



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

I hope this Thanksgiving Day long weekend has provided everyone with an opportunity to show your gratitude and appreciation for everything we have to be thankful for – family, friends, good health, nutritious food and warm shelter. We have the good fortune to live in a country where our communities are modern and safe, we have excellent schools and medical services that are accessible to all, and we respect and celebrate differences in a welcoming, multicultural nation. We encourage our students to embrace the incredible opportunity they have at Richmond Secondary School to learn and to pursue any future that interests them and to grow as thinkers, communicators, and as personally and socially responsible citizens. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that the school will publish **Interim Reports** on **Thursday, October 27** and this informal document will provide a quick glimpse into how your student has started the school year. Parents/Caregivers will be able to book short **conference appointments** with teachers and these will be held on **November 2-3**. We have also begun preparation for graduation assessments with grade 10 students sitting for the Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA 10) on October 31 and November 1. Find out more details on these upcoming events inside this newsletter.

Thank you, *Anita Kwon*



Terry Fox – Celebrating a Canadian Hero



Congratulations to all the RHS students and staff who participated in our 2022 Terry Fox Run on September 26. In 1980, an 18-year old Terry Fox was a student at SFU when he was diagnosed with cancer and had his leg amputated. Terry decided to raise awareness by running a marathon a day in a journey across Canada. He hoped that each Canadian would donate \$1 to help find a cure for others. A recurrence of cancer ended his journey after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres and Terry died at age 22. However, the <http://www.terryfox.org> is still passionately engaged in fulfilling Terry's legacy and its single mission remains to "fund innovative cancer research". All of our Grade 8 students attended an assembly and watched a short video about Terry Fox, and more than 1230 RHS students and staff were involved in our run at Minoru Park. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, or supported our annual school-wide Terry Fox Run. Our sincere gratitude goes to Mrs. Kippan and the **PE Leadership** class for organizing every aspect of this wonderful community-building event. Our school raised and donated **\$774.35** to the Terry Fox Foundation. See photos and videos from the day on the school Instagram account. *Thank You Colts!*

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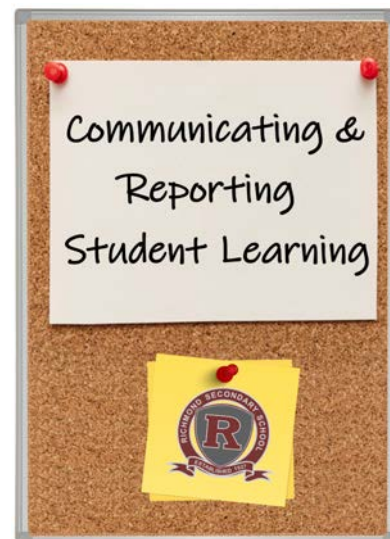
Communicating & Reporting Student Learning

Communicating and reporting student learning procedures have been aligned with the linear schedule we are following this school year. For detailed information on RHS's Communicating Student Learning (CSL) plan, please [CLICK HERE](#).

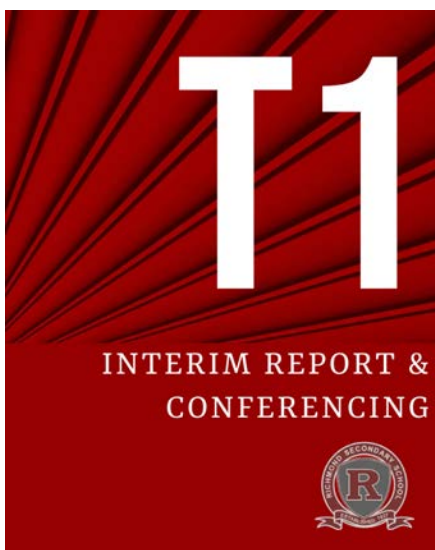
We are committed to ensuring that students receive regular and meaningful feedback on their progress and that parents/caregivers are informed about their child's progress. Over the course of the school year, students and parents/caregivers can expect the following informal and formal communication and reporting to occur:

- Meet the Teacher
- Interim Reports
- Term Report Cards
- Core Competency Self-Assessments/Goal Setting
- Parent-Teacher Conferencing
- Alert Interim
- Final Report Card

In preparation for reporting and conferencing, students and parents/caregivers should ensure that their login credentials for both [MyEducationBC](#) and [School Appointments On-Line](#) are current and active. If parents/caregivers need assistance, please call the school at 604-668-6400.



Term 1 Interim Reports & Parent-Teacher Conferences



Term 1 Interim Reports will be published electronically on MyEducation BC by 3 PM on Thursday, October 27. (Note, any data viewed online before this date is draft only.). This learning update contains descriptive comments regarding learning progress and/or comments on engagement or social responsibility. The interim provides an early indication of how students are progressing in their classes as well as their attendance record since the start the school year. It is important for parents/caregivers to read the report and discuss it with their teen. Parents/Caregivers with concerns about their child's achievement can book a **Parent-Teacher Conference** for Wednesday, November 2 (2-4, 5-7 PM) or Thursday, November 3 (2-4 PM). Beginning October 27 at 3:30 PM, parents/caregivers will be able to book short appointments online at <https://rhs.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. The five-minute conferences will take place in-person in our large gym. Note, students will be dismissed at 1 PM on these days, and we will follow an alternate bell schedule.

MyEducation BC Portal Accounts for Students and Parents

All parents and students have access to the MyEducationBC (MyEdBC) PORTAL which provides digital online access to students' school information. With this portal account, parents will be able to view report cards, attendance, and other information about their child(ren). The MyEducationBC application is a secure portal used in all school districts in the province of BC. For parents new to Richmond Secondary School, please read the PARENT PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS posted on our school website for directions on how to login and navigate the Parent Portal. Parents new to Richmond Secondary received an email from "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" inviting them to activate their account. (New students to RHS received a handout at school with the same information and should follow the outlined instructions.). Each parent/guardian has been assigned their own separate account. Parents will need to log into the account in order to set their password and gain access to the portal. Please follow the instructions outlined in the email. If parents need any help accessing their account, they can contact the school for help. Find out more at: <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/parents/myedbc-parent-portal-info>.

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Personal Learning Time (PLT) Every Tuesday and Wednesday

PLT SIGN UP



Tuesday's
Wednesday's

PLT is valuable instructional time that students have choice over how to spend the time on their learning which includes accessing support during the school day. We believe that PLT will encourage a healthy school-life balance as many students are juggling a busy academic schedule with a number of extra-curricular activities and out-of-school commitments. Every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, there is one 60-minute PLT block scheduled each day. Students are reminded to prepare for PLT by organizing their learning plan (*What tasks do I have?*), setting priorities (*What is due first? Will I need help? What takes the longest?*), and making a plan (*What learning spaces do I sign up for?*). It is recommended that students sign up at <https://rhs.myweeklyplanner.net/> no later than the Monday before PLT days.

Graduation Assessments 2022-2023

There are 3 provincial assessments that all students must write as required components of the graduation program:

- GNA 10 – Graduation Numeracy Assessment to be written in grade 10
- GLA 10 – Graduation Literacy Assessment to be written in grade 10
- GLA 12 – Graduation Literacy Assessment to be written in grade 12

This year at RHS, we will be hosting graduation assessments in November, January, and April.

- Oct 31 and Nov 1: Grade 10s will write the GLA 10 (and any grade 11-12 students who have not written)
- January 24-25: Grade 12s will write the GLA 12
- April 25-26: Grade 10s will write the GNA 10 (and any grade 11-12 students who have not written)

There will be an alternate schedule on these assessment days that will see an extended PLT block. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on RHS Graduation Assessments.

Learn more and try a practice assessment at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment>.

Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA 10) – October 31 & November 1

On October 31 and November 1, we will host the Graduation Literacy 10 Assessment (GLA 10) for grade 10 students and any grade 11-12 students who have not yet written the assessment. Students must check their assessment date and time and location on the posted schedules. The schedules will be put up around the school and will be posted on the **Richmond - Gr 10-12 Students MS Teams** groups.

We will follow an alternate bell schedule on these days.

Please note the following instructions for ALL students on October 31 and November 1:

- Students scheduled for the GLA 10 should **arrive by 8:00 AM** to their assigned location.
- **Grade 8s** will report to the large gym in **PLT on October 31** for career education learning activities.
- All other grade 8-12 students sign up for a PLT session.

ALTERNATE
BELL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 31, 2022
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT DAYS

8:15 – 11:15	GLA 10
8:30 – 11:15	PLT 1
11:20 – 12:00	Block A/E
12:05 – 12:45	Block B/F
12:45 – 1:30	LUNCH
1:35 – 2:15	Block C/G
2:20 – 3:00	Block D/H



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Career Education 8-12



Career Education is a key part of the curriculum in BC. Grade 8 and 9 students are learning career ideas integrated in all of their classes, and all students will complete 4-credits in Career Life Education and 4-credits in Career Life Connections with a Capstone project as graduation requirements. Students have supplemental online assignments, and additional career education learning opportunities are scheduled on Grad Assessment Days for grade 8-12 students. The goal is to help students reflect on their strengths, interests, and attributes as they grow into thoughtful, balanced, capable and contributing citizens. For more information on the RHS Career Education program go to: <https://rhscareerlife.weebly.com/> or contact Career Education coordinators Mr. Gill and Mr. Szeto.

Take Our Kids to Work Day 2022

Take our Kids to Work Day 2022 (TOKTWD) for Grade 9 students across Canada takes place on Wednesday, November 2. It is a great opportunity for grade 9 students to explore the world of work and make some connections between what they are learning in school with the knowledge, skills, and competencies they will need to be successful later in life. All Grade 9 students are invited to join a parent or adult family friend at work on November 2. Completed permission forms should be returned to the school office by Monday, October 24. Students not participating in TOKTWD are expected to attend their scheduled classes on this day. For more information on TOKTWD, go to: <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/take-our-kids-to-work>.



Richmond Secondary – A Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Community

The Ministry of Education’s **erase – Expect Respect and a Safe Education** is all about building safe and caring school communities. The Richmond School District is committed to supporting safe, welcoming, and inclusive schools. At RHS, we genuinely believe that **everyone is welcome** at our school and all students are expected to demonstrate **kindness, care** and **respect** at all times – for themselves, for all others, including those who may appear different, in person and online. Teachers and support staff strive to connect with and get to know their students as individuals, and to address concerning behaviours in a proactive, positive way. We introduce and our camp leaders model our themes of kindness, care and respect with our youngest students at Grade 8 Camp and we revisit these expectations with all students throughout the year. We believe fostering a caring community is the best way to prevent intolerance. Strengthening positive connections between students and staff and building a sense of belonging at our school remain important school-wide goals. Students who belong to a club, team, group or regular activity often develop a deeper sense of caring for each other and for the school. It is crucial that parents remain involved in their teenage children’s life and are aware of their friends and social connections, *including what they are doing online*. If parents have concerns or are noticing changes in their child, they are encouraged to speak with their teen and reach out to an RHS counsellor or administrator if necessary. Not all conflict is bullying and there may be some conflict in high school, as in life, and we also want to help students grow into resilient and capable people. However, any pattern of unwelcome, unkind or aggressive behavior, in person or online, is a serious concern and will never be acceptable at our school. When in doubt, please contact the school. There are also great online resources on what bullying is and is not, why people bully and how parents can help. www.erasebullying.ca

Kindness, Care and Respect Every Day 

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Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM on MS Teams. Meet parents **Susan Tanco**, **Jenny Mata**, and **Christine Ju** who will organize PAC this year. Parents/Caregivers will have an opportunity to have input into what the PAC does this year. Bring your ideas about what you would like the PAC to do, what topics and guest speakers interest you, what you hope to get from attending PAC meetings and how you would like to be involved. Please check your email for the meeting link. We look forward to seeing new and returning parents!



Dry After Grad (DAG) 2023

DAG is the parent-hosted celebration for the grad class held immediately after their Dinner & Dance on June 29. We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic parents to begin organizing this event. We need parents of the Grads of 2023, but also parents of current Grades 11, 10 and younger students to ensure the RHS DAG experience remains vibrant and successful for all students in coming years. Parents are invited to a DAG information meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at 5 PM on MS Teams. Check your email for the meeting link.

Follow the school on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and subscribe to our Website. All links can be found at <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/>.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION
GET OUT AND
VOTE
OCTOBER 15, 2022

2022 General Local Elections – October 15

On Saturday, October 15, residents from 162 municipalities across BC will cast their ballots in the 2022 General Local Elections which are held every four years. The 2022 Richmond Election will elect one Mayor, eight Councillors and seven Richmond School Board Trustees. We encourage students, parents and families to engage in the upcoming municipal election and openly discuss issues that are important to you and your family. Similarly, read and listen to news stories from multiple sources. Be a critical thinker and discuss both sides to all issues – are the campaign slogans, promises and rhetoric accurate? It's not too late to register! To register on voting day, eligible resident electors are required to show two pieces of identification, the identification must prove who they are and where they live -- including the person's name and residential address. Voting is important – participate in our democracy!

Teens and Halloween

Halloween is an opportunity for families and children to have fun, create jack-o-lanterns, wear costumes, and go trick-or-treating with their siblings and friends. Hundreds of RHS students and staff will dress up at school. Unfortunately, October 31 can sometimes include large groups of teenagers, igniting fireworks and roaming streets, parks and schoolyards. The results can include personal injury, broken windows, small fires and unnecessary acts of vandalism. Please know that the **RCMP** will be out in large numbers on this night and our school district hires extra security. We strongly encourage parents to speak with their teenage children – find out what their plans are for Halloween – encourage and insist that they behave responsibly or simply stay home and stay safe.



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Grad 2023 News

Congratulations to our **Grads of 2023** on an outstanding boat cruise on the evening of Thursday, September 29 - we had over 200 students and staff on a 3-hour cruise around Stanley Park and downtown Vancouver. It was a beautiful fall evening and the students had a great time with their friends and classmates! The student grad committee also hosted a *Grad Spirit Week* September 12-16 to strengthen the connections within and across their group. We also hosted our Grade 12 Parent Info Night on October 5 and reminded everyone in attendance that Grade 12s should be checking our RSS post-secondary website regularly: <https://msjonescareercentre.wordpress.com/>. Students should also check out all the other post-secondary visits coming to RHS. Also, please note that Langara, Douglas, VCC and other colleges have already opened their application portals – apply early as these are great options and, if necessary, ideal back-up plans.

**CLASS OF
2023**

Over 40 Clubs Available at RHS

We hosted a successful **Clubs' Day** on Thursday, September 29 streaming promotional videos for this year's school clubs and hosting in-person meet-and-greets with individual clubs. RHS students are encouraged to check out and explore the over forty different club offerings at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPI4nMRIMdqRZVo4HUqrEhHnVaLdcZfnN>

We invite and encourage all students to get involved in at least one positive club or group. Learn more on the school website at <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/extra-curricular/clubs-and-activities>

GET INVOLVED

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

October 10	Thanksgiving	November 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4 PM)
October 12	DAG Meeting at 5:00 PM	November 4	Grade 11 Yearbook Photos
October 12	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM	November 4	Western University Info Session, 3 PM
October 13	Photo Retakes	November 6	Daylight Savings Ends – <i>turn clocks back 1 hr</i>
October 17	Grade 8 Yearbook Photos	November 8	<i>Guru Nanak Dev Sahib</i>
October 20	Collaboration Day	November 8	SFU Beedie Info Session, 3 PM
October 21	Pro-D Day	November 9	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM
October 24	<i>Diwali</i>	November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremonies
October 26	PSBC Fair at 3:30 PM	November 11	<i>Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget</i>
October 27	Term 1 Interim Reports Published	November 16	Waterloo University Info Session, 3:15 PM
October 31	<i>Halloween</i>	November 21	Grade 12 Yearbook Photos
Oct 31-Nov 1	Grad Assessment Days (<i>alt schedule</i>)	November 24	Collaboration Day
November 2	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Virtual)	November 25	Pro-D Day
November 2	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4, 5-7 PM)	November 28	Grade 9 Immunizations

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