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Lord Byng News
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1. 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!

2. 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 with your name, contact number, email and preferred shift. We look forward to your help!

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

3. Lord Byng Winter Concert Invitation

Dear Parents/guardians and music enthusiasts,

The Byng Strings and Junior Symphony students have been working hard on their repertoire and are eager to showcase their talents. Please join us on Wednesday, November 28th for our Winter Concert.

Students will need to be at the Lord Byng Theater (off Crown Street) at 6:00 PM. The concert will start at 7:00 PM and will run for approximately one and a half hours until about 8:30 PM.

At 6:30 PM, in the theater foyer, there will be a time for parents/guardians and for the general public to socialize prior to the performance. During this time, tea or coffee will be served. Feel free to socialize, connect, and collaborate with other parents of Byng Strings and Jr. Symphony students. For those with students who are new to the program please feel free to introduce yourself to Ms. Kurth and get to know each other.

Looking forward to seeing you at the concert,

Odette Kurth
Lord Byng Secondary Orchestra Director

4. **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 and request a reset of their account.

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. **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 16th 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.

8. **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.

9. Grade 9 Parents

Attention Grade 9 students. Current marks for Health and Career Education will be posted outside the counselling office by Friday November 16th. 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>

10. Capacity Invite for Lord Byng Parents

Lord Byng parents are warmly invited 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 or please see link:

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

11. VSB 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?

VSB 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 jlchung@vsb.bc.ca

12. 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 20th at 3pm.

Email inquiries can be made to Jon Hartley-Folz at byngarts@vsb.bc.ca.

13. 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>

14. 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.

15. Byng Athletics

Senior Girls Volleyball

The Senior Girls Volleyball team were Vancouver City Champions. They qualified for Provincials in Penticton, and finished second at Lowermainlands.

16. 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

17. University Visits to Lord Byng

Langara

Monday

Dec 10th

@ lunch

Library

18. 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**.

19. Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

23	Fri.	Peer Counselling Training #2
24	Sat.	Grad Bottle Drive 10am – 2pm School Parking Lot
26	Mon.	Strings Rehearsal theatre in use – (26 th – 28 th)
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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