

# HUGH BOYD SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Guardians/Parents:

**Welcome to a new school year!!!** We hope that all Hugh Boyd families had a great holiday and that students are looking forward to a new school year. We are very excited to see everyone again and meeting those who are new to the school.

All **Grade 8** students will receive a hard copy of the **student agenda** book within the first week of school, which much of this information as well. All **Grade 9-12** students will be accessing the **Student Agenda through our mobile app**. Information about downloading and using the App was emailed home and posted to the website earlier this week. All Grade 8 students will also get a letter later in September with important information regarding the upcoming **Grade 8 Welcoming Activities (September 8, 15 and 29)**. We are hoping that all Grade 8s will be able to participate in these fun, educational and interactive team-building activities. Also attached to this email for Grade 8 students is a helpful **Grade 8 Handbook** for things to review in preparation for the first days of school at Hugh Boyd.

All families will need to create an account in our new **KEV School Cash On-line system**. Once an account has been created, and you have attached your child to the account, you will be notified of school fees once they have been entered to the system. You will be able to view and pay online. This will include *Basic school fees, the optional yearbook fee, Grade 8 Activity Day fee, optional lock fee, and the optional graduation fees for grade 12 students*, among any other fee that your child incurs this year. Many the standard fees are accessible for payment (credit card is an option) now. Information about how to sign up and access the system was emailed home and posted to the website earlier this week or users can go [here](#).

All students will receive their **timetables the first day of school (September 5<sup>th</sup>)**. At that time, a process will be outlined for students wishing to request changes to their timetables (but please recognize that timetable changes will be difficult). Students will also receive on the first day of school the following: **Student Verification/Medical Form** (please make changes directly on the form and be sure to include an accurate email address for parents), a **Media Release Form** (so your photo can go in the Yearbook), and information about **lockers**. Please sign and return all forms to your Homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

For the 2023-2024 year, Hugh Boyd will again be operating on the **semester** timetable and will have **Personalized Learning Time (PLT)**. This means students will enroll in 4 classes from September through January and 4 new classes from January 30 until the end of June. School will start at 8:30 and finish at 3:00 PM. PLT will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays and classes will start at 9:30, but teachers will be available at 8:30 to help students. The school day at Hugh Boyd will follow the schedule below:

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
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			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 would like to extend a big welcome to all students new to Hugh Boyd and welcome back all of you who are returning. Listed below are some important dates and information about school opening. We will send out more detailed monthly newsletters in the future as well. The first one was posted on the website yesterday. For now, here is what will be most useful for you:

**FIRST DAY - Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Grade 9 - 10 10:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m. (Grade Assembly and Homeroom)
- Grade 11 - 12 11:30 a.m. until approximately 12:30 p.m. (Grade Assembly and Homeroom)
- Grade 8 1:00 p.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. (Grade Assembly and Homeroom)

Grade 8's should report to the **school gym** by 12:45 pm where they will be greeted by staff and students and guided through the afternoon activities. Grade 9-12 students are also asked to report to the gym at their assigned time. All homeroom class lists will be posted by the main entrance at the front of the school by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**. All students should check these lists to see who their homeroom teacher will be and which room number to report to. For the first day, students are asked to bring a pen or pencil.

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Students should arrive to school by 8:20 a.m. as homeroom class begins at 8:30 a.m. New students may wish to arrive a little earlier in case they have questions about which classes to attend and where they are located. Again, there are plenty of people available to help students with any questions. This will be a full school day. **Students are asked to report to their Homeroom class for 20 minutes to begin each day this week, and then proceed to their regular classes.** Students will be given information about any supplies they may need for each course. Teachers will go over course outlines and expectations.

**IMPORTANT PARENT MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE BE AWARE OF:**

- **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT** – Scheduled for **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Information will be sent home with a schedule for parents to fill out their child's classes and teachers. It will be a great way for parents to place faces to the names of the people working most closely with your child.
- **FIRST PAC MEETING** - An opportunity to get acquainted with other parents and the school, and to set some goals for the new school year - **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**Other important dates:**

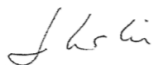
- September 8, 15 & 29 - Grade 8 Activity Days-some fun, educational and interactive days for Grade 8 students to meet classmates and learn about how to stay organized for life in high school
- September 11 - Student Photos
- September 22 - Professional Development Day (no classes)
- September 30 (October 2) - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

*Two years ago, our government passed legislation to make September 30<sup>th</sup> a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This happens to fall on a Saturday in 2023, so **all schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Monday, October 2, 2023**. 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 30<sup>th</sup> to reflect on the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.*

If your child will be absent during the first week of school but intends to return to Hugh Boyd, please contact the school as soon as possible to confirm this with us. This will enable us to organize classes accurately and also to ensure that all absent students have a timetable and locker upon their return.

Things may seem a little overwhelming at first for those of you who are new to the school, but you will find that everything falls into place quickly and that you will soon feel comfortable. In the meantime, there are lots of people around to help so don't hesitate to ask. **We look forward to seeing you all. Let's have a great year!**

Sincerely,



Mr. J. Leslie  
Principal  
Hugh Boyd Secondary School