



# RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

Another busy and exciting year at Richmond Secondary is moving along and as we are preparing to say farewell to our fabulous 2021 graduates, we also welcomed our Grade 7s, the grads of 2026 in early May. While our students have changed and we continue to evolve as a learning organization, the most important feature of our school has remained constant – the strong sense of ‘caring community’ at Richmond Secondary. With only a month or so remaining in the school year, we hope that our students are on track to accomplish the learning goals they set for themselves. Students and parents are reminded that as we near the end of June many term-end projects, essays, presentations, and exams will occur. Preparing for and completing major assignments and final exams must be balanced with the distractions of sunny weather, part-time work, sports, music lessons, and other responsibilities. Being well organized reduces stress - help your teenager prepare for a successful year-end. Finish the year strong Colts!

*Anita Kwon*

## Quarter 4 Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Quarter 4 Progress Reports** will be published electronically on MyEducation BC on Thursday, May 27. These reports provide an early indication of how students are progressing in their classes as well as their attendance record since the start of the quarter. It is recommended that you download and save an electronic copy on your computer. Parents are encouraged 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 May 31- June 4 using **School Appointments On-Line**. The ten-minute conferences will take place virtually on MS Teams/Zoom or by telephone.



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## Core Competency Reflections

Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that are important for success in school and in life. All RHS students in grades 8 to 12 will complete one reflection on one aspect of the core competencies. RHS teachers will invite their students to reflect on how an assignment, project or aspect of their class relates to one of the core competencies. There are templates that have been created and can be found on *MS Teams*. Each student is expected to have this completed before June 11. For more on the core competencies: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

## 2021-2022 Semester Schedule

All parents and legal guardians are invited to the next PAC meeting on June 9 to learn more about the semester schedule model we will be using next school year. Check your email for meeting details.

## 2021-2022 Basic Calendar

The 2021-2022 basic calendar can be found on the last page of this newsletter, while a more detailed RSS school wall calendar will be distributed in September. Meanwhile students and families can begin planning with these dates in mind.

## Notice of Late Return

A **Notice of Late Return** form must be submitted for any student(s) who expects to return to their assigned school LATER THAN 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 and ON or BEFORE September 15, 2021. Please return completed forms to the school by June 25, 2021. Please note, should your child return late to RSS and the school does not have a notice of late return, it will be assumed that your child will not be returning to RSS.

## COVID-19 Student Rapid Test Kits

As communicated previous, our school is participating in the Richmond School District COVID-19 Student Rapid Test Kits program. Since the end of April, the COVID-19 Student Rapid Test Kits have been available. If a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, families are contacted to pick up their child as soon as possible. A Student Rapid Test Kit will be offered to the parent/caregiver to take home when the child is picked up. Acceptance of the kit is voluntary. Once the school has offered the family a kit, it becomes the family's responsibility to administer the test at home. The health and safety of students and staff remains the top priority. Families are reminded to continue to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending them to school each day.



## COVID-19 Vaccines for Young People

On May 20 and 21 RHS families received emails from the school on COVID-19 vaccines for young people aged 12-17 (born in 2009 or earlier). We were asked to distribute the letter and a FAQ sheet from Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). The documents provide comprehensive information about COVID-19 vaccinations and contain information about COVID-19 vaccines for young people aged 12-17 including how to register your child for a COVID-19 vaccination. **CLICK HERE** for the VCH documents.

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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## Student Council Elections on May 25-28

All current grade 8-11 students will have an opportunity to elect Student Council Grade Representatives for their respective grade during elections on May 25-28. Students interested in taking on this great leadership opportunity and serving our Student Council for 2021-2022 have been campaigning during May. Learn more about the candidates at <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/news/2021/05/18/student-council-elections>. The election for the Grade 8 Representative will take place in September.



## Grad 2021 News

For any Grade 12s still unsure of their post-secondary plans, it is not too late to apply to many universities and colleges and there are still scholarships available, so be sure to check Ms. Jones's Facebook page regularly at: <https://www.facebook.com/Ms-Jones-Career-Centre-News-118346451579144/>

If students need financial help, the BC Student Loans online application portal is available at: [www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/apply/welcome.htm](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/apply/welcome.htm)

A reminder for all **2021 Grads** that our **Video Valedictory Ceremony** will require all grads to come to RHS on Sunday, May 30 at their scheduled time to be recorded. The school has contracted professional videographers to create a formal presentation of our valedictory ceremony which will premiere on Saturday, June 12. On May 17 and 18 grade 12s picked up their cap and gowns and received detailed instructions on arriving at the school on the filming day. **It is crucial that grads attend their appointment on time and review the following two instructional videos in advance:**

Cap & Gown Instructions: <https://youtu.be/tGL3DYt2Wbo>

Crossing the Stage Instructions: <https://youtu.be/XTIRXBncUOQ>



## Summer School News & Career Centre News

Any RHS students making changes to their academic full-credit summer school courses this summer must be sure their RHS counsellor is aware and this is reflected in your RHS course choices for next year – your timetable will be difficult to change later! Summer school registration is online at: [www.RichmondCE.ca](http://www.RichmondCE.ca)

The Career Information Advisor reminds Grade 11s hoping to go to a US college that it is a good idea to write the SAT in Grade 11, so that your scores are ready by the fall. All students are invited to consider apprenticeship programs as they are a great option for high school students. In addition to the excellent Professional Cook program offered at RHS, there are several others – check out <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca>

## Yearbooks

All students who have purchased a yearbook will receive it on a designated day in late June. It is important to note that any students who have outstanding fees or lost or damaged text or library books, must return or pay for these before Friday, June 18 or they will not receive their yearbook. If students and parents have any questions, please contact Ms. Campos before June 18. The RHS yearbook will include colour photos of all students, special events, clubs, and activities and is a great keepsake. Please note, the details for the safe distribution will be emailed to all students and parents in June.

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# Sharing Our Learning

## Classroom Spotlight: Outdoor Learning Spaces

This year Richmond Secondary has continued its exploration of outdoor learning spaces, a journey that began last year with an inquiry focus on: *How can an outdoor learning space enhance student learning and engage students in ways that indoor and traditional classroom spaces don't provide.* Our plan is to create an outdoor learning space for Richmond Secondary where teachers can bring classes out for learning, sharing and connecting, and also to provide a welcoming, open space that connects students with their environment during non-instructional time. Recently, we added an outdoor classroom kit to use in our exploration. Follow our classes on their outdoor learning spaces journey on Instagram [@richmondcolts](https://www.instagram.com/richmondcolts).



## Mental Health Education

Earlier this month, the **Colt Ambassadors** joined the Richmond School District and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) in observing Mental Health Week by creating a virtual poster campaign to promote, educate, and celebrate mental health. Each day a post on a mental health topic relevant to our teens was shared which included *Depression, Stress and Anxiety, Dealing with the Pandemic, Eating Disorders, and Burnout.* Messages of positivity were also posted in washrooms around the school. CMHA's theme was understanding our emotions. Recognizing, labeling, and accepting our feelings are all a part of protecting and promoting good mental health for everyone.



## RHS Art Showcase

Approximately 50 RHS students' artwork is being showcased in a group art show in the Rotunda Gallery on the second floor at the Richmond Cultural Centre. The show runs from May 10 to June 21 and admission is free. Check out all the amazing creative talent from our emerging young artists! The Cultural Centre is open Monday-Saturday from 10 AM - 6 PM.



Sharing our learning regularly on Twitter and Instagram [@RichmondColts](https://www.instagram.com/RichmondColts). Check it out!

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## Latest News from the RHS Library Learning Commons (LLC)

May is Asian Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the important contributions that people of Asian descent have made in Canada. Check out the LLC to learn about prominent local and national figures in sports, literature, medicine, politics, military, arts, activism, law, business, and TV/movies. Read books written by Asian authors and find out more about Asian countries and famous Asians around the world.

Congratulations to the 38 students who participated in the 2021 Reading Riot! Each student received a certificate, 3-D bookmark, and gift card presented by Ms. Chung in the LLC. This year's top book readers read all 9 books and received book prizes: **Serena Chin, Chelsea Conibear, Jessica Hou, Michael Hu, May Xu**. The Reading Riot is an annual district program that promotes literacy among our teens and fosters the idea of becoming lifelong readers. This year's top 3 rated book titles are: *Tweet Cute*, *Slay*, and *The Kingdom of Back*. Keep on reading Colts!



## Game of Apps Provincial Champions

**Game of Apps** is a year-long after school extra-curricular program where high school students learn how to design, develop, and build their own mobile apps, guided by industry mentors working in the local tech industry. The RHS school team beat out 9 other teams to win the Richmond Championship on May 16 and went on to capture the Provincial Championship title on May 22. The team's **Verafi app** provides fact checking and informs users about misinformation online. Congratulations to Team DogeCode members: **Hana Domingo, Arthur Guo, William Kang, Harry Peng, Chloe Shen, and Jimmy Wang!** Learn more about Game of Apps on their website at: <https://gameofapps.org>.

### Game of Apps Provincial Champions CONGRATULATIONS!



## Welcome Grade 7s to RHS

We welcomed all 150 of our incoming Grade 8 students and future RHS graduates of 2026 virtually on May 7 and 10. All students received a 17-page booklet in their welcome package entitled the "Grade 8 Welcome Guide". This little book contains a lot of helpful information about RHS, including a school map, first day information and FAQs that Grade 7s usually want to know about our school. It also includes information about registering for our Grade 8 Camp in September. We are committed to helping our youngest students make a successful transition to high school and we look forward to being able to meet face-to-face with our newest students. Grade 7 parents are asked to read and discuss the booklet with their child and complete the Grade 8 Camp registration form and return it with their \$60 payment to the RHS office by June 11! We are planning our Camp optimistically and will make adjustments as required in the fall. If parents have any questions, please phone or email principal Anita Kwon at the school.

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# RichmondColts YouTube Premiere Performances

## SAVE *the* DATES

### Virtual Spring Music Concert

We are pleased to share that RHS music students and Mr. Sheppard have made adaptations to safely put on this year's Spring Music Concert.

We are looking forward to hosting our annual spring music concert. This year's event is virtual with pre-recorded performances premiering on the RICHMONDCOLTS YouTube channel on **Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 PM**. Parents, students, friends, and community members are invited to "join us" for an evening featuring talented student musicians from multiple band classes performing a wide range of musical pieces under the direction of RSS music teacher Mr. Sheppard. Stay tuned for more details including a video link to the concert.

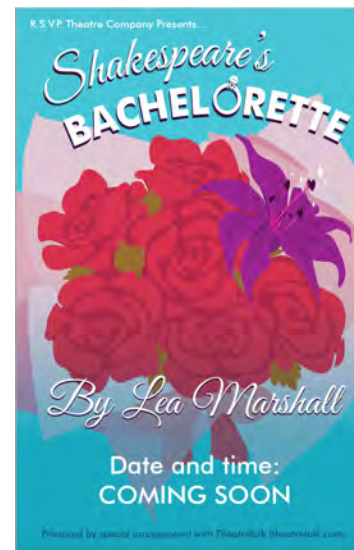


### RSVP Theatre Company Presents *Shakespeare's Bachelorette*

We are pleased to share that the RSVP Theatre Company and Ms. An have made adaptations to safely put on this year's school production.

Are you looking for a new reality show to watch? Have you ever wondered what would happen if you mixed the show the Bachelorette with characters from Shakespeare's plays? Well you are in luck because we have the perfect show for you! RSVP Theatre Company presents *Shakespeare's Bachelorette*. Kate is our Bachelorette and she is looking for a date, but her options are not that great. Hamlet is focused on his step-dad, Iago keeps giving her a handkerchief, and Romeo is up past his bedtime. This fun reality show is sure to keep you entertained. Please join us in June. Showtime TBA. Stay tuned for more information to come. It will be the most dramatic season in the Bachelorette's history.

**UPDATE:** *Shakespeare's Bachelorette* will premiere on the RichmondColts YouTube Channel on **Friday, June 18**. Stay tuned for more details.



### UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

May	Asian Heritage Month	June	PRIDE Month
May 24	Victoria Day	June 9	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom
May 25-28	Student Council Elections	June 14	Q4 Alert Interims
May 26	Vesak	June 20	Father's Day
May 27	Q4 Progress Reports Published	June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
May 28	Grade 8-11 Service Hour Forms Due	June 29	Final Report Cards Published
May 31-June 4	Q4 Parent-Teacher Conferences	June 30	Summer Holiday Begins

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# RICHMOND SECONDARY Basic School Calendar 2021-2022

Note: A more detailed RSS school wall calendar will be distributed in September and the most up-to-date version of the RSS calendar will be posted on the school website.

## SEPTEMBER 2021

Tues	7	First Day HR & 8-11 Assemblies
Wed	8	Regular Classes Begin
Fri	10	Grad Assembly & Hot Dog Lunch in C + D
Wed	15	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	16	Photo Day
Fri	17	IB 11 Orientation
Wed	22	Meet the Teacher (S1)
Fri	24	Pro-D Day
Fri-Sat	24-25	Grade 8 Camp & Sleep-Over

## OCTOBER 2021

Fri	1	Grad Boat Cruise
Mon	11	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
Wed	13	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	14	Photo Retake Day
Fri	22	Pro-D Day (PSA)
Fri	22	Alert Interims Sent Home

## NOVEMBER 2021

Mon-Fri	1-5	Grad Assessments
Wed	3	Take Grade 9s to Work Day
Sun	7	Daylight Savings Ends (Back 1 Hr)
Wed	10	Remembrance Day Ceremonies
Wed	10	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	11	Remembrance Day (School)
Wed	17	S1T1 Report Card Published
Mon	22	Pro-D Day
Tues	23	PT Conferences 2-4, 6-8 PM
Wed	24	PT Conferences 2-4 PM

## DECEMBER 2021

Wed	1	IB Info Session, 6:30 PM
Tues	7	Winter Music Concert, 7 PM
Wed	8	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	9	RSS Christmas Luncheon
Fri	17	Breakfast with Santa
Fri	17	Last Day before Winter Break
Mon-Mon	20-Jan 3	Winter Break

## JANUARY 2022

Tues	4	Welcome Back!
Wed	12	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Mon-Fri	24-28	Grad Assessments
Thurs	27	Program Planning Assemblies
Mon	31	Pro-D Day

## FEBRUARY 2022

Tues	1	Lunar/Chinese New Year (Tiger)
Tues	1	First Day of Semester 2
Wed	9	S1 Final Report Card Published
Wed	9	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	10	Grade 7 Parent Info, 6 PM
Wed	16	Meet the Teacher (S2)
Thurs	17	Grad Winter Formal
Fri	18	Pro-D Day
Mon	21	Family Day (School Closed)
Tue-Wed	22-Mar 2	Grad Photos by appointment
Wed	23	Pink Shirt Day

## MARCH 2022

Wed	9	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	10	Alert Interims Sent Home
Fri	11	Last Day before Spring Break
Sun	13	Daylight Savings Begins (Ahead 1 Hr)
Mon-Fri	14-25	Spring Break
Mon	28	Welcome Back!

## APRIL 2022

Fri	8	Grade 8 Re-connect Day
Wed	13	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Fri	15	Good Friday (School Closed)
Mon	18	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Thurs	21	S2T1 Report Card Published
Mon-Fri	25-29	Grad Assessments
Tues	26	PT Conferences 2-4
Wed	27	PT Conferences 2-4, 6-8 PM
Fri	29	IB Final Exams Begin (April 29-May 20)

## MAY 2022

Fri	6	Grade 7 Welcome Day
Wed	11	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs	12	RHS Alumni Luncheon, 12:30 PM
Fri	20	Pro-D Day
Fri	20	IB Final Exams End
Mon	23	Victoria Day (School Closed)
Tues	31	Spring Music Concert, 7 PM

## JUNE 2022

Tues	7	Colts Athletic Banquet, 5:30 PM
Wed	8	Grad Rehearsal, 1:15 PM
Wed	8	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Sat	11	Valedictory at UBC, 1 PM
Mon-Fri	13-17	Grad Assessments
Fri	24	Awards Assemblies
Mon	27	Colt Carnival & Yearbooks
Wed	29	Final Report Card Published
Wed	29	Grad Dinner/Dance
Wed-Th	29-30	DAG
Thurs	30	Administrative Day

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