



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Happy 2021 Colts! It has been a positive return to school these past couple of weeks as we continue to follow our health and safety protocols here and encourage everyone to do their part at home as well. As we begin a new year and with the start of a new quarter quickly approaching, it is an ideal time for students to reflect on their goals and make adjustments as necessary to be sure they are on a pathway to achieve personal aspirations and objectives. January also marks the midway point of our school calendar and students will soon be asked to make course and program selections for the next school year. We urge returning students and parents to read the course descriptions on the school website and for students to listen and ask questions – your counsellors and teachers, your parents, classmates and older siblings can all help you make the right choices for next year. This year in particular, it is critical that students maintain balance in their lives. January is highlighted by mental health awareness initiatives and we encourage our students to be mindful of how they are doing and to stay connected with friends, parents, and caring adults – balancing academic success with fun is important. On behalf of the staff, I wish everyone good health and happiness in the new year!

Anita Kwon

Inclement Weather Procedures in SD38 Richmond



The upcoming weather forecast includes snow and this always makes students and parents wonder if school will be closed? Parents and students are reminded that our **SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN**, unless it is officially closed by the Richmond School District. If it is snowing, please do not phone the school – listen to the radio (e.g. on the AM dial: 690, 980, or 1130) and check the RHS and SD38 websites for updates. Both the RHS and District Twitter accounts will also post updates - the District will attempt to make a decision by **6:30AM**.

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Program Planning & Course Selection for 2021-2022

Richmond Secondary School counsellors will host Grades 8-11 assemblies for RSS students on **January 25-28** and students will receive a personalized course selection form, learn about options for courses, graduation requirements and post-secondary pre-requisites to prepare them for choosing their courses for next year. The grade assemblies will be virtual this year allowing parents to join in on these important presentations.

CURRENT GRADE 8 PP	CURRENT GRADE 9 PP	CURRENT GRADE 10 PP	CURRENT GRADE 11 PP
Monday, January 25 8:30 AM	Tuesday, January 26 8:30 AM	Wednesday, January 27 3:30 PM	Thursday, January 28 3:30 PM
Webinar ID: 659 7606 0233	Webinar ID: 620 3469 6084	Webinar ID: 672 8799 5765	Webinar ID: 653 7729 7624
Link: https://sd38.zoom.us/j/65976060233	Link: https://sd38.zoom.us/j/62034696084	Link: https://sd38.zoom.us/j/67287995765	Link: https://sd38.zoom.us/j/65377297624
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We will also host a parent info session for parents of current **Grade 7s** at 6:00 PM on **Wednesday, February 10** via a Zoom Webinar. Our timetable and staffing for 2021-2022 is determined based on student enrollment and course requests, so students must select courses carefully, taking into consideration their summer school and online learning plans. It is difficult to make course changes later in the process. Grades 8-11 students will have an opportunity to check and confirm their course selections later in the spring. Students and parents are encouraged to read the online course descriptions, discuss options with their classmates and current teachers, and choose courses thoughtfully. Please read the 2021-2022 RHS course descriptions online at: <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/students/program-planning-course-selection> and be sure to carefully enter your course requests on the MyEducation BC Student Portal and get your completed course selection form signed by parents submitted to the office by **Wednesday, February 10**. This is important. All student course requests will be checked by RHS counsellors and if students or parents have any questions about the course selection process, please contact your counsellor.

Grade 7 Parent Information Night – February 10

We will host a virtual Grade 7 Parent Information Night via Zoom Webinar on **Wednesday, February 10** at **6:00 PM**. This will be a great opportunity to visit the school, meet the principal, vice principals and some other staff, learn more about Richmond Secondary School, and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting members of the RHS grad class of 2026! Parents can find out more by calling Richmond at 604-668-6400 or checking out our website at: <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/> and following us on Twitter @RichmondColts

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

Webinar Link: <https://sd38.zoom.us/j/63915744713>

Passcode: 6400

Webinar ID: 639 1574 4713

— 10.FEBRUARY.2021 —
6:00 PM
RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
**GRADE 7
PARENT
INFO NIGHT**
WEBINAR
LINK: [HTTPS://SD38.ZOOM.US/J/63915744713](https://sd38.zoom.us/j/63915744713)
PASSCODE: 6400
WEBINAR ID: 639 1574 4713
RHS.SD38.BC.CA

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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Try for Terry Week – January 25-29

Richmond Secondary School has had a long proud tradition of honouring a great Canadian hero by participating in the Terry Fox Run. Terry Fox was an 18-year old student at SFU when he lost his leg to cancer. He decided to raise awareness and funds by running across Canada, the equivalent of a full marathon a day, on one leg. His Marathon of Hope covered over 3000 miles when he had to stop as the cancer returned. Terry Fox passed away at the age of 22, yet his remarkable story continues to inspire Canada and the world. We were unable to host our traditional run in September due to health and safety concerns. We are pleased to share that Ms. Kippan and the PE 10 Leadership students have re-imagined this event to continue this important and proud RHS Colts tradition. RHS will be hosting two virtual events to celebrate and fundraise for the Terry Fox Foundation in support of ongoing cancer research. Learn more at: <http://www.terryfox.org/>.

Please support our virtual **Toonie Drive** during the month of January by making a donation via School Cash Online: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/36188/125/False/True>.

During **Try for Terry Week (January 25-29)**, students and staff are encouraged to participate in 15-30 minutes of physical activity. Direct message the PE Department Instagram account at [rhs_colts_phe](https://www.instagram.com/rhs_colts_phe) with a photo and/or video of your participation, and you will be automatically entered into our Prize Draw for coveted RHS swag items - hoodies, t-shirts, toques, foam fingers, and more!




PROJECT OUTREACH

PE Leadership needs YOUR help!

We are looking for donations for those in need.

Bring your donations to the boxes located at the library, office, or gym before Friday, January 29th.

DONATIONS:

KID'S BACKPACK BUNDLE

- Reading/activity books
- Puzzles
- Pencils, pencil crayons, pens
- Notebooks/binders
- Water bottles



HYGIENE BUNDLE

- Wet wipes/towelettes (in separate packages)
- Feminine hygiene products



BREAKFAST BUNDLE

- Cereal
- Pancakes/waffle mix
- Syrup and Jam



Project Outreach

Please support the PE 10 Leadership class in their **Project Outreach** campaign by donating much needed items for people in need in Richmond, including the homeless. We are accepting items to be included in any of the following bundles: Hygiene Bundle, Kids Backpack Bundle, Breakfast Bundle. Donations can be brought to the Project Outreach boxes located outside the large gym, main office, and library. Donations will be accepted until Friday, January 29. Thank you for your support!

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Richmond Reading Riot Returns

The 6th Annual Richmond Reading Riot has begun in secondary school LLCs! This year's 6 novels and 3 graphic novels come from a diverse group of amazing authors. Read as many of the books as you want from now until the end of April. Rate each book on the blue ballot and put it into the box in the LLC. The more you read, the more chances you have at winning weekly prizes and the grand prize giveaway in May. Happy Reading!

Family Literacy Week

The Richmond School District recognizes **Family Literacy Week** from **January 25-31**. Within this week *Family Literacy Day* is on January 27. Students of all ages benefit greatly from having access to books and by reading at least 20 minutes every day. Research has consistently shown that young people who read regularly develop strong thinking and communication skills and do well in school. Our library has hundreds of new and interesting novels and graphic novels for all interests and all students are always welcome!

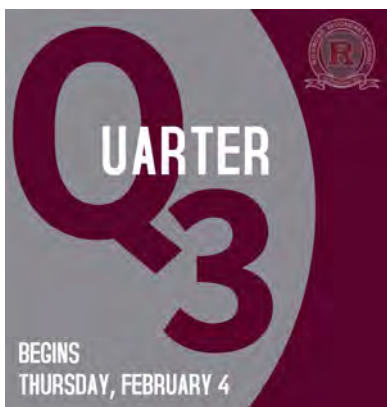
Graduation Assessment Days – January 25 and 26

On **Monday, January 25** and **Tuesday, January 26** we will follow an alternate bell schedule to facilitate the Ministry of Education's Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) for current Grade 10 students and Grades 11 or 12 students who have not yet written the GNA. Students will write the GNA at either **8:30 AM** or **12:00 PM** and are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes before their assessment time. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the main office or can be viewed [HERE](#). Grade 8-9 classes will be in-person while grade 10-12 classes will all be remote. On these two days, first class for all students will begin at 8:30 AM.

ALTERNATE BELL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 25, 2021
JANUARY 26, 2021
GRADUATION ASSESSMENT DAYS

	GRADE 8-9 CLASSES	GRADE 10-12 CLASSES REMOTE
8:30 – 9:35	Course A	Course A (A1 + A2)
9:45 – 10:50	Course B	Course B (B1 + B2)
10:50 – 11:55	LUNCH	Course C/D
11:55 – 1:00	Course B	Course B Repeated (B1 + B2)
1:10 – 2:15	Course A	Course A Repeated (A1 + A2)



The last day of regular classes for Quarter 2 is Wednesday, February 3 and we will begin Quarter 3 on Thursday, February 4. Quarter 3 schedules will be published to MyEducation BC by January 29. Students are advised to check their Q3 schedule to ensure they know where to go on the first day of the new quarter. The start of a new term provides a fresh start for everyone! Students are encouraged to set new targets for personal and academic success. Work towards achieving the goals that you have set for yourself! Meet the Teacher activities for quarter 3 are scheduled to take place virtually on Thursday, February 11. Parents will receive an email from their child's teachers by Wednesday, February 10 providing them with details on their Meet the Teacher format.

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It's OK to not be OK

LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health #LetsTalk – January 28

The annual "Let's Talk Day" that will be recognized all across Canada is on **Thursday, January 28**. It is important for families and teens to spend time reflecting on what it means to be "healthy". Many will identify being free of illness, eating well, getting enough sleep and exercising regularly as keys to 'being healthy' yet mental and emotional health may be taken for granted, or not talked about at all because of the stigma that may be attached to mental health issues. The truth is, many people wrestle with stress, anxiety, negative thoughts, feeling low or depressed at times in their lives and it is okay to talk about it. More importantly, we need to be ready to listen carefully to our family members and friends. Richmond Secondary School students need to know that we care about them. Our counsellors are always available and parents can get help from their family doctor or learn more on a wide range of excellent online resources. Explore some of these online sites:

<http://letstalk.bell.ca/en/>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/mental-health>

<https://youthinbc.com>

<https://kelymentalhealth.ca>

Richmond School Transfer Process

Richmond students who want to apply for a transfer to a school that is outside of their catchment area **MUST APPLY TO TRANSFER**. This includes out-of-catchment students with a brother or sister currently at a secondary school and students currently in Grade 7 who attend a feeder school but live in another catchment area. Students who are already attending a secondary school out of their catchment area and want to stay, do not have to reapply. The Round 1 Transfer period will be from **February 8-26, 2021** and these applications are for the 2021-2022 school year. Transfer forms must be submitted to the school you are applying to, on or before **February 26**. Out-of-catchment students in grade 10 students applying to the IB Diploma Programme, **do not** have to submit a school transfer form; however the IB application was due by 4 PM on Friday, January 8.



Career Programs Office -- Richmond SD38
4151 Jacombs Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1N7
Ph: 604-668-6000 ext 3766
email: careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca
website: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca>

STUDENTS, YOU ARE INVITED!

ZOOM Q & A Session – pick one that works for you!

Ask any questions you may have about our programs and opportunities
available to you within SD 38!

Learn about :

- Our apprenticeship program offerings (e.g. Plumbing, Professional Cook, Carpentry, Welding, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, Construction Electrician, Millwright, Joiner etc.)
- How to apply for one of our programs
- Who our post-secondary partner schools are
- How to receive FREE tuition to take one of the programs
- Program entry requirements
- Pandemic proofing your first real job by working in a trade
- How to get both college and high school credits with our programs

PICK ONE THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

Join us any first and third Wednesday of the month from
3-4 PM on Zoom. Here are the options:

January 6th & 20th @ 3 PM

February 3rd & 17th @ 3 PM

March 3rd @ 3 PM

April 7th & 21st @ 3PM

May 5th & 19th @ 3PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 671 0572 2397

Passcode: 317339



Scan for Zoom ID!



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2021

Grade 12 News and Reminders – RHS Grads of 2021

The **PSI** portal on the Ministry of Education Student Secure Web Login is open and Grade 12s are urged to complete this task so post-secondary schools can access your grades – go to StudentTranscripts at: <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp>

Grad wear order information will be available soon. Stay tuned for details.

Unfortunately due to the current PHO order in place on events and social gathering, we are unable to hold the **2021 Winter Formal** on Thursday, February 11 as previously scheduled. We will explore hosting this event at a later date should the status of this PHO order change.

A mobile photo studio from Artona will be at Richmond Secondary School from February 16-24 and all Grade 12s who want their name and photo to be included on the **"RHS Grad 2021" composite** must book a sitting and have their photo taken by Artona: <http://www.artonagroup.com>

The **Valedictory** fee has been added to all grade 12 fee statements as we begin preparations for the June graduation ceremony. Students need to confirm their participation in the Valedictory by paying the \$50 fee by **March 12**.

Grade 12s interested in applying for any of the internal Richmond Secondary **scholarships** must complete the "RSS Scholarship Form" available on the school website on or before **April 16** – remember, students must apply to be considered for any scholarships. Look on the RHS website under STUDENTS > Grade 12.

The 30-word **Valedictory write-ups** are due online by **April 16** – look on the RHS website under STUDENTS > Grade 12.

Grade 12s should also be checking the bulletin board by the Counselling Centre and Ms. Jones' website and Facebook page every week for post-secondary and scholarship information and application deadlines and other news. Remember to check in with RSS Career Advisor Ms. Jones on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Jones-Career-Centre-News/118346451579144>

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

January	Toonie Drive for Terry Fox Foundation	February 10	Q2 Final Report Cards Published
January 20	Q2 Alert Interims	February 10	Grade 7 Parent Info Night Webinar at 6 PM
January 25-26	Grad Assessment Days (alt schedule)	February 11	Q3 Meet the Teacher
January 25-29	Try for Terry Week	February 12	<i>Chinese Lunar New Year (Year of the Ox)</i>
January 25	Grade 8 PP Assembly at 8:30 AM	February 12	Pro-D Day
January 26	Grade 9 PP Assembly at 8:30 AM	February 14	<i>Valentine's Day</i>
January 27	<i>Family Literacy Day</i>	February 15	<i>Family Day Holiday</i>
January 27	Grade 10 PP Assembly at 3:30 PM	February 15	<i>Canada Flag Day!</i>
January 28	<i>#LetsTalk</i> Mental Health Day	February 16-24	Formal Grad Photos by Artona
January 28	Grade 11 PP Assembly at 3:30 PM	February 17	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom
February 4	Quarter 3 Begins	February 24	Pink Shirt Day at RHS
February 10	Course Selection Forms & Online Entry DUE		

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