Principal’s Message
Despite challenging global circumstances, the school year at Richmond Secondary is moving along and we hope our students have been engaging in their remote learning to the best of their abilities. The COVID-19 pandemic has required students to develop important digital skills as well as the key attributes of self-discipline and self-regulation as they communicate and learn online. As a school, we are looking forward and planning for better days to come, including a partial return of students in June. We are also designing a unique way to say farewell to our fabulous 2020 graduates, and we connected remotely with our Grade 7s, the RHS grads of 2025, in early May. While the current context has been difficult, our most important feature remains the strong sense of ‘caring community’ at Richmond Secondary. With only weeks remaining in the school year, we hope that our students are accomplishing their learning goals and we encourage everyone to remain resilient and be kind, be calm and be safe, as we are all in this together.

Anita Kwon

Core Competency Reflections for All RHS Students:
Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that are important for success in school and in life. Students from kindergarten to grade 12 are invited to complete reflections and self-assessments to understand who they are as learners, communicators and thinkers as well as how caring, self-regulating, self-determined, resilient and personally and socially responsible they are as people. All RHS students in grades 8 to 12 will complete one reflection on one aspect of the core competencies. From June 1 – June 12 RHS teachers will invite their students to reflect on how an assignment, project or aspect of their class relates to one of the core competencies. There are templates that have been created and can be found on The Scholantis Portal pages assigned to each student. Each student is expected to have this completed before June 17. For more information on the core competencies, check out: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies
Partial Return to School on June 1
A key part of the Province of British Columbia’s Restart Plan is a partial return to school, beginning June 1, 2020. As the provincial government coordinates greater openness in our communities, the Richmond School District is working thoughtfully to prepare all schools to support part-time, in-person learning for the month of June. We understand that parents/guardians may have some apprehension about sending your teen back to school. We want to assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff continues to be our top priority, and that we will continue to follow all health and safety protocols recommended by the Provincial Health Officer. Please know that the decision to send your children back to school is voluntary and remote leaning will continue in all classes. For RHS students, a part-time return to in-class instruction will amount to approximately one day per week. This may vary depending on the needs of our learners. In-person support will not include full classes or new teaching, rather teachers will supplement what students are doing online in the form of tutorial support. Our schedule will allow students to sign-up for the day and time that works best for them - please note, due to physical distancing and other safety considerations, we will limit how many students are in the school every day. More details will be emailed to all RHS families next week - please stay tuned.

Grad 2020 News
For any Grade 12s still unsure of their post-secondary plans, it is not too late to apply to many universities and colleges and there are still scholarships available, so be sure to check Ms. Jones’s Facebook page regularly at: https://www.facebook.com/Ms-Jones-Career-Centre-News-118346451579144/

If students will need financial help, the BC Student Loans online application portal is available at: www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/apply/welcome.htm

A reminder for all 2020 Grads that our Video Valedictory Ceremony will require all grads to come to RHS on their scheduled time to be recorded. The school has contracted some professional videographers and we are excited to see the finished product. Grade 12s are also reminded to submit personal photos by June 3 - details were emailed on May 19 and on the Grad FB page. Grads will pick-up their gowns and receive detailed instructions on arriving at the school on their filming day.

It is crucial that grads attend their appointment on time. Also, grads should have submitted their 30-word Valedictory write-up - weeks ago - email Mr. Blair ASAP if you have not done this or we will write one for you!

As announced by the Superintendent of Schools on May 5, the formal Dinner & Dance and the Dry After Grad have been cancelled due to public health and physical distancing limitations and full refunds will be processed for all Grade 12 families. We know the loss of graduation events is disappointing news, but we urge our grads to look forward to the future - better days lie ahead.

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2020 Grad Wins Major Canadian Scholarship
Congratulations to RHS Grade 12 student Rita Jin on winning an $80,000 Schulich STEM Leadership scholarship! Each year, Schulich works with top universities to select 100 recipients from over 300,000 applicants across Canada who have demonstrated academic excellence and dedicated involvement in the community and who will be studying in STEM fields. Rita has been a dedicated, involved, and kind Richmond Colt and IB student, and she will be studying sciences at UBC in September. Congratulations and all the best to Rita!
**RHS Green Team Recognized With $20,000 Grant**

Congratulations to the dedicated student members of our Green Team club for all the leadership they provide for environmental initiatives at our school. The RHS Green Team organizes a number of campaigns each school year and they regularly remind students and staff to reduce their footprint by using their own water bottle and utensils, to recycle paper, organics, plastics and batteries in the many dedicated collection bins around our school. They have also planted a carefully designed garden at our school to attract butterflies, bees and other crucial pollinators, with thanks to the David Suzuki Foundation for their support of our garden project. The club has also applied for many grants and worked with the Richmond School District to have solar panels installed onto the roof at Richmond Secondary School. These panels will generate green and clean energy for the school and be used for teaching and learning for future students. Grade 11 students Damita Chiu and Vivian Liu completed a grant application offered by Staples Canada, Ecokids Canada and Earth Day Canada, and the school won a $20,000 award to buy technology for the school. Current co-presidents Wonhee Choi and Edward Zhang also dedicate many hours to the club, all under the leadership of teacher Ms. Eugene Harrison. Congratulations Green Team and thank you for your important environmental leadership!

**Summer School News & Career Centre News**

Any RHS students making any changes to their full-credit summer school courses this summer must be sure their RHS counsellor is aware and this is reflected in your RHS course choices for next year – your timetable will be difficult to change later! Summer school registration will be online at: www.RichmondCE.ca The Career Advisor reminds Grade 11s hoping to go to a US college that it is a good idea to write the SAT in Grade 11, so that your scores are ready by the fall. All students are invited to consider apprenticeship programs as they are a great option for high school students. In addition to the excellent Professional Cook program offered at RHS, there are several others – check out http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca

**Yearbooks**

All students who have purchased a yearbook will receive their RHS book on a designated day in late June. It is important to note that any students who have outstanding fees or lost or damaged text or library books or Colts uniforms, must return or pay for these before Friday, June 19 or they will not receive their yearbook. If students and parents have any questions, please contact Ms. Campos before June 19. The RHS yearbook will include colour photos of all students, special events, clubs, activities and Colts teams and is a great keepsake. Please note, the details for the safe distribution will be emailed to all students and parents in June.
Welcome Grade 7s to RHS
All 212 of our incoming Grade 8 students and future RHS graduates of 2025 received a 17-page booklet in the mail entitled the “Grade 8 Welcome Guide”. This little book contains a lot of helpful information about RHS, including a school map, first day information and FAQs that Grade 7s usually want to know about our school. It also includes information about registering for our Grade 8 Camp in September. The school also made a “Welcome to Richmond Secondary School” video and sent the YouTube link to all Grade 7 families. We are committed to helping our youngest students make a successful transition to high school and we look forward to being able to meet face-to-face with our newest students. Grade 7 parents are asked to read and discuss the booklet with their child and complete the Grade 8 Camp registration form and return it with their $60 payment to the RHS office by June 12! We are planning our Camp optimistically and will make adjustments as required in the fall. If parents have any questions, please phone or email principal Anita Kwon at the school.

Student Council Elections
Students interested in serving of our Student Council in 2020-2021 will be able to get involved, hold their campaigns, and participate in student elections in the fall. All current RHS Grades 7-11 students are encouraged to consider getting involved in Student Council - in an elected position or as a member-at-large. StuCo is a great leadership learning opportunity.

Colts Athletics Banquet News
It was another great year for Colts athletics! Although we were unable to compete in the spring seasons, including grades 8 and 9 boys’ volleyball teams, senior girls’ soccer, senior and junior ultimate, senior and junior badminton, the tennis team and the track team - we are very proud of the hundreds of student-athletes who represented our school this year. Our seniors can reflect with pride on their five years as Richmond Colts and our younger student-athletes can continue to train for future opportunities. Although we are unable to gather in person for our annual Colts Athletics Banquet, the Athletic Leadership class is putting together a video presentation to celebrate all of our teams, student-athletes, managers, coaches, and sponsors. A link will be shared with the Richmond Secondary School community in late June and award winners will be contacted for follow-up. We are collecting photos from athletic events from throughout the year. If you have any RHS athletic photos to share, please send them to rhsathleticbanquet2020@gmail.com. For more information please contact Mr. Lui (jlui@sd38.bc.ca) and Mr. Winograd (mwoinograd@sd38.bc.ca). #GoColts

Game of Apps
Game of Apps is a year-long after school extra-curricular program where high school students learn how to design, develop, and build their own mobile apps, guided by industry mentors working in the local tech industry. The RHS school team will compete in the regional championships on Saturday, May 23 and this event will be livestreamed on Youtube. Best of luck to RSS’s “The Bozos” comprised of team members: Gabrielle Dela Rosa, Ayman Elheniedy, Minnie Lo, Anna Luo, Ben Qiu, Bonnie Qiu, and Harry Zehao Peng. Support the team by voting for them by downloading the Game of Apps app. Learn more about Game of Apps on their website at: https://gameofapps.org

Upcoming Richmond Secondary School Dates:

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