. filming at Byng on November 20th and 21st. There will be crew trucks parked along 16th Avenue as well as on the basketball courts off of Crown Street. Please obey all posted signage regarding stopping and parking in the neighbourhood and, given that it is getting darker earlier, please be mindful of pedestrians and respectful of other drivers. As always, the main parking lot is not an area for pick-up or drop off and students are encouraged to transit in or be dropped off further away from the school and walk the remainder of the way. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **5. Trek and Byng Arts**

The Trek Program at Prince of Wales is available for students in Grade 10. If you are currently in the Byng Arts Program and are offered a Trek placement, you must give up your seat in Byng Arts. It is important to understand that students must re-apply for the Byng Arts program if they wish to be reconsidered to join the Mini-School again in Grade 11. Space will not be held for students in their absence. There is no guarantee that space will be available to allow for their return to the program. The same application timelines that were used in Grade 7 apply. Students who are cross boundary for Byng will return to their neighbourhood secondary school if they are not successful in the reapplication.

#### **6. Byng Christmas Tree Lot**

The Lord Byng Christmas Tree Lot opens November 30th! Please come and support the Athletics program at Byng and continue this tradition!

#### **7. Bike Repair Club**

Starting November 14th, Mr. Barski and Mr. Raoul will be offering bike repair tutorials to students. The new club will meet Wednesdays for an hour after school in the Metal Shop. Students who bring their (or their family members') bikes will be taught how to fix them, to encourage each of us to commute more sustainably. Ride on!

#### **8. Important Reminders**

##### **Byng School rules re Vaping, etc.**

Reminder to the Lord Byng School parents, guardians and students that vaping, smoking, use of drugs and alcohol, and possession of any weapons is strictly prohibited at the school, on school property and while attending any Byng school event or activity – including all field trips - both locally and internationally. Failure to comply with these rules will result in consequences which may include suspension, or transfer to another educational setting, and will be noted in the student file. Please, also note that the legalization of cannabis has no bearing on the school policies regarding using or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

##### **Mid-Term, Mid-Year Dropping of courses at Byng**

Students must consult their guardian/parent, their counselor, the teacher and the grade-level administrator to obtain signed consent from all concerned, in order to drop a course mid-term at Lord Byng. Additionally, parents and students are reminded that dropping of courses in Term one (after Oct. 8) results in a “W” on the report card and school transcript. Dropping a course during Term two results in a “W” school transcript, and both the date of withdrawal and a “W” on the report card. Finally, the dropping a course during Term three will result in a “W” along with the date of withdrawal and the percentage/mark achieved up to and including the date of withdrawal on the report card. *(At this time, it is our understanding that the Ministry of Education does not record course withdrawals on the Final Transcript of Grades from the Ministry of Education.)*

##### **Driving and Parking at Byng**

Please use extra caution when driving around our school. Byng students should only be picked-up or dropped off on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue or on Wallace. Parents and students are not permitted to drive in or park in the parking lot. Please be considerate of our neighbours and the other people sharing or roads around the school. People picking up or dropping off students should not block the entrance to the parking lot. In fact, we prefer that parents pick-up and drop off students as far from the school as possible, to better reduce congestion and to help keep the streets safe for the students.

## 9. **Grad Parent Committee Meeting**

Grad Parent Committee Meeting – Monday November 19

Hello fellow Grade 12 parents,

The next Grad parent Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 19 at 7:00pm.

Hope to see you there!

## 10. **Gr. 12 Parents**

Grade 12 Parents,

Student Transcript Services is now open.

Grade 12 students can 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>

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**Note:** New this year: UBC and SFU will have access to this website in March-April (not May like in the past); they will see interim marks (term 2 marks), and final marks of anything that is completed. They are not doing self-reporting anymore.

## 11. **Grade 9 Parents**

Attention Grade 9 students. Current marks for Health and Career Education will be posted outside the counselling office by Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ms. DeYoung immediately if you have handed something in and do not currently have credit for it. More information can be found on my blog at: <https://hce-9.blogspot.com>

## 12. **Capacity Invite for Lord Byng Parents**

Lord Byng parents are warmly invited to come to come to King George Secondary on Nov 29 2018 at 6:00 pm, for a light dinner and an evening learning about youth culture and perspective. You will hear directly from teens about the pressures and stresses young people face and how they cope – and how parents can help. This workshop is for PARENTS so please leave your teens at home. There is limited seating so please request a seat by emailing [ajwilson@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ajwilson@vsb.bc.ca) or please see link:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/Capacity%20Cafe%20Invite%20for%20Lord%20Byng%20Parents.JPG>

## 13. **VSBC SWIS Byng Project 3B & Leaders of Hope**

### **Need Your Support For Refugee & Disadvantaged Immigrant Children & Youth**

Do you want to make this Christmas extra special by sharing, helping and building friendship with refugee and disadvantaged immigrant children and youth by donation some books, board games, arts, sports & school supplies?

VSBC SWIS Program Byng Project 3B, together with Leaders of Hope, David Thompson E.C. Club, youth leaders from Lord Kitchener and CLCE Exchange Foundation are taking the initiative to host the **2nd ISSofBC Youth Ambassador Project: Book *plus* Drive** from **Nov. 3 to Nov. 30, 2018**.

We are collecting **new and good condition** alphabet books, number books, coloring books, activity books as well as chess sets, LEGO, puzzles (100+ Pieces), Jenga, pick-up sticks, color markers, pens & pencils, crayons, paints, paint brushes, basketballs, volleyballs, badminton racquets, bubble blowers, soft toys, backpacks, etc.

The donation items will be placed at the ISSofBC Welcome Center's Youth Hub (<https://issbc.org/welcome-centre>) to **help the newly arrived refugee and needy immigrant children and youth to learn, to socialize**

**and to have fun** while staying in the transition units, waiting to be transferred to permanent housing throughout the Lower Mainland.

Please bring some donations to the school drop-off bin on the 2nd floor in the corridor in front of the main office to support the event!

For donation information, please contact Janet Chung, Byng Settlement Worker,  
778 772 2084 or [jchung@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jchung@vsb.bc.ca)

#### **14. Families Interested in the Byng Arts Mini-School Program**

New applicants, at all grade levels, interested in the Byng Arts Mini-School program for September 2019, should begin the application this month. Our website provides a wealth of information (<http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>) about what we offer, the application process, and important deadlines. Please check our [TIMELINE](#), and our [FAQ](#) for helpful information.

Application envelopes are currently available in our school office. Deadline for the paper and online submissions is December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Email inquiries can be made to Jon Hartley-Folz at [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca).

#### **15. Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis**

The legalization and regulation of cannabis took effect on October 17. In an effort to prepare and support students and families as this legislation comes into place, find attached two info sheets; one is designed for students and one for parents.

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/Cannabis%20Student%20Factsheet.pdf>

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/byng/Publications/Cannabis%20Parent-Caregiver%20Factsheet.pdf>

#### **16. 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.

#### **17. Byng Athletics**

##### **Gr. 8 Girl Basketball Tryouts**

Grade 8 girls basketball tryouts in the main gym after school on Nov 20th, 21st and 23rd.

##### **Lord Byng Swim Team**

After a Top 5 finish in The Regionals, 23 qualifiers are heading off to Watermania in Richmond for The Provincial Meet on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our swimmers are poised to do very well as they prepare to compete against 120 schools from around the province. Warm-up on Friday starts at 9:30. Warm-up for consuls and finals on Saturday starts at 7:30. Go Team Go!

#### **18. Ski and Snowboard Club 2018-19**

Currently we have 4 weekend dates booked for this school year.

December 15, 2018 (Sat)      December trip is full. Waitlist has been started.

January 27, 2019 (Sun)

February 24, 2019 (Sun)

March 9, 2019 (Sat)

You will be able to choose just one day or multiple. Be clear to mark on your form the dates that you are choosing. The bus will depart from Lord Byng at 6:15 a.m. and return to Lord Byng at 6:00 p.m. We will travel to and from Base 2 at Blackcomb via International Coach Lines. There will be teacher supervisor(s) on board the bus and at the mountain to help with organization. Once at the mountain, RideTribe staff take over supervision and instruction of students. Only students who wish to participate in a fully guided day should plan to participate. There is no option to free ride or ski on your own. Participants will be matched with students and instructors who are at a similar ability level from complete beginner to advanced/expert. Helmets and GPS cuffs are mandatory while wrist guards are optional. Students must have their own winter weather gear.

Our cost for each Sunday

\$98: bus, lesson/guide, lunch (Season's Pass is required);

\$110: bus, lift, lesson, lunch; and

\$132: bus, lift, lesson, rental, lunch.

Our cost for each Saturday

\$103: bus, lesson/guide, lunch (Season's Pass is required);

\$115: bus, lift, lesson, lunch; and

\$137: bus, lift, lesson, rental, lunch.

**The mountain requires payment by October 31, 2018 in order to secure space. Payment is refundable with 2 weeks' notice.**

**Teacher Sponsor/ Organizer/ Questions: Kathleen Whelan**  
**Trip Chaperones: Collins, Hartley-Folz [kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca)**

#### 19. University Visits to Lord Byng

University of Waterloo	Monday	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	@ lunch	Library
University of Alberta	Wednesday	Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	@ lunch	Library
Queens University	Thursday	Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	@ lunch	Library
Langara	Monday	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	@ lunch	Library

#### 20. Yale Young Global Scholars Information Session

**When:** Tuesday November 20th at lunch (11:45-12:15)

**Where:** Mr. Fung's room (room 316)

Is your child interested in a summer enrichment program that brings together talented high school students from around the world for a two-week academic experience at Yale University or Yale Center Beijing? With these 7 unique disciplinary sessions featuring lectures from Yale University faculty, seminars from Yale students (areas ranging from sustainable development and social entrepreneurship to politics, law, and economics, to biomedical engineering), and representation from over 126 countries, YYGS is dedicated to international exchange and liberal arts education and seeks to empower the next generation of leaders by building a global community and designing interdisciplinary programs that foster intellectual curiosity, deepen understanding and inspire creative action across all borders. This program is perfect for any student **currently in Grade 10 or 11** striving for academic and social enhancement!

**Come to the information session (details above) for more information and hear about other students' firsthand experiences!**

#### 21. 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.schoolcashonline.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"**.

## 22. Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

- 16 Fri. Provincial Swim Meet @ Watermania (16-17<sup>th</sup>)
- 17 Sat. Pacific Mobile Depot Recycling Byng parking lot – 9-12 noon
- 19 Mon. Parent Grad Committee Meeting 7pm A219
- 19 Mon. University of Waterloo @ lunch library
- 20 Tues. District Testing 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. small gym & lower cafeteria
- 21 Wed. Canadian Senior Math Competition/Canadian Intermediate Math Competition Contest
- 21 Wed. Gr. 7 Parent Info Night 7pm Auditorium
- 21 Wed. Planning 10 – Day 2-4
- 21 Wed. University of Alberta @ lunch library
- 22 Thurs. Queens University Rep @ lunch in the library
- 22 Thurs. Byng Arts Fab / Whole School "The Code" - 1-4, 1-3
- 23 Fri. Peer Counselling Training #2
- 24 Sat. Grad Bottle Drive 10am – 2pm School Parking Lot
- 26 Mon. Strings Rehearsal theatre in use – (26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 28 Wed. Strings Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. Theatre
- 28 Wed. PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
- 30 Fri. Term 1 Ends

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