

KEY INFO for Richmond Secondary School GRAD 2026

This document is on the RHS website and will be updated regularly: Students > Grade 12 Information > Grad 2026 News

PLEASE STAY INFORMED: Grade 12 is a busy year! The RHS website, Grade 12 MS Teams, X (Twitter) account (@RichmondColts), post-secondary websites, and Career Advisor website all contain key & up-to-date info for Grade 12s on post-secondary visits, application processes & deadlines, scholarships and grad events. Also, your Grad Committee coordinates many grad activities, spirit events and grad clothing, etc. Your Grad 2026 Committee is on Instagram @rhsgradcomm2026 – be sure to follow!

YEARBOOK WRITE-UP: For inclusion in the yearbook, all grads are to write, in **~60 words or less**, a summary of their experiences at RHS and your hopes and goals for the future. Use proper English grammar and keep them classy, as all messages will be edited for content. Text message language will not be included (LOL). Submissions can be made on paper or via email. Include full name and student number in the subject line. These are due by November. See the Yearbook teacher (room 140) for more details.

GRAD PHOTOGRAPHY: Yearbook students will take Grade 12 photos and photographers from *Artona* will also take formal photographs in sitting appointments from **March 4-9**. Grads must sign up online for a photo sitting with *Artona*. These photos will be taken at the school, in a mobile studio. All grads need to be photographed by *Artona* for the 2026 grad composite that will be included in the digital grad composite television outside the main office. All grads will get a smaller copy of the grad composite with their certificate at the Valedictory Ceremony. Note, the sitting fee will be refunded if you choose not to purchase any photos. **If you do not have your photo taken by Artona, your image and your name will NOT be included in the composite.**

BOAT CRUISE: The Boat Cruise is on **Monday, September 29**. Grads and staff will be dressed semi-formally and board the “cruise ship” by **6:15pm** from the Pacific Boulevard Marina in Vancouver’s False Creek. The ticket allows grads to sail around the spectacular sights of Stanley Park and English Bay for 3 hours. Included in the ticket price is soft drinks and light refreshments, DJ, music and dancing and it should be a great night of fun!

PAYMENT OF \$60 IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 12.

WINTER FORMAL: The “Winter Formal” is a semi-formal dinner on **Thursday, February 12**. The ticket includes a buffet dinner, DJ, music and dancing. School administration, staff and professional security personnel will be in attendance. The purpose of the Winter Formal is to allow our grad class an opportunity to create memories with their classmates at a fun, mid-year celebration, so be sure to get your ticket early.

PAYMENT OF \$70 IS DUE BY DECEMBER 18.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY: our 99th grad ceremony will be on **Saturday, June 13** at 1pm. This formal school graduation ceremony will be held at the *Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia*. There will be a **mandatory assembly & rehearsal** for all Grade 12s on **June 10 at 1:15pm** in the gym. Grads receive a graduation ceremony certificate (not their actual Ministry of Education Dogwood certificate) as they walk across the stage. Scholarships are also presented. Students wear a graduation gown, stole and mortarboard cap and “Graduation 2026” tassel, which will be distributed at the grad rehearsal on June 10. **We will need your height to order a gown that fits you and your 30-word write-up – forms will be on the school website under STUDENTS > GRADE 12!** Each grad will receive 2 guest tickets and will be able to buy additional tickets, depending on the maximum number of tickets/seats available. The process for allocating additional tickets will be announced in the spring.

PAYMENT OF \$55 IS DUE BY DECEMBER 18.

DINNER & DANCE: The Dinner & Dance (prom) will be held at a hotel in downtown Vancouver on **Thursday, June 25**. The ticket price includes a formal gourmet dinner, desserts, soft drinks, DJ, music & dancing in a luxury hotel. Graduates traditionally dress in formal wear – suits or tuxedos and evening gowns, as this is a “classy and formal” graduation event. Note – there are no guests allowed at the Dinner & Dance.

PAYMENT OF \$160 IS DUE BY MARCH 30.

DRY AFTER GRAD: Dry After Grad (DAG) is held at the school immediately after the Dinner & Dance on **June 25** to the early hours of **June 26**. The purpose is to provide a safe, fun, inclusive and awesome “last night together” for our graduating students immediately following the formal Dinner & Dance. The ticket price includes bus transportation to and from the Dinner & Dance, lots of food, drinks, a DJ, and tons of fun events and activities.

PAYMENT OF \$55 IS DUE BY MARCH 30.

POST-SECONDARY, SERVICE HOURS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FAQs by GRADS:

Grade 12s have many questions about what to do next year and how to do it. We will host a special Grade 12 info night on **October 7** at **6:30pm**. Grade 12s are urged to attend the lunch or 3pm sessions with various post-secondary schools (see calendar on the RHS website), the BC Post-Secondary Fair (**September 24 at 5pm**) and to check the Grade 12 info board regularly. There are many post-secondary institution and external scholarships you can apply for separately and a general RSS scholarship application that is due by 3pm on **April 10, 2026**. Complete the application online on the RHS website before April 10. *If you do not apply, you will not be considered!* Also, your RHS Grade 12 service hours form is due online on April 10. Be sure to book a time to meet with your counsellor and our Career Information Advisor Ms. Ngo early in the year. Remember to check post-secondary websites regularly and bookmark and check the RSS Career Center Website at least weekly.

TVRs, PSI, CLC & CAPSTONE: Grade 12s will check their Transcript Verification Report **TVR** carefully to be sure they have all the courses they need to graduate. TVRs are distributed in the fall and spring. Students must also meet all the prerequisite course requirements of the post-secondary pathway they are interested in (e.g. sciences at UBC; broadcasting at BCIT; etc.). Your Post-Secondary Institute **PSI** Selections allows the Ministry to send school marks to the post-secondary institutions you choose. The PSI will be completed at a secure Ministry web site as soon as you begin applying to post-secondary schools. CLC and a completed Capstone presentation are required for graduation.

PLEASE PAY GRAD FEES: To book locations, activities and confirm menus months in advance, we are required to commit to attendance numbers to secure venues. To ensure successful Grad 2026 events, please pay your school fees early in the year. **REFUNDS?** You *may* get a refund up to **four weeks before an event**, minus all deposits and fees paid by the school. Closer than 4 weeks before an event and you will not get a refund as payments have been committed. *If your family will find it difficult to afford tickets or formal wear related to graduation, please contact your counsellor or administrator. Every effort will be made to ensure that every Richmond Grad who wants to attend a grad event is included.* **PLEASE NOTE POSTED DEADLINES - if you wait too long to speak to our Business Assistant or buy tickets, grad events can be fully booked and sold-out.**

OTHER GRAD EVENTS? Grade 12s can communicate with the Grad Committee to help plan the events that celebrate your graduation year at Richmond Secondary. ***Events such as trips, camping, Spring Break vacations or house parties are NOT sponsored by nor sanctioned by the school in any way.*** If you are unsure if it is a “school event”, please ask the principal.

ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY: Inappropriate behaviour or grad stunts/pranks or the consumption or possession of alcohol or other substances at any school or graduation event will lead to the student being denied attendance at that event & all other Grad activities.

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