

September 9 – 13, 2024

Monday Sept 9	Tuesday Sept 10	Wednesday Sept 11	Thursday Sept 12	Friday Sept 13
Photo Day		Grade 8 Activity Day	Terry Fox Run	
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GREAT FIRST WEEK!!!

We hope everyone enjoyed the first few days of the school year. People seemed excited and happy to be reconnecting with their friends. Thank you for cooperating with the first day Grade Assemblies and Homerooms as well as returning forms, making your course change requests online and finding your way to classes quickly. The first week is now over, and next week we will settle in to the regular routines of school life. Enjoy the weekend!

PHOTO DAY

Photo Day will be on **Monday, Sept 9th in the morning**. All students will have an opportunity to have their photo taken. It is important that students have their photo taken so that they receive an official school ID, which can be used for things such as signing out library books, getting access to school events or Yearbook. Students will be called throughout the morning by Grade split by Alpha. Photo packages will be available for purchase online. More information is available at Artona <https://www.artona.com/services/school-photo>

TERRY FOX'S MARATHON OF HOPE

At twenty-one years old, Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope in St. John's Newfoundland. Terry ran through rain, snow, sleet, heavy winds, and hail as he made his way west towards British Columbia.

Our school is currently fundraising for the Terry Fox School Run. We are proudly committed to raising much needed funds for cancer research. Please consider supporting our efforts for this very worthwhile cause **The event will take place at Hugh Boyd on Thursday, September 12th!** Please visit our school fundraising page and donate online via School Cash Online at <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/83054/125/False/True>

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME (PLT)

PLT will start next week. PLT is dedicated time each week for students to have self-directed learning time with their teachers. Students have choice and ownership during PLT, and the purpose is to help develop skills (ex. organizational, time management, etc.) that benefit individual learning. Students can choose to:

- Seek academic support from teachers
- Complete homework and assignments
- Meet with peers to complete group work
- Work on the MYP Personal Project, Capstone Project, Passion Projects
- Catch up on missed assignments/tests/quizzes
- Organize notes, binders, and notebooks
- Go to the library for engage reading, etc.

Use the time wisely and make choices that will benefit your learning. Students can check with teachers about their PLT availability.

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

The Course Change Request window closed on Thursday night at midnight. Hopefully everyone is happy with the course schedule they have. If you did not get a new schedule, please follow your original one. If anything changes or needs to be adjusted from this point forward, please make an appointment to speak with your Counsellor or your Counsellor will contact you about course adjustments. Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT VERIFICATION, MEDIA CONSENT, AND EMERGENCY STUDENT REUNIFICATION FORMS

Students were given individualized blue Student Verification Forms, and Media Consent Forms during Homeroom on Tuesday. This morning, we also distributed to all students the Emergency Student Reunification Form. All forms should be completed and handed to the office.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 9: Photo Day
- Sept 11: Grade 8 Activity Day
- Sept 12: Terry Fox run
- Sept 12: PAC Meeting
- Sept 15: Mawlid-al-Nabi
- Sept 18: Grade 8 Activity Day
- Sept 19: Grade 12 Parent Evening (5:30 – 6:30PM)
- Sept 19: Meet the Teacher (6:30PM)
- Sept. 20: PRO D Day (classes not in session)

FIRST PAC MEETING

The first PAC meeting of the 2024-25 school year is scheduled for **Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Library**. ALL parents are welcome to attend. An agenda will be circulated with a reminder of the meeting on Wednesday, September 11th. We hope to see many parents at this meeting.

ATTENDANCE AND EARLY WARNING

Regular attendance is one of the keys to success for school. Be on time and prepared to learn. If a student is going to be away, please contact the Early Warning number at **604-668-7813**

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

If a student is **not** returning on or before **September 11, 2024**, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. Please complete this "Notice of Late Return" form [pdf form](#)) and email it back to Boyd at boyd@sd38.bc.ca. In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2024, 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 FEES

School fee statements were given to students in homeroom this past week. Please pay online via the KEV School Cash Online system. Once an account has been created you will be notified of school fees once they have been entered into the system.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES – NEW DISTRICT POLICY

The Richmond Board of Education passed a motion to update Policy 105: District Code of Conduct, effective July 1, 2024. This update includes the addition of language restricting the use of personal digital devices by students to enhance online safety and ensure a focused learning environment (Policy 104-G (A)). Students' use of personal digital devices at school will be restricted, including during instructional time or learning related activities, to promote online safety and a focused learning environment, unless use is permitted by supervising staff. We will support the acceptable use of student personal digital devices for accessibility and accommodation needs, medical and health needs, and to support equity of learning outcomes. The Acceptable Use of Personal Digital Devices, and Policy 105 District Code of Conduct are posted on the Boyd website.

MYED PARENT AND STUDENT PORTAL

Please know that access to MyEd portal was disabled during the summer. Parents and students are now able to access their portal account using the same user login ID and password. For new students and parents without a portal account, please ensure you provide us with your email address by indicating on the Student Verification (blue) form that was sent home on the first day of school. Boyd will then create for new students and parents their USER ID and password.

HUGH'S CAFÉ

The cafeteria is open before school, during breaks and lunch time. It will be offering a variety of snacks, drinks and lunch items.

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