

# October 14 - 18, 2024

Monday Oct 14	Tuesday Oct 15	Wednesday Oct 16	Thursday Oct 17	Friday Oct 18
<b>Thanksgiving Day (school closed)</b>	<i>PLT ABCD</i>	BADC	<i>Photo re-take day (1:55-3:00pm)</i>	ABCD

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** is **Thanksgiving** and all schools in Richmond will be closed. We want to wish all of our Hugh Boyd families a very happy Thanksgiving. In Canada, we celebrate Thanksgiving as a way to reconnect with our families and friends, and to show appreciation for all that we enjoy in this beautiful part of the world. We are very fortunate to live in Canada, and in West Richmond specifically, so be sure to take some time to be thankful for all that you enjoy during this long weekend.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM**

If you are planning to write the AP exam in May, you will need to complete BOTH Parts A and Parts B. Part A is signing up for an AP online account, and Part B is completing the AP Exam Order Form. This form is available at Boyd office. AP sign up instructions can be accessed from Boyd website.

**GRADUATION ASSESSMENT**

Attention ALL grade 10 students: The first sitting of the graduation assessments will be at the beginning of November. ALL grade 10 students will be registered for the Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA 10). If a grade 11 or 12 student is missing the GLA 10, they will also be registered for the assessment. If you have any questions about the grad assessment, please see Ms. Poon asap.

**BOOK TALK**

**To all grade 8 parents:** The Richmond Public Library will be coming to Boyd for their annual introduction and book talk in **Block C on Wednesday, October 23rd**. The youth librarian will talk about the latest and greatest books, as well the amazing programmes for teens. All grade 8's will be encouraged to sign up for a library card at that time. Please let Ms. Leung know if you have any questions.

**GRADE 8 INFO FOR PARENTS**

We are a little over a month of the school year. Over the course of September, Grade 8 students have had sessions learning about how to make high school a great experience. Topics introduced included: Keeping Your Binder Tidy, Organizing Your Time, What Makes a Great School Community and How to be Your BEST, Responsible Tech Use and Academic Honesty, How to Use MS Teams, Getting Involved with School, and Introducing our Counsellors and the Middle Years Programme.

We have uploaded a few of the handouts and presentations up on our school website <https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/> for all parents and guardians to access. We encourage all students to keep this learning in mind throughout the school year and the rest of their high school years! Please contact **Ms Leung** if you have any questions or would like further information about the skills and topics covered. Grade 8 teachers will keep reviewing and reminding throughout the year.

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Oct 12: Koi Nidrei, Dussehra and Yom Kippur
- Oct 14: Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
- Oct 17: Artona Photo retake (from 1:55 – 3:00PM)
- Oct 24: 24 Without
- Oct 24: Semester 1 Interim Learning update published
- Oct 25: PRO D day (classes not in session)

**GAME OF APPS**

**Final notice: Game of Apps registrations will close on October 18.** This is a comprehensive weekly after-school program where you will learn coding, design and entrepreneurship from professionals working in the Tech industry. **The Richmond School District is providing a \$100 subsidy (limited quantities).** Last year's champions were from New Westminster but the previous year's winners were from Richmond. Can we bring the trophy back to Richmond this season? Please see <https://gameofapps.org> for more information on the program and how to register.

**DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG)**

Hello Grade 12 parents, each year the parents of the graduating class organize a final party for their Grade 12 students in a safe and alcohol-free environment, the **Dry After Grad**. This event takes place following the dinner and dance, to continue celebrating late into the night back at the school. This year's Dry After Grad party will be Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**We need your help!** Parents of Grade 12 students are encouraged to get involved and **physically at this time we are asking for volunteers for the parent organizing committee.** If you'd like to volunteer or support in some way please email the 2025 DAG parent committee at [boydaftergrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:boydaftergrad2025@gmail.com)

**ARTONA PHOTOS RETAKE**

Please be reminded that **Photo Retakes** will take place on **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> during last block (1:55 – 3:00PM).** Photo Retakes are for students who missed the first day photo opportunity or who bought a package of photos and were not satisfied with the photo. It is not a time for students to take a second photo for their student identification.

**IMMUNIZATION CONSENT FORM**

**If your child is required** to receive an immunization, you would have received a paper notice with clinic and specific immunization information. Please return it to the office as soon as you can.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Public Health Nurse, Kiran Hundal at 604-233-3212 or email [kiran.hundal1@vch.ca](mailto:kiran.hundal1@vch.ca)

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