



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

There is much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day including family, friends, good health, nutritious food, and warm shelter. I hope everybody has an opportunity this long weekend to show their appreciation and gratitude for all that they have. 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 are reminded that the school will publish **Progress Reports** by 3 PM on **Thursday, October 15** and this informal report will provide a quick glimpse into how your child has started the school year. Parents with concerns about their child's achievement will be able to book a **Parent-Teacher Conference** for **October 16, 19-22**. We have also begun preparation for graduation assessments with the first sitting scheduled in November. Find out more details on these upcoming events inside this newsletter.

Anita Kwon

2020 – 2021 RHS School Calendar



It is important for our RHS Families to stay organized and to keep up to date with all that is happening at Richmond Secondary. The 2020-2021 Richmond Secondary School Calendar is now available for download from the school website (CALENDAR > DOWNLOAD CALENDAR). The calendar contains important information such as daily course rotations, and contains key RHS dates such as Progress Report dates, Report Cards, and Parent-Teacher Conferences, etc. All families are urged to bookmark and regularly check the **RHS website**. We update this site weekly and the calendar on the website will show any changes or added events for students and parents. *(Unfortunately, we will not be producing a wall calendar as done in previous years.)*

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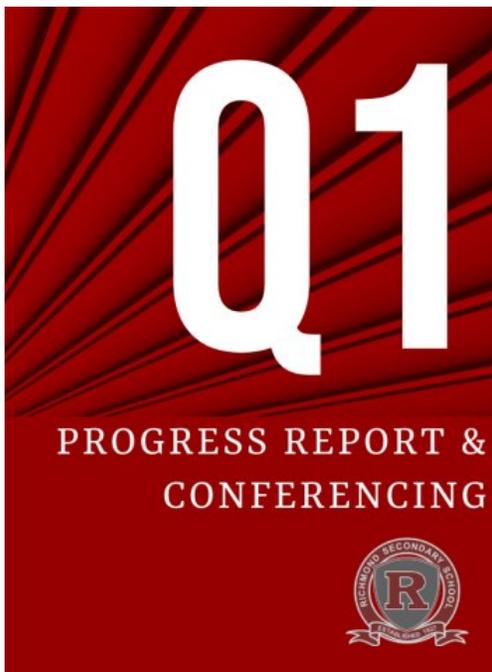


Student Drop Off and Pick-Up – RHS Roundabout Changes

We thank all parents and students for their co-operation with the recent changes to the RHS roundabout at the front of the school. Cars can drive through or passengers can be dropped off, but **student pick-ups will no longer be permitted in the roundabout**. Parents can park in the student lot off of the Minoru Boulevard entrance and have their child walk to the car. With over 400 students dismissed at any one time, this change prevents crowds from forming where students cannot physically distance. Please make sure you do your part in making RHS a safe place for everyone. As always, all students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school as often as possible.



QUARTER 1 Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences



We have had to modify our communicating and reporting student learning procedures to align with the Quarter system schedule that we are following this school year. For detailed information on RHS's Communicating Student Learning (CSL) plan, please **CLICK HERE**.

Quarter 1 **Progress Reports** will be published electronically on MyEducation BC by 3 PM on Thursday, October 15. These reports will provide an early indication of how students are progressing in their classes as well as their attendance record since the start the school year. Parents are urged to read the report and discuss it with their teen. Parents with concerns about their child's achievement can book a **Parent-Teacher Conference** for October 16, 19-22. The booking process will be done online using School Appointments On-Line and will be open for sign up on October 15 shortly after Progress Reports have been published. The ten minute conferences will take place virtually on MS Teams/Zoom or by telephone.

In preparation for Q1 reporting and conferencing, students and parents should ensure that their login credentials for both **MyEducationBC** and **School Appointments On-Line** are current and active.

If parents need assistance, please call the school at 604-668-6400.

Parent and Student MyEducation BC Portal Accounts

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 on October 9 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/news/2018/11/27/myedbc-parent-portal-info>.

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Richmond Secondary – A Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Community

The Ministry of Education has developed a thoughtful strategy for schools called **erase** – **Expect Respect and a Safe Education** and 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

Orange Shirt Day at RHS

September 30 is recognized as “**Orange Shirt Day**” across our country. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the profound impact of residential schools and support ongoing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples across Canada. Many RHS classes engaged in activities and discussions, and students and staff were encouraged to wear **orange** on this day to support the message that “every child matters” and reflect on the impact of the damaging official policy. Learn more about the story of 8-year old Phyllis Webstad at <https://www.angeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>

Clubs Available at RHS

We hosted a **Virtual Clubs’ Day** on Thursday, October 8 streaming promotional videos for all of this year’s school clubs. Check out and explore the different club offerings at <https://bit.ly/coltsclubs2020video>. 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/extracurricular-life/clubs-and-activities>, and sign up for a club on the RHS Clubs’ MS Team using join code **wgznk6u**.

#GetInvolved #GoColts

creativity exIBition 2020 – October 6-14

Each year, IB students celebrate their creative accomplishments with a gala event that includes an art exhibit, a film screening, and live performances. This year we put on a re-imagined version of this event that captured the feeling of celebration and allowed students to share and display their work. We hosted a four-day film festival from October 6-9. This included digital work, music ensembles, singing, dancing, a chess battle, and an interactive show that had one performer zooming in to improvise music based on audience suggestions. The 2D and 3D art will remain installed until October 14, and pieces include clay, crochet, oil and acrylic paintings, digital prints, and summaries of digital works with links to online collections created by our talented artists.



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Parents Welcome at RHS!

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meets on Zoom typically on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. (Please check the calendar on the school website to confirm meeting dates.). The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 PM. Please check your email for the meeting link. We look forward to seeing new and returning parents!

Grad 2021 News

Attendees at the Grade 12 Parent Info Night webinar on October 7 were reminded that all grade 12s should regularly check the RSS post-secondary website at <https://msjonescareercentre.wordpress.com/> as well as Ms. Jones's Facebook page. **CLICK HERE** to view the webinar if you missed it. (Use passcode = R0C^O!b0.).

Grad photographs for the Yearbook will be taken on October 15-16 and grads will be called down by class. Grade 12s are reminded to DRESS NICE as gowns will not be worn this year. Grad comments and baby photos are due on October 16 and should be emailed to Rhsyearbookstaff21@gmail.com.

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



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October 24 – Are You Registered to Vote?

We encourage students, parents, and families to engage in the upcoming provincial 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? To vote in a provincial election, you must be registered on the list of electors. For information on voter registration and where and how to vote, go to the Elections BC website at <https://elections.bc.ca>.



RHS will be participating in the **Student Vote** campaign to help educate our students and to encourage them to vote using replica ballots. Students will vote on October 19-22. 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.



Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take our Kids to Work Day 2020 (TOKTWD) for Grade 9 students across Canada takes place on Wednesday, November 4. Understandably, this year there will be no face-to-face experience. Instead, The Learning Partnership has provided materials to educators and parents to support this day and all activities and events will be virtual. <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/>

All RHS Grade 9 students are expected to be in class on this day, and find time either in class or on their own to complete associated activities/assignments.

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Graduation Assessments 2020-2021

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

Note, the implementation of the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment has been postponed until the 2021-2022 school year. This means that current grade 12 students will only need to have completed the GNA 10 for graduation.

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

- November 4-5: Grade 11s will write the GLA 10
- January 25-26: Grade 10s will write the GNA 10 (and any grade 11-12 students who have not written)
- April 13-14: Grade 10s will write the GLA 10

There will be an alternate schedule on these assessment days. Grade 8 and 9 classes will be in-person as usual, but grade 10-12 classes will all be held remotely on MS Teams/Zoom. The schedule is designed so that students writing assessments will not miss any instructional time in their classes. Stay tuned for detailed information on the upcoming November assessments which will include the student assessment schedule and the alternate bell schedule.

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

Daily MENU
Week of October 12-16

MON HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

TUE SOUP: ORIENTAL CORN AND CRAB SOUP \$2
MAIN: SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS \$5
SANDWICH ASSORTED \$3.50
DESSERT: COOKIES, MUFFINS, SPECIAL \$0.50-1.50

WED SOUP: VEGETABLE MINESTRONE \$2
MAIN: BEEF BURRITOS \$5
SANDWICH ASSORTED \$3.50
DESSERT: COOKIES, MUFFINS, SPECIAL \$0.50-1.50

THU SOUP: CHEEDAR AND BROCCOLI \$2
MAIN: SWEET 'N SOUR PORK ON RICE \$5
SANDWICH ASSORTED \$3.50
DESSERT: COOKIES, MUFFINS, SPECIAL \$0.50-1.50

FRI SOUP: CLAM CHOWDER \$2
MAIN: ASSORTED PIZZA + COOKIE \$5
SANDWICH ASSORTED \$3.50
DESSERT: COOKIES, MUFFINS, SPECIAL \$0.50-1.50

Items in the menu may change without notice

Richmond Secondary School's Teaching Kitchen

At RHS, we are very fortunate to have a full-service cafeteria located in the school. The cafeteria is now open and available to students at break and lunch. Students from the district's Youth Train in Trades Professional Cook program along with RHS culinary students, under the direction and supervision of our culinary staff of Ms. Sena, Mr. Tang, Ms. Bratkowski, Ms. Lindner, and Ms. Harriott are preparing flavourful and nutritious meals and treats for students and staff to purchase at very reasonable and affordable prices. Each week the teaching kitchen publishes a menu full of diverse and delicious food options. Check Twitter and Instagram, the hallway televisions, or the student announcements for the weekly menu. The daily menu is posted on the board outside the cafeteria and at the main entrance to the school.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

October 12	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	November 4	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Virtual)
October 14	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom	November 4	Q1 Alert Interims Home
October 15	Photo Retakes	November 4-5	Grad Assessment Days (<i>alt schedule</i>)
October 15	Q1 Progress Reports Published	November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
October 16,19-22	Q1 Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 11	<i>Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget</i>
October 19-22	Student Vote at RHS	November 14	<i>Diwali</i>
October 23	Pro-D Day	November 18	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom
October 24	Provincial Election - BC Votes	November 19	Quarter 2 Begins
October 25	<i>Dussehra</i>	November 23	Pro-D Day
October 26-27	PSIBC Virtual Fair	November 25	Q1 Final Report Card Published
October 28-29	<i>Mawlid al-Nabi</i>	November 26	Q2 Meet the Teacher
October 31	<i>Halloween</i>	November 30	<i>Guru Nanak Dev Sahib</i>
November 1	Daylight Savings Ends – <i>turn clocks back 1 hour</i>		

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