October 28 – November 1, 2024

Monday Oct 28	Tuesday Oct 29	Wednesday Oct 30	Thursday Oct 31	Friday Nov 1
Graduation Assessments (Oct 28 – Nov 5)			Halloween	Immunization Clinic Diwali Musqueam Day
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GRADUATION ASSESSMENT

The next Graduation Assessment sitting will be next week, October 28 – November 1. All grade 10 students and any grade 11 or 12 students missing the Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA 10) have been registered for this assessment. Please check for your assessment sitting date/time/location on the bulletin board outside the office. Prepare to arrive 15 minutes early, bring your Student Card for identification, and bring your own pens/pencils for the assessment. All students were given a GLA 10 tip sheet. You can go to the Online Sample Assessments: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provin cial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment.

If you have any questions, please see Ms. Poon in the office ASAP.

INTERIMS REPORTS

Interims were emailed home on October 24th. The Interim report represents a summary of your child's learning during the first 8 weeks of Semester 1. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their learning and the goals to focus on as next steps that will develop their learning in the year ahead. We thank you for working with us to support your child's growth at school. Any questions about this report card should be directed to the classroom teacher. Email addresses are listed on our website.

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 completeing the AP Exam Order Form. This form is available at Boyd office. AP sign up instructions can be accessed from Boyd website.

HALLOWEEN FROM REDI LENS

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religiousfigures/ gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 28: Graduation Assessments (until Nov. 5th)

Nov 1: Immunization clinic

Nov 3: Daylight Savings end-adjust clocks 1 hour back

Nov 6: Collaboration Day (late start 9:55am)

Nov 6: Take Our Kids to Work Day

Nov 7: University of Alberta visit (1:05 – 1:50pm)

Nov 7: DAG (Dry After Grad) parent meeting – 7:00pm

PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Richmond School District is excited to offer the following parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year:

- Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying
- Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids
- Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression
- Cybersafe from Exploitation

These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. For more information, please go to: https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parenteducation-sessions

DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG)

SAVE YOUR BOTTLES! The Dry After Grad parent committee is holding a Bottle Drive fundraiser in January! Keep your empties from now through the holidays in support of the dry after grad party for our 2025 graduates. Saturday, January 4th bottles will be picked up by volunteers or you can drop bottles and cans at the back of the school between 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Grade 12 parents (and 2025 grads), we need you! If you'd like to volunteer for the Bottle Drive delivering flyers in December and collecting bottles in January, or if parents would like to be on the DAG parent committee, please contact us at Boydaftergrad2025@gmail.com Our next conversations about costume choices with colleagues and DAG parent committee meeting will be Thursday, November 7th at the school. Please join us.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK

Wednesday, November 6th is "Take Our Kids To Work" day. It is an annual national program in which Grade 9 students are hosted by parents, friends, relatives and volunteers at workplaces across the country every November. Parents have to complete the consent form that their child will participate in this event. The consent form can be accessed at our website https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/news/2024/10/take-our-kids-work-<u>day-november-6th</u> or can be picked up from the office.

Please return the completed consent form no later than Friday, November 1st. For those students who are not participating, please note that Wednesday, November 6th is a regular scool day with a late start time of 9:55am since it is Collaboration day.

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