



## RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2026

### **CLASS VALEDICTORIAN:**

Traditionally at the Valedictory Ceremony, a student gives the farewell address on behalf of the graduating class. The Valedictorian reflects upon a theme relevant to his/her classmates and shares parting words of wisdom. The successful candidate will be chosen based upon the following criteria identified by RHS graduates. The student:

- must be a strong academic student
- should be one of the top well-rounded students in the Graduating Class
- is to have good public speaking skills
- is to be representative of the school as shown by participation in a wide range of school activities
- should be able to relate with a wide range of students in the Graduating Class
- should be reflective, thoughtful and able to look to the future
- will have attended Richmond Secondary for at least 2 years

Any student who is interested in representing the graduating class of 2026 in this manner is asked to submit an application to the Principal by **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026** using the Class Valedictorian form. In a maximum of 250 **TYPE WRITTEN** words, write why you think you are a good candidate for Class Valedictorian. Please include contact information such as email and telephone number on your application. In addition to the application form, interested students must upload a video. The video must be no longer than two minutes; please introduce yourself in 30 seconds and for the remainder of the video deliver a one-minute portion of your speech.

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### **CLASS HISTORIAN(S):**

**NOTE: This role may or may not be filled in any given year depending on the strength and rationale behind individual applications.**

The Class Historian(s) reflects upon the memories or history of the graduating class throughout the years from grades 8-12. The successful candidate(s) will be chosen based upon the following criteria identified by the RHS graduates. The student(s):

- is to have good public speaking skills
- should be able to balance a nostalgic review of the past five years with appropriate wit & humour
- should be connected to a broad base of students and be able to relate to the majority of the class
- should have been involved in a wide range of school activities including athletics, clubs, and service
- should have a well-rounded perspective on the happenings at the school
- should be at least an average/above average academic student
- will have attended Richmond Secondary since Grade 8

Any student who is interested in representing the graduating class of 2026 in this manner is asked to submit an application to the Principal by **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026** using the Class Historian form. Please include contact information such as email and telephone number on your application. In a maximum of 250 **TYPE WRITTEN** words, write why you think you are a good candidate for Class Historian. In addition to the application form, interested students must upload a video. The video must be no longer than two minutes; please introduce yourself in 30 seconds and for the remainder of the video deliver a one-minute portion of your speech.

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**Please note:** You are encouraged to apply to **ONE OR BOTH** positions but you must submit separate applications to each position. Applicants will be interviewed for positions for which they submit a sample speech. Note, the selection committee reserves the right to consider applicants for a position that they may not have applied for.

**Selection of the Valedictorian and Historian will be made according to the process and timeline found on the back side of this form.**

## SELECTION TIMELINE

<b>March 1</b>	Information Sheets will be made available at the school office and on MS Teams. Interested students will complete statements of interest and submit them to the Principal by <b>3:00pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.</b>
<b>April 1</b>	Ballot available (published with the names of interested candidates posted online).
<b>April 2 - April 7</b>	Opportunity for Grade 12 students to <b>vote</b> for Valedictorian and Historian. Voting will take place from <b>Thursday, April 2 to Tuesday, April 7, 2026.</b> A link to vote will be posted on Grade 12 MS Teams. Vote results, application responses, and interviews will be considered in the selection process.
<b>April 7 - 10</b>	Interview dates and times given to list of candidates. Interview questions will be given to all candidates. Candidates are asked to prepare a small segment of their speech and all their responses to the interview questions.
<b>April 13 – 23</b>	Interviewing of candidates by staff committee.
<b>April 27</b>	Notification of successful and unsuccessful candidates.
<b>April 28 – May 20</b>	Preparation of speeches.
<b>May 21</b>	Submission of final speeches to staff committee and <b>email to Principal.</b>
<b>May 22 – June 5</b>	Rehearsal, revision, and practice of speeches with Staff.
<b>June 5 - 10</b>	Speeches finalized with final rehearsal with Administration.
<b>June 9</b>	Valedictory Rehearsal at 1:15pm for Graduating Class 2026. Additional Valedictorian and Historian Rehearsal after school.
<b>June 13</b>	2026 RHS Valedictory at UBC Chan Centre. Arrive inside the Chan Centre Auditorium for 11:15am Sound Check.