



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Hello RHS Students and Parents:

Welcome to a new school year! I hope this message finds our Richmond Secondary families feeling rested after an enjoyable summer, and that students are looking forward to returning on Tuesday, September 7. As we all continue to navigate the many challenges presented by the pandemic, at Richmond Secondary we are closely following the expectations of the Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education and working very hard to ensure that our students and staff will be as safe as possible. We know that going to school, learning, and connecting with friends and teachers are all very important for our students' well-being and we are planning as safe a 'return to normal' as we can.

All students and staff will be required to complete a "[mandatory daily health check](#)" each day and must stay home if they are feeling unwell. At school, students and staff must wear a face-covering or mask and will be reminded to wash their hands regularly and, wherever possible, maintain reasonable physical distancing. All surfaces and high touch areas will be thoroughly cleaned every day. Visitors to the school must sign in at the main office and it is strongly recommended that visitors phone ahead and make an appointment. Parents and guardians who drop-off or pick-up students before and after school are reminded to follow the signs posted outside of the school. All students will learn important health and safety expectations and reminders in the first week of school.

For the 2021-2022 year, all secondary schools in Richmond will be operating on the semester timetable. This means students will enroll in 4 classes from September until January and 4 new classes from February until June. *Please note that on two days a week we will have Personal Learning Time or PLT. PLT creates opportunities for students to engage in learning that is meaningful to them, to collaborate with others, to seek additional learning support from teachers, to develop core competencies and personal organizational skills, and to reflect and set goals for future learning. Essentially, PLT develops and supports learners' abilities to exercise choice and develop independence. Students will learn more about the expectations of PLT in the first two weeks of school.* At Richmond Secondary, our 2021-2022 bell schedule will be:

MONDAY+THURSDAY+FRIDAY

CLASS	TIME
Block A	8:30-9:50
Block B	10:00-11:20
Block C	11:30-12:50
Lunch	12:50-1:35
Block D	1:40-3:00

TUESDAY+WEDNESDAY

CLASS	TIME
PLT 1	8:30-9:20
PLT 2	9:25-10:15
Block A/C	10:20-12:15
Lunch	12:15-1:00
Block B/D	1:05-3:00

COLLABORATION DAY

CLASS	TIME
PREP	8:30-9:20
COLLAB	9:25-10:15
Block A/C	10:20-12:15
Lunch	12:15-1:00
Block B/D	1:05-3:00





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FIRST WEEK at a GLANCE:

The information below includes an overview of the first day and first week of school.

M	September 6	Labour Day Holiday	
T	September 7	8:30 – 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
		12:00 – 12:30 pm	Grade 11 IB Meeting in gym (Diploma and Course Students)
		12:30 – 1:30 pm	Grade 11 Assembly in gym followed by Homeroom
		12:00 – 1:00 pm	Grade 12 Grad Kickoff Event outside on the turf field
		1:00 – 2:00 pm	Grade 12 Homeroom
W	September 8	Homeroom at 8:30 am followed by Regular Classes - ABCD	
TH	September 9	Homeroom at 8:30 am followed by Regular Classes - ABCD	
F	September 10	Homeroom at 8:30 am followed by Regular Classes - ABCD Grade 12 Assembly followed by Hot Dog Lunch and Sports Day	

On September 7, students will arrive at school at their designated time with Grade 8-9-10-11 students going to the large gym first while Grade 12 students will go directly to their homeroom class. Homeroom assignments will be posted on the school windows by 4 PM on Friday, September 3.

KEY SEPTEMBER DATES:

Wednesday, September 15	PAC Meeting
Thursday, September 16	School Photo Day
Wednesday, September 22	Meet the Teachers
Friday, September 24	Pro-D Day
Friday, September 24	Grade 8 Camp
Tuesday, September 28	Collaboration Day
Wednesday, September 29	RHS Terry Fox Run
Thursday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

*Our government recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. All schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30th to reflect on the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.*

We are really looking forward to reconnecting with our students on Tuesday, September 7.

Sincerely,

Ms. Anita Kwon
Principal

