



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Happy 100 Years!

HOME OF THE COLTS - ESTABLISHED IN 1927

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Principal's Message

Welcome to 2026-2027 Colts!

Welcome to Richmond Secondary School!

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I welcome students, families, staff, alumni, and our broader community to the **2026–2027 school year**. I am honoured to be joining Richmond Secondary as your new Principal at such a significant moment in the history of our school—as we celebrate **100 years of Richmond Secondary School**.

As the first school established in the Richmond School District, Richmond Secondary carries a remarkable legacy. For a century, this school has been a place where generations of students have learned, grown, formed lasting friendships, discovered their passions, and found a sense of belonging. Richmond Secondary has been a home to so many members of our community, and what makes that history particularly special is that these connections continue across generations.

Our alumni remain an important part of the fabric of our school community. Their generosity, commitment, and continued involvement demonstrate the enduring connection that many feel to Richmond Secondary. I look forward to working alongside our Alumni Association and our entire community as we honour our history and imagine the next chapter of our story.

A Little About Me

For those I have not yet had the opportunity to meet, a little about me: I have been an educator for more than 30 years, with over 25 of those years serving as a Vice-Principal and Principal. I have had the privilege of working in several school districts and in a variety of school settings and leadership roles. Most recently, I spent the past nine years in the Richmond School District, including five years serving as a District Principal.

Richmond has become much more than a place where I work. It is a community where I have had the privilege of living, raised my own children, and seeing them attend Richmond schools. Returning to a Richmond school community as a school-based Principal feels both exciting and deeply meaningful.

I am especially grateful to be joining an incredible leadership and staff team at Richmond Secondary. I am fortunate to have **Ms. Adrienne Goulas** and **Mr. Lester Leung** as my Vice Principals. Together with our teachers, support staff, counsellors, office professionals, education assistants, custodial and cafeteria team, and the many other dedicated people who contribute to our school each day, they bring a wealth of knowledge, care, experience, and commitment to our students.

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Principal's Message Continued...

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Looking Ahead

As we begin this centennial year, we have a wonderful opportunity to honour where we have come from while imagining where we want to go next. The traditions and accomplishments of those who came before us matter, and so too does the work we do today to shape the legacy we will leave for the generations who follow.

I believe that strong schools are built through relationships. My commitment as Principal is to listen, learn, and work alongside our students, staff, families, alumni, and community partners to ensure that Richmond Secondary continues to be a place where every student feels a sense of belonging, is supported in their learning, and is encouraged to discover their strengths and aspirations.

Save the Date! -----Saturday, April 17, 2027

Our Richmond Secondary Alumni Association is planning a special **Centennial Celebration**. I hope our current students, families, staff, alumni, and friends of Richmond Secondary will join us as we celebrate 100 years of memories, relationships, achievement, and community. More details will be shared as plans develop.

I am excited for the year ahead and feel very fortunate to be beginning this journey with the Richmond Secondary community.

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year. Welcome to our centennial year. And welcome to the next chapter of the Richmond Secondary story!

With Gratitude,

Navshina Savory

Navshina Savory, Principal-Richmond Secondary School

First Day – Tuesday, September 8

The first day of school for all students is on Tuesday, September 8 for an assembly and homeroom. While they will only attend for a short time, this is an important first day. Students will receive a copy of their timetable, their locker, the RHS student agenda booklet, the RHS wall calendar, and several forms to take home to be completed. Students should bring a pen and are reminded to take these school forms home and return them to your homeroom teacher in the first week of school. We will start every day of the first week of school with a homeroom. Our first day schedule has grade 8-9-10-11 students going directly to the gym at their designated time listed below. Grade 12s will go directly to their homeroom class with the grade 12 assembly scheduled for Friday, September 11.

8:45 – 11:00 am	Grade 8 Welcome in gym followed by Assembly and Homeroom
10:30 – 11:30 am	Grade 9 Assembly in gym followed by Homeroom
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Grade 10 Assembly in gym followed by Homeroom
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Grade 11 IB Meeting in Multipurpose (Diploma and Course Students)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Grade 11 Assembly in gym followed by Homeroom
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Grade 12 Homeroom

HOMEROOM LISTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE FRONT WINDOWS BY THE ART ROOM BY 4:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 4. STUDENTS WILL ATTEND HOMEROOM EVERY DAY DURING THE FIRST WEEK. REGULAR CLASSES BEGIN AFTER HOMEROOM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – ABCD.

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School Schedule & Personal Learning Time (PLT)

At Richmond Secondary School we operate on a linear system which includes Personal Learning Time (PLT) and staff Collaboration Time. Students are enrolled in 8 classes from September to June, taking 4 classes on one day (Day 1) and the remaining 4 on the next day (Day 2), and alternating through the year following these bell schedules:

MONDAY+TUESDAY+FRIDAY

CLASS	TIME
Welcome Bell	8:25
Block A/E	8:30–9:51
Block B/F	9:59–11:20
Block C/G	11:28–12:49
Lunch	12:49–1:34
Block D/H	1:39–3:00

WEDNESDAY+THURSDAY

CLASS	TIME
Block A/E	8:30–9:36
PLT	9:41–10:41
Block B/F	10:49–11:55
Lunch	11:55–12:40
Block C/G	12:40–1:46
Block D/H	1:54–3:00

COLLABORATION DAY

CLASS	TIME
COLLAB TIME	8:30–9:30
Block A/E	9:35–10:41
Block B/F	10:49–11:55
Lunch	11:55–12:40
Block C/G	12:40–1:46
Block D/H	1:54–3:00

Personal Learning Time (PLT) is a period of instructional time each week set aside as “self-directed” time for students to learn with teacher support. PLT will take place every Wednesday and Thursday from 9:41-10:41 AM. We will gradually implement PLT in September where the first couple of weeks of PLT are “training weeks”. During these training weeks, students will be restricted in terms where they can go for their PLT times. Students will be provided with further details in Homeroom in the first week of school.

For the rest of the year, students will decide what they are going to do and where they are going to do it during their PLT sessions. Grade 8 and 9 students will be limited to sign up with one of their eight teachers. Students will sign up in advance using our new platform [PLT Bookings](#), and it is recommended that sign up be completed no later than the Monday before PLT days. To support students with their PLT use, a PLT Check-in Day has been scheduled for January 6, 2027.

Collaboration Days

On 9 days this year, all RHS teachers and staff will engage in a variety of planning activities to strengthen the learning experiences for our students. This valuable ‘collaboration time’ will occur from 8:30-9:30 AM on designated days. While staff may not be available for direct support, students are welcome to work and study independently or in groups or get some extra sleep on these days as first class begins at 9:35 AM. Collaboration Days are scheduled on Wednesdays: September 16, October 7, November 25, December 2, January 13, February 17, April 21, May 12, and June 2. Please note, there is no PLT on Collaboration Days.



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Returning Late in September?

If you will NOT return to Richmond Secondary School in 2026-2027, please call our office and advise the staff. Also, if you are returning to RHS but will arrive later than Wednesday, September 9, but on or before September 11, you must let the office know and complete [THIS](#) form or you risk losing your space at our school. **This is important** to ensure that we have a timetable for your child. Please note, we currently have a waiting list and current students arriving after September 11 may not have a place in our school. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to create a smooth start to the school year for all students and families. Go [HERE](#) for further details:

Student Timetables

Students will receive their official timetable in homeroom on September 8. Not many changes are anticipated as returning grade 9-12 students had an opportunity to confirm their 2026-2027 timetable at the end of June. Since then, courses will not have changed but the order of the courses may have changed as we added and balanced classes. If students believe there is a mistake on their timetable, please complete a *Course Error Form* which they will receive in homeroom. Until a counsellor has reviewed the form, students are to attend the class printed on their schedule. Our counsellors will see students by appointment, however, early September is a very busy time, and they may be unable to see you immediately – please be patient. Counsellors will contact you when an appointment has been arranged. Please note, due to a very full timetable, not all changes are possible. We will not make timetable changes to switch teachers or for the same classes in a different block order; however, if students have a missing course or they are placed in the wrong level of a course, changes will be made.

MyEducation BC Student and Parent Portal Accounts

All Richmond Secondary students and their parents/legal guardians are issued a MyEducation BC portal account which allows access to a student's schedule, transcript information, attendance, published report cards, and more. Accounts will be disabled for maintenance and will be active again in early September. For new families to RHS, accounts will be available by the end of September.

Grade 8 Mini-Camp – Thursday, September 24

We are looking forward to hosting **all of our youngest students** for our annual Grade 8 Mini-Camp on Thursday, September 24. All Grade 8s will participate in many learning and community building activities at school, travel to the 6Pack Indoor Beach Centre by bus, enjoy two meals together, make some new friends, and get off to a great start at Richmond Secondary School. Grade 8s will arrive to school at 8:30 AM on September 24 and can be picked up at the school at 6:15p.m. The camp will be supervised by staff and led by Grade 11 and 12 student leaders who have met several times to carefully plan every aspect of this event to ensure that it is welcoming, safe, and inclusive. **We want every Grade 8 student to participate!** If you haven't done so already, please complete the registration package. The \$50 payment can be made on SchoolCash Online. Please contact teachers Ms. Minato, Ms. Seminutin, or Mr. Eastwood, at the school if you have any questions. Welcome Grads of 2031! Read more on our website at:

<https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/parents/grade-8s-september-2026>



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School Supplies

We recommend that students wait until they have met with all of their teachers each before purchasing any of their school supplies and equipment. Students should bring a pen and a binder with paper for the first day of school and are encouraged to re-use old binders and supplies.

RHS Student Agenda Books

Students will also receive a custom Richmond Secondary agenda booklet in homeroom in the first week of school. The RHS agenda contains daily and monthly calendars and the first several pages describe all the important Richmond Secondary School expectations, our Code of Conduct, our RHS Learner Profile as well as descriptions of activities, events and opportunities. *In the age of cell phones, apps and digital calendars, we believe all students still benefit from using a hard copy journal or planner to write lists, notes, reminders and important due dates.* We encourage students and parents to read the opening pages and for students to use their RHS agenda booklet daily. Successful students are well organized!

Lockers

All students will be assigned a locker with a Master brand combination lock. The locker is personal space for students to store their jacket, lunch, textbooks, binders, and school supplies; however, it is not a bank vault, and students should not leave valuables (e.g. a laptop) in their lockers. It is always a good idea to keep your lock combination confidential but write it down at home in a safe place. A helpful tip for Grade 8s is to practice opening a 3-number combination lock a few times in the days before school starts. Note, students will need to purchase a separate lock for use during their PHE class.

School & Grad Photographs

A crew of professional photographers from Artona will take student photos on Friday, September 18. This photo will be used on the RHS student ID card and parents have the option to purchase additional photo packages directly from the photography company. Photo retake day will be on Tuesday, October 27. Formal **graduation photographs** will be scheduled by student-made appointments, in a mobile studio located at the school from February 18-26, 2027. Every grad's photo will be used on the 2027 grad composite and Grade 12s will receive a miniature copy of the grad composite in June. Families have the option of ordering custom photos. Grads can book a time and find out more at: <https://artona.com>

2026-2027 Student Fees

All high schools in Richmond charge the same General School Fee. There may also be optional charges for field trips, teams, clubs, and graduation events. **Enrichment fees** may apply in a course in which a student wishes to undertake an optional project or use better materials that are beyond the core requirements of the course and which the student will retain. **Special Programs or trips** are offered as an optional alternative to regular courses and may charge fees. Examples include the IB Diploma Programme & IB Courses, PE Fit for Life, etc.

General School Fee: **\$28.00**

All secondary schools in Richmond have standardized the costs of school fees. This fee helps offset the cost of the student agenda, student activities, special assemblies, athletics and events and communications such as the calendar and mail-outs to families.

Yearbook (Optional): **\$36.00 (Tentative)**

Students may choose to purchase an RHS yearbook, which will be distributed in June 2027. Students must order and pay now so that we know how many yearbooks to produce. Please note, the vast majority of students enjoy and appreciate their yearbooks and there is a deadline to purchase a book. Also, please note that this is an approximate cost, however we do not anticipate the price to be much higher.

Grade 12 Grad 2026 Fees:

In addition to the General and Yearbook fees, we will offer several special Grade 12 events including the Boat Cruise, the Winter Formal, the Valedictory Ceremony, the Dinner & Dance prom, and the Dry After Grad. These are optional events but are designed to be celebrations for all members of our graduating class each year. The exact costs will depend on how many grads attend, the venues, menus and activities selected, but all events will cost in *approximately* **\$410**.

Note: Optional school fees are cost recovery only. If your family is facing financial hardship, please contact your child's teacher, your child's counsellor, and our Business Assistant to discuss an alternate payment plan. If you have any questions regarding your fee statement, please contact our Business Assistant in the main office. All family information will remain confidential.

How to Pay School Fees:

Pay 2026-2027 student fees using School Cash Online at:

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/>

Or see the Business Assistant to process other forms of payment.

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Student Information & Responsible Use of Technology Forms & Digital Citizenship at RHS

Please read and complete the **student information verification** and the **Use of Personal Information/Responsible Technology Use (SA-53)** forms that will be sent home with your child on September 8. Please complete the forms in full and return them to the office. If your child has a serious allergy or medical condition, please contact the appropriate RHS counsellor to confidentially discuss your situation. Parents are invited to contact the school if they do not want their child's name or image included in the school media. Parents are also encouraged to read and discuss our "Digital Citizenship Expectations" with their child: <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/students/digital-citizenship-expectations-rhs>.

Personal Digital Devices – Cell Phones, Tablets, Headphones, Ear Buds, etc.



Student Personal Digital Devices should not be used unless permission has been granted. Students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and District Code of Conduct. Read the full policy at sd38.bc.ca/devices.

At Secondary School (Grades 8 to 12):

- Students should not use Personal Digital Devices during instructional time, unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes.
- When not permitted, personal digital devices should be powered off, secured inside a student's backpack, locker or secured location.
- Personal digital devices are not to be used in areas where privacy is expected or required.
- Access to social media platforms from personal digital devices may be restricted on the school wireless network during instructional time

Note: Headphones/Air Pods/Ear Buds are personal digital devices and are subject to the policy.

At Richmond Secondary, during PLT or a study block or in the LLC or Multipurpose, personal digital devices are permitted for educational purposes. During lunch and breaks, personal digital devices are permitted for quiet and appropriate use.

Parking and Driving Reminders

All students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school as often as possible. If parents drop-off or pick-up students, please drive carefully near the school. Student pick-ups are not permitted in the roundabout at the front of the school. Parents can park in the student lot off of the Minoru Boulevard entrance and have their child walk to the car. Do not park in staff parking areas and do not stop on Moffatt or Minoru as this causes traffic problems, is illegal and dangerous. **If you must drive your teen to school, avoid the traffic jam and drop them off before peak times and consider a pre-arranged area near the school and have them walk the rest of the way – the exercise is good for them!** Students who have their new driver or "N" license are to park in the designated student parking area – turn left into the first lot as you enter off of Minoru Boulevard. New drivers must follow **N** driving laws.



Students, parents, and visitors should park in the designated visitor parking lot off of the Minoru Boulevard entrance. Please respect and follow the signage in the parking lots. Avoid staff designated lots including the front lot located at the main entrance to the school. Vehicles in violation are subject to removal at the driver/owner's expense. Thank you for your co-operation.



Visiting the School?

Visitors such as parents and legal guardians can request an appointment by calling the school office at 604-668-6400. All visitors must enter through the main entrance and sign in and out at the school office. Please do not visit if you are feeling unwell.

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School Start Time

An important reminder to RHS families that **school begins at 8:30 AM** each day. We recommend that students arrive by 8:15 in the morning to ensure that they have time to prepare for a successful day of learning. Arriving right at the bell or after 8:30 is problematic and concerning. Students arriving late miss out on learning and disrupt the learning of others. Being punctual is an important life skill. We ask all RHS families to make a commitment to arriving to school on time. Please review your family's morning routine and make adjustments accounting for weather and traffic.



Parents are Welcome at RHS



We believe in collaboration and a strong partnership with families. Parents are encouraged to participate in meetings and events whenever the opportunity presents itself. Our **PAC** is open to all parents, and the first PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 16**. Our **Meet the Teacher** night will be on **Thursday, September 17**. This is an excellent opportunity to meet all of your teen's teachers and hear more about what they will be learning this year. We will host a **Grade 12 Parent Info Night** on **Tuesday, October 6**. This evening will be a chance for parents to learn more about grad requirements, post-secondary and scholarship processes as well as Grad 2027 events planned for the year.

Stay Connected to RHS: Calendar – Website – Social Media - Email

We want all students, families, and members of our community to stay connected and informed about Richmond Secondary School:

- A **wall calendar** will be provided to every student on the first day and this contains helpful school information and the key RHS dates such as Informal and Written Learning Updates, and Parent-Teacher Conferences, etc.
- All families are urged to bookmark and regularly check the RHS website at <http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/>. We update this site weekly and the calendar on the website will show any changes or added events for students and parents.
- Students and parents are also invited to follow the school on **Instagram @richmondcolts**.
- It is very important that we have an **accurate email address for all parents**. Important communication such as learning reports (interims and report cards) will be published online and parents must have an accurate email address registered with the school to access the **MyEducation BC Parent Portal**. Parents can contact the school office to update email information.

Follow the school on Instagram, bookmark our website, and check your email regularly. All links can be found at <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca>.



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Safe and Healthy Teens

We encourage RHS students to adopt and live a healthy balanced life. Staying at home when feeling unwell, practicing good hand hygiene, and following coughing and sneezing etiquette have all become basic and necessary norms. Being organized and doing your best in your studies are important for your future, but so is maintaining life balance. Teen mental health is equally important. Staying connected with, sharing and listening to friends, members of a positive club or group, trusted adults and family are essential for mental well-being. Getting to bed at a reasonable hour is key as *sleep hygiene* is important. "All-nighters" are unhealthy and rarely necessary in a balanced life. Using a refillable water bottle and taking time to pack nutritious snacks are good ideas. Walking, boarding or cycling to school and exercising regularly are also keys to a healthier life. Maintaining personal hygiene as well as positive mental wellness, sleep, exercise and nutritional habits are the foundations to a balanced and healthy life – why not set some small, personal wellness goals for yourself this year?



All RHS Students are Encouraged to Get Involved!



Students who are connected to others in a club, group, or team have a greater sense of belonging and enjoy school more. We encourage all students to join something this year – tryout for a Colts team (e.g. if you like to run, the RHS cross-country team wants you in September!), join a club, volunteer to help at an event, attend Student Council meetings or simply participate in school events. These experiences help students have fun and make friends; grow as caring, capable, responsible people and as leaders; are important for post-secondary and scholarship applications; and make our school a better place! Fall sports will start in September, the TerryFox Run is on September 22, and our Clubs' Day will be on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Make this your best year yet! **#GoColts**

Upcoming Richmond Secondary School Dates

September 7	<i>Labour Day</i>	September 25	Pro-D Day
September 8	Homeroom & Grade 8-11 Assemblies	September 29	Grad Boat Cruise
September 8-11	Homeroom First All Week	September 30	<i>National Day for Truth & Reconciliation*</i>
September 9	First Regular Day - ABCD		
September 11	Grade 12 Assembly & Lunch	October 1	Clubs' Day
September 16	Collaboration Day/PAC at 6:30 PM	October 2	IB 11 Orientation
September 17	Meet the Teachers	October 5	World Teachers' Day
September 18	School Photo Day	October 6	Grade 12 Parent Info Night at 6:30 PM
September 22	Terry Fox Run/ PSBC Fair at 5:00 PM	October 7	Collaboration Day
September 23	IB Grad 2026 at 6:30 PM		
September 24	Grade 8 Mini-Camp		

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RHS LEARNERS ARE RESILIENT

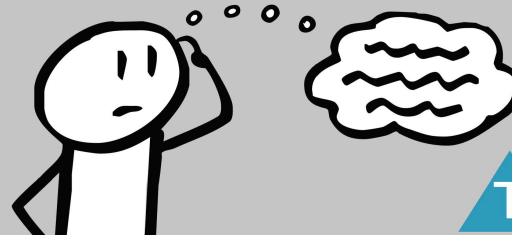
We have a growth mindset and accept that learning may involve set-backs and adversity. We are resourceful in the face of challenges and change. We approach uncertainty with determination. We are courageous and willing to be *risk-takers* and pursue new challenges.



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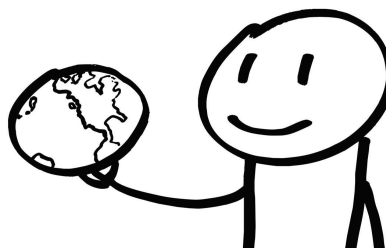
We use critical and creative thinking skills to consider and analyze problems and formulate responses. We are *knowledgeable*, *open-minded* and curious *inquirers* and able to research and consider different points of view. We evaluate information to make thoughtful decisions. We are innovative and can generate and develop ideas to change, adapt or create new solutions or interpretations.



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RESPONSIBLE

We take responsibility for our choices, words and actions. We are *principled* and act with integrity and honesty. We have personal values and a sense of fairness and justice. We are members of local and global communities and have a widening sense of social and environmental responsibility.



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CARING

As members of a diverse community, we demonstrate kindness, care and respect toward all others. We show empathy and compassion and respect the dignity and rights of all people. We strive to understand, welcome and include others.



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REFLECTIVE

We are self-aware and understand our personal strengths and areas for growth. We are able to regulate our emotions and behaviour and strive to be *balanced*, healthy people. We are able to think about our learning and create plans for improvement.



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COMMUNICATORS

We can collaborate, connect and engage with others to share and develop ideas. We listen actively to the perspectives of others. We are able to exchange information, experiences and ideas confidently. We can present information clearly and communicate effectively using a wide range of verbal, non-verbal and visual formats, including technologies.



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