



Richmond Secondary News

Home of the Colts!

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are fast coming to the end of what has been an eventful and successful year! Our students have distinguished themselves both inside and outside the classroom and have continued to set standards of excellence in which we as a community can take great pride.

Our attention is now on year-end. Graduation events, Awards Night, and other celebrations of a wonderful year along with final exams command our efforts and energies. Year-end is a time to acknowledge the accomplishments of our students throughout the year. We hope that you will mark your calendars and find the time to join us at some of these recognition events.

On a bitter sweet note, if you have not already heard, I need to inform you that both Mr. Ballard and I have decided to retire and will be leaving Richmond Secondary at the end of the year. Ms. Sebellin who is currently the Principal at McNair and was formerly a Vice Principal at Richmond will succeed me as the Principal. Mr. Partridge one of the Vice Principals at McRoberts, will be moving to Richmond to replace Mr. Ballard. We wish them both "Good Luck" in their new assignments. I know that you will welcome them to the Colt Community and will support them as you have supported us. Four years have flown by and I want to thank the staff, the students and our parents for their positive encouragement.

Jim McLeod – Principal

PREPARING FOR THE END OF THE YEAR

It is hard to believe that we have fewer than two months of classes left before we dismiss for exams. With so little time left in the school year, it is important for students to make good use of their time in order to finish the year on a positive note. This is the time for students to make sure that they have finished all assignments for each of their courses. If they received an "I" on a report card or interim report, or if they think that they may be missing assignments, they should check with their teachers to see what they can do to maximize their chances of success.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Below, please find some information about important dates to note as the school year comes to an end in June. Final Examinations, both Provincial Examinations and school based final examinations, are considered to be an integral part of assessing and evaluating student progress.



ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SCHEDULED EXAMINATION TIMES AND FAMILIES CANNOT EXPECT THAT TEACHERS WILL ARRANGE FOR ALTERNATIVE EXAMINATION SITTING TIMES. WE ARE PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION NOW SO THAT OUR FAMILIES CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATION PLANS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL EXAMINATIONS ARE OVER.

Last Day of Scheduled classes: All grades Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Grade 10, 11 and 12 Provincial Exams:

Monday, June 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Physics 12/Geology 12
Monday, June 21, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Mathematics 12 (Principles/Applications)
Tuesday, June 22, 2010	9:00 a.m.	English 12
Tuesday, June 22, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Social Studies 11
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Chemistry 12/Communications 12/Literature 12
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	1:00 p.m.	English 10/History 12
Thursday, June 24, 2010	9:00 a.m.	French 12
Thursday, June 24, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Biology 12
Friday, June 25, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Science 10
Monday, June 28, 2010	9:00 a.m.	All Mathematics 10
Monday, June 28, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Geography 12
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	1:00 p.m.	Japanese 12/Mandarin 12/Spanish 12

School Based Final Exams:

School based final and confirmatory examinations will be written on Thursday, June 17, 2010, Friday, June 18, 2010 and Monday, June 21, 2010. It is possible that individual students might be writing final exams in the following courses:

Mathematics 8 - 11	English 8 - 11	Science 8 - 10	Social Studies 9 - 11
Physics 11	Biology 11	Chemistry 11	
Modern Languages (French, Japanese, Spanish, Mandarin) 8 - 11			



COLT NOTES

Congratulations!

To:

Henry Fung for winning the distinguished Dr. M. Wosk award for environmental leadership. Henry has been involved with the Catching the Spirit Youth Environmental Stewardship Program since 2005, contributing more than 333 volunteer hours in cleaning up park trails and restoring natural habitat.

Matthew Lai who will be participating in the Special Olympics National Games to be held in London, Ontario this July. Matthew is also a winter Special Olympian and he won a gold medal in his age class for figure skating in February at a competition in Kelowna.

Darrick Lee and Owen Lu who received a Gold Standing Award in Physical and Mathematical Sciences as well as an Applied Mathematics Award through PIMS (Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences) at the 2010 Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair. In addition, they both received a \$2000 UBC Major Entrance Award for the best Physics project and both will attend the Nationals in Peterborough, Ontario from May 15th to the 23rd.

George Lin who took part in the 2010 BC Winter Games in Terrace. George brought home two silver medals in Badminton.

Mr. Philip Freeman who has been chosen to receive the inaugural award for excellence in the teaching of Secondary School Physics by the Canadian Association of Physicists.



News from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Wednesday May 12, 2010 (**Please note date change**), at 6.30 in the Multi-purpose room.
Please read the newsletter or website for any changes to this date.

All parents in our community are welcome to attend PAC meetings.
This will be our final meeting for the 2009-2010 School Year.

Topics for Discussion

Budget Cuts: How will RHS be affected?

Changes to the Calendar: Two-week spring break

Alternate Hours: Late start days at RHS.

Join us for a discussion on how these changes will affect the upcoming school year.

Upcoming Event: Power to Parent Workshop

Offered by Touchstone Family Services

Wednesday Evenings April 28 – June 16, 2010

If you would like additional information, please contact Suzanne Lightfoot at slightfoot@sd38.bc.ca.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS



CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE REMINDER.....PLEASE LOG ON TO THE CAREER WEBSITE ON A WEEKLY BASIS FOR UPDATES ON POST SECONDARY, CAREER AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

<http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/>

KWANTLEN OPEN HOUSE FOR TRADES & TECHNOLOGY (Cloverdale Campus, 5500, 180th St.) - One evening a month the Cloverdale faculty will be available for shop tours and program information sharing to the public. The next evening will be May 3rd. Visit: <http://www.kwantlen.ca/trades.html> for more information.

Make sure your TOEFL/ LPI results have been sent to the institutions to which you have applied.

Apply for Government Student Loans in early June at: www.StudentAidBC.ca. Learn more about student loans, grants, scholarships and the cost of post secondary education at: www.canlearn.ca

The Career Center at Richmond Secondary is open Mon. 8-3:30, Wed. 8-3:30 and Fri. mornings 8-11:30 to answer any questions or provide assistance regarding post secondary entry.



Our Awards Ceremony will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, June 9, 2010** at the school. Students in Grades 8 – 11 are recognized for awards in a number of categories: Academic awards are for students who have been on the Principal's Honour roll for two terms which means they have an average in all their classes of over 86%. Service awards are presented to students who have provided 50 hours or more of service to the school. Athletic awards are given to our students who participated in team and individual sports. Performance awards are given to students who participated in more than one of the fine arts events such as drama productions, band and choir. Top subject awards are presented to the top student in each subject area in each grade level. A list of all the award winners will be emailed and posted in late May. We hope you will be able to join us if your son/daughter's name(s) appear on the list.

Valedictory will be held on **Thursday, June 3, 2010** at the Chan Centre at 7:00 p.m. This is the evening when the members of the Graduating Class of 2010 and their families and friends gather to formally celebrate their graduation and to give out scholarships and recognition to members of our Grade 12 class. Our Grade 12 Awards will also be incorporated into the Valedictory Ceremony. Ticket information will be available in late May.

DRY AFTER GRAD

Dry After Grad events are designed as safe, alcohol and drug free celebrations for all members of the graduating class. This year, Richmond will be hosting its 4th Dry After Grad. In order for this event to be successful, and to establish this tradition at Richmond Secondary, we are asking all families to participate in this endeavour. You can help by donating:

- 1) **CASH** – make a donation (tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more). Make cheques payable to Richmond Secondary School and drop them off with Mr. Bezzasso in the office.
- 2) **PRIZES**
 - a) For gift baskets (coffee items, gift cards & passes, sports & kitchen items)
 - b) For the grads (items that can be raffled off with “Casino Money” at the event, coupons, small gifts, etc.)
All prizes and contributions can be dropped off at the school office. Please label DRY AFTER GRAD.
- 3) **TIME** – volunteers will be required for:
 - a) Decorating on June 25, 2010 (during day)
 - b) Clean-up on June 26, 2010 from 4:30 am – 6 am
 - c) Chaperones on June 25/26, 2010 from midnight to 5am. We especially invite our current **Grade 11** parents to volunteer.

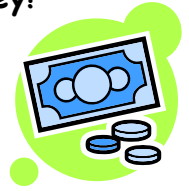


If you have enquiries or want to reserve your volunteer time, contact Anne Greig at agregi@shaw.ca Subject: Dry After Grad



MOVIE PASS FUNDRAISER: Save money! Save money! Save money!

LIMITED TIME OFFER CINEPLEX MOVIE PASSES FOR SALE



Order your movie passes for just \$9.00 each! Available for one week only.

Complete order form below & submit with payment **by May 14, 2010**. Movie passes will be available for pick up the following week.

A Tear Off Order Form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Order forms with payment can be dropped off in marked box at the school office. Proceeds support 2010 Dry Grad

Important Dates to Remember

May 3-24	IB Exams
May 12	PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
May 17-20	Directing and Scriptwriting Festival
May 19	Alumni Luncheon – Tickets \$18.00
May 21	Professional Development Day – Classes not in session
May 24	Victoria Day – Classes not in session
May 25	Early Dismissal for RTA – AGM at 2:00 p.m.
June 3	Valedictory Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. – Chan Centre – UBC
June 9	Awards Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
June 16	Last Day of Classes
June 17 – 21	School Based Confirmatory Exams
June 21 – 29	Provincial Exams
June 25	Graduation Dinner and Dance/Dry After Grad
June 29	Final Report Card Distributed

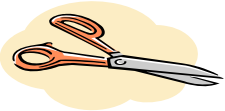


Important Contacts

Early Warning:	24-hour message	(604) 247-COLT (2658)
PAC Chairperson:	Suzanne Lightfoot	e-mail: slightfoot@.sd38.bc.ca
Dry Grad Chairperson:	Anne Greig	e-mail: agreig@shaw.ca subject: Dry After Grad
School Trustee:	Linda McPhail	604-277-6062

Have you made any changes to your address, home phone number, work phone number or emergency contact number? If so, please contact Mrs. Meloche in the office and she will make note of the changes.

Once a Colt...Always a Colt!



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Movie Ticket – Order Form

Name: _____

Student Number: Grade: _____ Home Room: _____

Phone Number/Contact Number: _____

Quantity of tickets _____ x \$9.00 = _____



If paying by cheque, please make payable to **Richmond Secondary School**.