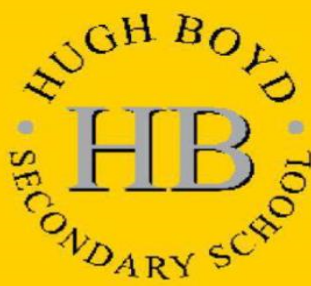


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

BY Mr. J. Leslie (Principal)

September 5th is fast approaching, and it is time to think about going back to school! I hope this newsletter finds you still enjoying the fantastic weather this summer!

Though there is still some holiday time left it is not too soon to begin thinking about the possibilities offered with the fresh start we are provided every September. Each student has the opportunity to decide on their own, individual goals for this school year. Whether your child wishes to improve academic achievement, become a member of a sports team, get involved in service activities or clubs, or explore post-secondary options, Hugh Boyd has many opportunities to offer. Our goal is for each child to achieve his or her full potential.

Inside this newsletter you will find information about school start up and the schedule for the first day of school. Our **first PAC meeting will take place on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the library** and all parents are welcome to attend. In the spirit of protecting our environment and saving on paper, our regular newsletters will be posted on our website: <https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/>. We will also email newsletters to you but please ensure your current email address is filled in on your child's **verification/medical form**, which will be sent home with students on the first day of school.

As parents, you play a key role in your child's education and it is not too early to begin conversations around the importance of good work habits, regular study time, and establishing personal bests as this year's goal.

We have had a significant change in staff this year with 10 new teachers joining the Hugh Boyd team. We are very much looking forward to having your children meet our newest Boyd staff members.

The school is clean and looks great and we are excited to get things started again. Enjoy the last days of summer – on behalf of the entire Hugh Boyd staff **we look forward to working with you and your children in the 2023-2024 school year.**

--Mr. Jason Leslie (Principal)



MISSION STATEMENT

Hugh Boyd develops compassionate and respectful young adults who are well- balanced, principled inquires with an understanding of their responsibilities within society and as global citizens. Students balance academic excellence with attributes that allow them to realize their potential as whole learners in a dynamic and complex world.

Important Dates

AUG 2022

Wed, Aug 30.....New International Student Orientation



SEP 2022

Tue. Sept 5Homerooms and Grade Assemblies

Wed. Sept 6.....First Day of Semester 1 Classes (ABCD)

Sept. 8, 15, 29.....Gr. 8 Activity Days

Thur. Sept 21Meet the Teacher Night (6:30 PM)

.....Terry Fox Run

Fri. Sept 22Pro-D Day (*no classes in session*)

Sat. Sept 30.....National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

(*school closed on Mon. Oct 2*)

Notice of Late Return

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

Our first day of school will be **Sept. 5th, 2023**.

If you cannot attend on the first day of class, Please complete this “*Notice of Late Return*” form and email it back to Boyd at boyd@sd38.bc.ca

The late return form (can be found on the school website) is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to school **LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 6, 2023**. If a student is **not** returning on or before **September 15, 2023**, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students’ late return.

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2023, that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email via the school website or by letter directed to the Principal.

2022-23 Yearbooks Available

If you wanted a **2022-23 Yearbook**, but did not get one, we ordered a few extra and they have arrived. Many of you were on a wait list with *Mrs. Jang (our Business Assistant)*, and if you want last year’s Yearbook, please see her ASAP. The cost is the same as last year at **\$45**.

Homestays Needed

The Richmond School District is seeking short- and longer-term homestays for international students from over 30 countries starting immediately. We have over 20 years of experience supporting students and homestays in the Richmond area. Get in touch with our homestay department to learn more about how you can welcome an international student into your home.



New International Student Orientation

As indicated in the Welcome Back letter that was emailed home, Boyd will be hosting an Orientation for International students new to our school. International **students** new to Boyd will have an orientation on **Wednesday, August 30th at 10:00 AM in the library**. We want to make your adjustment to your new surroundings as comfortable as possible, so we hope you are able to make the Orientation.

Counsellors-

Mr. P. Lam: (A-M)

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Library Services

Teacher Librarian: Ms. J. Leung

Library Technician: Ms. S. Moor

[Website](#)

Hugh Boyd Library Learning Commons HUB is open Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00, and Friday from 8:00-3:30. A safe space for students to collaborate in groups or find a quiet place sit, eat, and relax. Students can sign out technology like laptops, Ipads, podcasting microphones, headphones, and more. Students can use the 3D printer, desktops for printing, or use three collaboration screens for projects.

Everyone is welcome!

New School Year packages email:

To help all of you get the year off to an organized start, we have sent home electronically:

- *Information about KEV School Cash online payment accounts*
- *A Welcome Back Letter*
 - *with description of the first days of school*
- *Information about the MySchoolDay digital Agenda App*
- *End of Summer Newsletter*
- *A Grade 8 Handbook with helpful tips*
- ***Coming soon: Information about the Grade 8 Welcoming Activities!***

Course Change Requests

Please be aware that the Timetable (as it is every year), is incredibly tight. Students may now see their Timetable in the Student Portal of MyEdBC, but please be aware that Timetables are still in DRAFT form, and you receive your schedule in Homeroom on September 5th, with a more accurate schedule. We go to great lengths to ensure that students get what they asked for in the Spring (when the Timetable is built-based upon student requests). If a student changes their mind or did not take a course in the summer that they had originally planned to, it can be very difficult to make changes to schedules. *Corrections are only to be requested if a student has an incorrect course, is programmed into the wrong grade level, or has a gap in their schedule.* Counsellors will be working feverishly to make as many corrections as they can, but not everything will be possible, and we ask that all families remain patient and follow the schedule they were given until they have been advised of a change. If you wish to make a request, it is imperative that you fill out the on-line link provided [here](#). **Please DO NOT line up to see your Counsellor in person.** Counsellors will be busy meeting with students without a schedule for the first few days and will reach out to students if they need to speak with you. Please use the on-line [Course Change Request form](#) if you need to make any changes. This form is open now and closes on **Wednesday, September 6th at 12:00 Midnight.**

First Day of School-Tuesday, September 5th

- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Grade 9-10** students report to the Large Gym for **Welcome Back Assembly**. In homeroom, students will receive their schedule, locker info and student verification/medical form and will be able to pay fee statements. Students are asked to bring their own lockers, but if you do not have one, you may purchase one from us for \$10.00 from your Homeroom teacher or the Business Assistant.
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Grade 11 - 12** students will start in the Large gym for a **Welcome Back Assembly** and then will be directed to their homeroom classes to receive their schedules, lockers, verification/medical forms and pay fee statements. Students are asked to bring their own lockers, but if you do not have one, you may purchase one from us for \$10.00 from your Homeroom teacher or the Business Assistant.
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Grade 8** students will start with a **Welcome Assembly** in the Large Gym and then be directed to their homeroom classes to receive their schedules, lockers, fee statements and verification/medical forms. Students are recommended to use the theft-resistant lock provided by the school which can be purchased from your Homeroom teacher or the Business Assistant for \$10.00.

Most importantly, do not share your combination with anyone else. The lock you will be provided with is yours to keep. There is a charge of \$10.00 for the lock, but you will not have to return it to us.

Leadership students and teachers will be available in the halls to assist students new to the school. Homeroom lists will be published and placed on the window at the front of the school at the end of the day on September 1st. Students will be able to find their homeroom by looking through the list to find their name (listed alphabetically by last name), then cross-referencing their Homeroom, ie: 1, 2, 3, etc., with the room number list next to the student name list. New students should bring our school map with them this week. All students will report to the large gym on the first day (September 6th).

Homerooms September 6th – 8th

We will have a brief **homeroom class each morning** for Wednesday-Friday of the first week to provide students with relevant information and obtain accurate attendance figures. Each homeroom teacher will also review the school expectations and procedures, distribute agendas, and answer ongoing questions students may have.

It is very important that you attend this homeroom class each day. If you do not attend homeroom during the early days of the school year, your home will be phoned. If we are unable to contact you, we will assume you are attending another school and you will be withdrawn from Boyd.

Fee Statements

We will be sending home Fee statements in Homeroom this year. All families should have set up an account for the **KEV Cash Online system**. Once those accounts have been created and students have been attached to the accounts, parents will get notification of outstanding fees. We should have many of the standard fees (*Basic Fee-\$28, Optional Grad Fees, Grade 8 Activity Day fee, optional Locker fee, Yearbook fee etc.*) uploaded into the system by **Tuesday, August 29th**, and parents should be able to start paying immediately. Credit Card payment is an option. **Please be sure to set up your account and attach your child(ren) so you are aware of upcoming fees.**

Meet the Teacher

You will be able to meet your son or daughter's teachers on the evening of **Thursday, September 21st**. All students will be given a handout that allows parents to copy down their child's classes and teacher names. This event is a great way for parents to put a face to the name of the people who will be working so closely with your children. We hope to see many of our parents at this event.

Student Information Verification/Medical Forms and Media Release Forms

Students will receive their Media Release forms via homeroom. Please ensure it is signed and returned to Homeroom teachers by Friday, September 8th so your child's photograph can be displayed in the Yearbook etc. We will also be sending home a Student Information Verification/Medical Form with your child on Tuesday, September 5th. Please ensure that the Student Information Verification Form is filled out with current, accurate, information. Please be sure to include the name and number of an alternate contact who speaks English. **Please make any changes directly onto the form and return to your child's Homeroom teacher as soon as possible or by September 8th. Please be sure to include an accurate email address.**

Protect Personal Belongings

The best defense against acts of theft is to not bring valuable items to school. Protect your belongings and do not leave money or other valuables in an unattended bag, locker or changing room. Students should **LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME!**

Academic Honesty

We believe that every student has the responsibility to participate actively in their own learning. When faced with problems to solve or assignments to complete, it is the thinking and the effort a student puts into researching, reading, writing and re-writing that allows one to truly learn.

Similarly, submitting the work of another student, tutor, parent, friend, etc. as your own work (even though it has been properly footnoted and referenced) is plagiarism and not acceptable at school. This applies equally to written work and projects (ie: Web design, tech projects, artwork, and photos). Tutors should not write, re-write or significantly edit large sections of work for a student. It is the student's responsibility to avoid deliberate or accidental plagiarism and to verify and account for all their own work and learning.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory group meets on the second Thursday of each month. The first meeting of the 2023 - 2024 year is at **7:00 PM on Thursday, September 14th**. Come join us as we get acquainted, learn about the school and set our goals for this year.

New Members Welcome!

Grade 8 Activity Day

Plans are still being finalized for the annual **Grade 8 Activity Day**, scheduled for **September 29, 2023**. This fun way to connect with all the new people in the **Grad class of 2028** will include some fun team-building games at the school, followed by a bus trip to Lucky Nine lanes for some 10-pin bowling and a pizza lunch. Students will then return to the school to write a "*Letter to themselves*" that is returned when they Graduate in June of 2028. This event is attended by almost every Grade 8 student and is a great way to kick off the year. We are **considering** adding an **overnight** component, where students will get fed dinner at the school, watch movies, and play games, then sleep in the gyms (girls in the new gym and boys in the old gym). We hope to wake everyone up at **7:00 AM on Saturday, September 30th**, feed them breakfast and let them make your way home for the weekend. **These plans are still being finalized and more information will be coming out soon.** Be sure to sign up for this fun event. **Information, permission forms and cost breakdown will be sent in an email by September 15th**. Let's try to have 100% turn-out and get the year off to a great start!

Lockers and Agendas

All students will be issued a **locker** by their Homeroom teacher on the first day of school. You are welcome to bring in your own lock, but you will need to record your combination with your Homeroom teacher. If you do not have a lock, we are selling them. Students can buy a limited number of them from their Homeroom teacher for **\$10** each. Always use your locker to keep from carrying books that are too heavy and be sure to keep it clean. To ensure the safety of your belongings, always use your locker for anything valuable (do not bring money or electronics to the Gym Change rooms), and do not share your locker combination with **ANYONE!**

Agendas are also being provided to all students this year. **Hard copies** will be available for all **Grade 8s**, and there is a digital **APP** for Grade 9-12 students (and parents) to use on their phones and other devices. We will review how to use and download the APP during the Grade Assemblies on September 5th, but we want to encourage everyone (including parents) to use the App to help you stay organized and informed! Information about this APP is attached to this email.

School supplies

We recommend that students wait until they have met with each of their teachers before purchasing too many school supplies or equipment. Students should, however, bring a **pen, a binder and some paper** for the first few days of school. The information will come to you quickly, so you will need to stay organized.

School and Grad Photos

Boyd is having its school photographs on **Monday, September 11th**. This photo will be used on student Go-Cards and parents will have the option to purchase packages of the photos. Information on the packages will come from *Artona*. Photo retake day will be on **Thursday, October 19th**, for anyone unhappy with their photo or for those who were absent on the first day.

Formal Graduation Photos will also be taken by *Artona* and they will be bringing a trailer to the school parking lot **February 20-23, 2024**. Graduates will have to make an appointment, dress the part and be ready to take the photo that parents will want to buy and is used on the **Graduation Composite**. For more information, please go to the *Artona* website at: <https://artona.com>

Early Warning Phone Line

Boyd appreciates all communication from home about students and families. In order to keep us aware of students who will be absent from school, we ask that parents use the **EARLY WARNING LINE** at **(604)668-7813**. This number is accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Please report your child's absence by calling Boyd on this number. Thank you in advance.

Collaboration Days and Personal Learning Time

Hugh Boyd is happy to continue with **PERSONAL LEARNING TIME** for the 2023-24 school year. This block of 55 minutes of instructional time gives control back to the students and they get to select which class and what teacher they want to see. It will be offered twice a week, every **Tuesday and Thursday**, starting **Tuesday, September 12**. **Students who feel they do not need the extra time with a teacher can stay at home and sleep in, but if you come to school, you must be prepared to be in a classroom, doing some schoolwork.** Be sure to take advantage of this very valuable learning time. It helps to keep marks high and homework low when used properly!

Boyd also has **Collaboration time**, which is where students have a late start while teachers meet and plan new activities and lesson ideas for their classes. **Collaboration time** is not new to Boyd (we have been doing it for 8 years) and happens the **first Wednesday of each month** except September and January, starting **Wednesday, October 4th**. **Collaboration Time** runs from **8:30-9:45** and classes will start at 9:50 on these days. End of day dismissal on all these days is unchanged at 3:00 PM.

Register your Bike

It is important to remember to leave your valuables (money, wallets, computers, phones etc) at home or locked up safely in your locker. Please do not leave them unattended anywhere in the school, especially in the gym change rooms. We have also had a rash of bike thefts from our front bike racks at the school. We are working with the RCMP to identify the persons responsible (using our recently installed video surveillance cameras), but we are reminding student to **register their bicycle** with **Project 529**, a program run by the Vancouver City Police to track your bicycle. <https://project529.com/garage>

WHENEVER YOU CAN, PLEASE TRY TO LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME!!!

Teen Mental Health

Anxiety, depression and other mental disorders can affect between 15% - 20% of adolescents at some point during their teen years and we anticipate some of these numbers could rise as we emerge from the pandemic. Good mental health is more than just a lack of mental illness, however, as life is full of ups and downs and having the knowledge and strategies to cope with stressors can be effective in preventing a mental disorder from occurring during adolescence or later in life. Please be sure to communicate with your child about how they are feeling and if you need some help, please contact our Counsellors. ***Being a teenager has never been filled with more pressure and we need to be aware of the signals if our kids are struggling.***

Learning Centre Help

Boyd is continuing with its Learning Resource Centre model. Students are now welcome to attend the Resource centre on a drop-in basis, provided they have permission from their classroom teacher. Any student in need of some extra assistance in a subject area may come to the Resource Centre to get assistance from the teachers in the room. If your child can benefit from this extra assistance, please remind them to advocate for themselves and take advantage of this tremendous support. It is open to all students and can also be accessed during PLT.

Attendance/Early Dismissal

Attendance is taken in each class during the day. If a student is absent first period and the school has not been notified, the school WILL phone students in Grades 8-11. If a student misses a later class, you MAY get a call from a classroom teacher, administrator or Counsellor to find out why he/she was absent. Recorded messages are also sent home at the end of the day, alerting parents to any class missed by their child via the Synrevoice system. Regular attendance is necessary for successful learning.

If students need to leave the school during the day, please send them to the office with a note, signed by a parent, indicating when they should be dismissed. **Students MUST sign out at the office before he/she leaves, either with a note or phone call from a parent.**

Student Timetables for 2023-24

All students will get their 2023-24 Timetables on the first day of school (**September 5th**). Please look at your schedule to ensure you have all the classes you need and want in order to fulfill your educational goals. School is now out for summer, so you will be unable to speak with anyone about changes. We opened an online [Course Change Request form](#) yesterday, so *if you need a change, please complete this form (available [here](#))*. If a change is possible, your Counsellor will contact you. Please understand, however, that changes to student Timetables will be exceedingly difficult, because the Timetable is quite tight. We have been sharing information with students and families throughout, so hopefully nothing you see next week will be a surprise to you. **Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

Congratulations to the Grads of 2023

The **Class of 2023** needs to be commended for all they have achieved in their years at Hugh Boyd. We hosted a spectacular **Valedictory Ceremony** at **UBC Chan Centre on June 3rd**, where students were recognized for the **Awards** and **Scholarships** they won. The year was capped off by the fabulous celebrations of the **Dinner/Dance at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course**, followed by the **Dry After Grad** at the school. It looked like all students had a great time, and we need to thank **Mr. Chan** and the **Grad Committee** for all the work done to organize the **Dinner/Dance**, as well as several parents who worked incredibly hard to organize, plan and fundraise for the very successful **Dry Grad on June 25th**. ***Thank you for everything!*** *The class of 2023 will be fondly remembered and have set a great example for future Graduates.* **Congratulations!**

Athletics

Hugh Boyd had students getting plenty of opportunities to improve and showcase their skills in sports like Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track and Field and so many more. Special thanks go out to coaches, sponsors, referees, scorekeepers, and anyone who supported our athletic teams last year. Without your support and involvement, none of these events would have been able to happen. *We are very much looking forward to watching our athletes compete again this year!*

We are excited to welcome back all our Boyd student-athletes and we encourage all our grade 8's and new students to come out and participate in Boyd's many athletic teams. Hugh Boyd has a strong history of athletics and school pride, and we hope to build on this. The fall season begins right away with girls' volleyball, senior boys volleyball, boys soccer, cross country, and swimming! Try-outs and practices will begin the first week back at school. We encourage all students of all fitness levels and abilities to try out for teams. There is a sign-up outside the large gym. **Go Hugh Boyd athletes!**

Fall season sports will be getting started soon, so listen to the announcements for try-out days and times. If you are wanting to volunteer to help coach a team or referee, manage or score keep, listen to the announcements, and find the Athletic Director (Mrs. Maika) or coach of the team you want to help.

Timetable Structure for 2023-24

Boyd will be using a **Semester model** (4 classes for half the year, then 4 new courses in the second half). Start and end times remain **8:30 AM** and **3:00 PM** with 10 minutes between classes and a **45-minute lunch**. **Personalized Learning Time** will return to Boyd, offered from **8:30-9:25 AM** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, where students can get additional help from the teacher(s) of their choice. See below for the schedule. We will follow next year. *If you have questions about this model, please contact the school.*

MON			TUES			WED			THURS			FRI		
A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM	PLT	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	B	8:30 AM	9:50 AM	PLT	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:50	10:00	BREAK	9:25	9:30	BREAK	9:50	10:00	BREAK	9:25	9:30	BREAK	9:50	10:00
B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM	A	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	A	10:00 AM	11:20 AM	B	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
BREAK	11:20AM	11:30	BREAK	10:35	10:45	BREAK	11:20	11:30	BREAK	10:35	10:45	BREAK	11:20	11:30
C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM	B	10:45 AM	11:50 AM	D	11:30 AM	12:50 PM	A	10:45 AM	11:50 AM	C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM
LUNCH	12:50	13:35	BREAK	11:50	12:00	LUNCH	12:50	1:35	BREAK	11:50	12:00	LUNCH	12:50	1:35
D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	C	12:00 PM	1:05 PM	C	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	D	12:00 PM	1:05 PM	D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM
			LUNCH	13:05	13:50				LUNCH	1:05	1:50	***ALTERNATE DAY 1/2 ROTATIONS		
			D	1:55 PM	3:00 PM				C	1:55 PM	3:00 PM			

***We will also be rotating our blocks such that Monday and Tuesday will fall ABCD, while Wednesday and Thursday will fall BADC (starting in week 2). Fridays will alternate between being Day 1 (ABCD) and Day 2 (BADC). We know this may be confusing at the start, but we will help you and it will all become normal very quickly.

Pick up/Drop off

Help us make Hugh Boyd a safe school and a good neighbor by doing what you can to ease the traffic congestion in the area. Number 1 Road can be very busy, and we encourage parents and all other drivers not to enter the parking lot from the West side of the building. We also encourage students to walk or bike to school. If you **MUST** pick up or drop off, please do so before 8:00 AM and do not stop in the parking lot, rather proceed to the drop off area in front of the school.

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking is a serious health hazard and students and adults are **NOT PERMITTED** to smoke anywhere on school property. We encourage healthy habits at Boyd and will actively dissuade students found smoking or vaping in areas where they are not permitted.

Cellphones/Devices

Cellphones and other electronic devices are not to be used, seen or heard during class time, unless permission has been granted by the classroom teacher. These can be very valuable learning tools, but they need to be used appropriately, and must not become a distraction. We ask that parents **DO NOT** call or text your child while they are in class. In case of emergency, please call the school office at (604)668-6615 and we will contact your child for you.

Stay Connected to Boyd Secondary

Please stay connected to our school and join the over **600** students, parents, alumni, and community members who are already following Boyd on **Twitter (X)**! This is a great way to get short reminders and updates of all that is happening at Boyd Secondary. Twitter is easy to use from your smart phone or computer and is a very popular social medial platform used by millions of businesses, universities, news agencies and community organizations in Richmond, Canada and throughout the world. Follow us: **@BoydSecondary**.

Similarly, the school website is a great place to get information about our school. All Boyd families are encouraged to bookmark <https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/> and check the website weekly. We have also added a new feature this year and you have the option of subscribing to our website. If you subscribe, you will receive an email when anything new is added to the main page or when a monthly school newsletter is published. Check it out today!

Calendar at a Glance



HUGH BOYD SECONDARY 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Note: The most up-to-date version of the Hugh Boyd calendar is posted on the school website.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Tues	5	School Opening Day
Wed	6	Regular classes begin
Wed - Fri	6-8	Grade 8 Activity Week
Mon	11	Photo Day
Thurs	21	Meet the Teacher
Tues	26	Club Day

OCTOBER 2023

Mon	2	Observation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Wed	4	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon	9	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
Thurs	19	Photo re-takes
Fri	20	District PRO-D (school closed)
Thurs	26	Semester 1 Interim Report cards
Mon - Tues	30-31	Graduation assessments

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed	1	Collaboration Day (late start 9:30)
Wed - Fri	1-3	Graduation assessments
Fri	10	Grade 9 Take our Kids to Work day
Mon	13	Remembrance Day ceremony
Thurs	16	Observance Remembrance Day (school closed)
Wed - Thurs	22-23	Semester 1 term 1 report cards
		Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conference (2-4pm, 6-8pm)

DECEMBER 2023

Fri	1	PRO D Day (school closed)
Wed	6	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon - Fri	18-22	At-risk Interim Reports
Fri	22	Winter Holiday celebrations
Mon	25	Last day before Winter break
		Winter break begins

JANUARY 2024

Mon	8	School reopens
Mon-Thurs	22-25	Graduation Assessments
Thurs	25	Open House/Showcase Night
Fri	26	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Mon	29	Semester turn-around day (school closed)
Tues	30	Start of Semester 2

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs	1	Semester 1 Final Report Cards
Wed	7	Collaboration day (late start 9:50)
Fri	16	District wide PRO-D (school closed)
Mon	19	BC Family Day (school closed)

MARCH 2024

Wed	6	Collaboration day (late start 9:50)
Thurs	7	Semester 2 Interim Report Cards
Fri	15-28	Spring Break (school closed)

APRIL 2024

Tues	2	School reopens
Wed	3	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon - Fri	15-19	Graduation assessments

MAY 2024

Wed	1	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Wed-Thurs	1-2	Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conference (2-4pm, 6-8pm)
Mon - Thurs	13-16	At-risk interim reports sent home
Fri	17	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Mon	20	Victoria Day (School Closed)

JUNE 2024

Wed	5	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon-Fri	10-14	Graduation Assessments
Fri	21	Last day of classes
		Yearbook/awards/student council
		Summer Fun
Thurs	27	Final report cards published
Fri	28	Administrative Day

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Web: <http://bovd.sd38.bc.ca> Instagram: [@hughboydsecondary](https://www.instagram.com/hughboydsecondary)

Career Centre

WEBSITES: PROVIDES WEEKLY UPDATES ON POST SECONDARY, CAREER AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Career Centre Website:

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

Education Planner: www.educationplanner.ca EducationPlannerBC is an education planning tool that provides students with clear, reliable and detailed information on BC post- secondary education and applying. Log on and create an account. **myBlueprint** is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future.

‘NEW’ myBlueprint: www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38. For students who haven’t created their account, please follow these instructions:

Getting Started:

1. Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select your school from the drop-down menu and click Create Account.
4. When prompted to select your account type, click on Student, select your grade, and click Continue
5. Enter your Education Number (PEN number) and Personal Info and click Continue 6. Enter the Account Info, and agree



RICHMOND DISTRICT CAREERS PROGRAMS (GRADE 10-12)

- The Career Programs Office offers students in Richmond School District with opportunities to explore a variety of career options while still in high school. Whether students decide to pursue college, university or work after high school, these options open doors and allow students to:
 - get a head start in a chosen career path while still in high school
 - acquire skills relevant to today’s labor market needs
 - have flexibility and choice with respect to how, when and where learning takes place
- The *Youth Train in Trades* programs offer hands-on skills acquisition through post-secondary technical training to students in grades 11/12 (apply in grades 10/11). The first level of tuition is FREE (savings of ~\$2500-4000) - paid for by the Richmond School Board.
- The *Youth Work in Trades* program means students aged 15-19 "*earn while they learn*", acquiring high school credits and industry credentialing in recognized trade, while in high school.
- Throughout the school year, the Career Programs Office strives to engage students, educators, parents, and the Richmond community to learn more about the skilled trades and other career areas by offering a variety of professional learning opportunities, activities, and events. Our office is available for classroom presentations and can facilitate student try-a-trade experiences at various post-secondary schools. (Currently, these are virtual.)
- We offer several other career exploration opportunities. These are outlined in our Career Programs flyer (find in the "*Programs*" tab)
- We invite you to explore our website to learn more about the various career development resources available to help determine "*A Future without Limits*": <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/>

VOLUNTEER AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) – All Richmond students should contact this group to access student volunteer and leadership opportunities: <https://rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/information-volunteer-centre> Contact: 604.279.7020, Location: #190 – 7000 Minoru Blvd. Richmond, BC

The City of Richmond– The city of Richmond offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for students, adults, and seniors. To get started, visit website and register. To register as an individual, group, Richmond Public Library, or with Emergency Services, please click on the appropriate option. Alternatively, you can search for our current volunteer positions by using the Volunteer Opportunities Search, and then register as a volunteers once you have found a suitable opportunity: <https://www.richmond.ca/parksrec/about/volunteer.htm>.

Service Canada Youth & Student Employment: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/opportunities/student.html>

The Career Centre at Hugh Boyd is open Mon 8:00-3:00 and Wed 8:00-3:00 & alternating Fri’s to answer any questions or provide assistance regarding post-secondary entry. Students/parents may book an appointment with Mr. Mg by sending him an email at hng@sd38.bc.ca

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM – 2023/24
(Due to Extenuating Circumstances)

This form is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to school
LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 6, 2023 AND ON or BEFORE Sep. 13, 2023

Please complete this form and return to the school principal before June 24, 2023. Please attach a letter that contains an explanation of the extenuating circumstances for returning late in September.

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Sept. Grade
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Student Last Name	Student First Name	Sept. Grade
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THE DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL for my child(ren) will be:

Please note that being absent at the start of the school year has the following ramifications for students:

1. Missed valuable instructional time, therefore missed valuable learning opportunities.
2. Missed valuable teacher and administrative explanations of expectations and routines for the course & school.
3. Missed valuable opportunities to make important social connections at the start of a school year.
4. If a student is not returning on or before September 13, 2023, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students' late return.

In conclusion, the reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances.

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2023 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email via the school website or by letter directed to the Principal.

School Email Address: _____

School Website: _____

I understand that if my child does not return to school by September 13, 2023 they may lose their placement and may have to attend another school upon their late return.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____