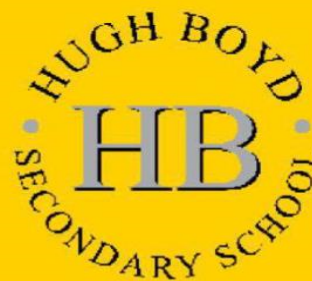


# Hugh Boyd Secondary School Newsletter August 2025



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Hope this newsletter finds you still enjoying the fantastic weather this summer. The start of a new school year is quickly approaching, and it is time to think about going back to school! Ms. Poon will continue at Boyd as the Acting Principal, and we are pleased to announce that Ms. Vakakis will continue her role as Acting Vice Principal this Fall. We are also welcoming a number of new staff to the Boyd team this September. Mr. Burrows will be teaching Music, Ms. Nadir will be teaching Art, and Ms. Ngo has joined us as the new Career Information Advisor. We are looking forward to welcoming all students on Tuesday, September 2. This is a time for new beginnings and continued successes.

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 each September. Each student has the opportunity to choose 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 (Parent Advisory Council) meeting will take place on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the library** and all parents are welcome to attend. Our weekly WAAGs (Week at a Glance) will be published on Friday afternoons and will provide the community with ongoing updates about what is going on at the school. Please ensure your current email address is filled in on your child's **blue 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.

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 2025 - 2026 school year.

## Important Dates:

Tuesday, September 2	Grade Assemblies and Homerooms
Wednesday September 3	First Day of Semester 1 Classes
Tuesday, September 9	Photo Day
Thursday, September 11	PAC Meeting
Thursday, September 18	Grade 8 Parent Night @ 5:30pm Grade 12 Parent Night @ 5:30pm Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm
Monday, September 22	Pro D Day (no school for students)
Tuesday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

## Notice of Late Return



Our first day of school will be **Sept. 2, 2025**. If your child cannot attend on the first day of class, please complete the “*Notice of Late Return*” form and email it back to Boyd at [boyd@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:boyd@sd38.bc.ca)

The late return form (can be found on the school website) is to be completed for any student(s) who expect to return to school **LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025**. If a student is **not** returning on or before **September 10, 2025**, 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, 2025 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 Acting Principal.**

### Counsellors

**Mr. P. Lam** ([phlam@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:phlam@sd38.bc.ca)): A-L

**Mr. R McDonnell** ([rmcdonnell@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rmcdonnell@sd38.bc.ca)): M-Z

**Ms. M. Takada** ([mtakada@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mtakada@sd38.bc.ca))

### Career Counsellor and Scholarship Resource

**Ms. B. Ngo** – [bngo@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bngo@sd38.bc.ca) Office

**Hours: Mon & Wed 8:30 - 3:00** [Career Counselling Centre](#)

### 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!

## First Day of School - Tuesday, September 2nd

All students will attend a Grade Assembly (new gym) and Homeroom on Tuesday, September 2. Here is the schedule for each grade:

10:00am	Grade 9/10 Assembly
11:30am	Grade 11/12 Assembly
1:00pm	Grade 8 Assembly

**Homerooms will be posted at the front of the school by Friday, August 29 @ 5:00pm.** Homeroom lists will be published and placed on the window at the front of the school at the end of the day on August 29. 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, ex.1, 2, 3, etc., with the room number list next to the students’ name list. Students will need to check their homeroom number, teacher and location, as each Grade Assembly will be followed by a homeroom. Leadership students and teachers will be available in the halls to assist students new to the school. New students should bring the school map with them this week.

In homeroom, students will receive information and forms, including a copy of the school calendar and instructions to download the MySchool Day app for the online calendar. This is a great tool for students to stay up to date about the block order and bell schedule. Students will also be assigned lockers and receive forms that need to be returned and completed by the end of the week.

All students will receive their schedules on the first day of school. Counsellors will continue to finalize schedules in late August. Please note that the timetable was built based on the requests from students last Spring, and students in grades 9-12 had opportunities to request course changes last year. The priority now is to complete schedules for new students, and to correct errors. If there is an error in a student’s schedule, a change process will be outlined in homeroom, but please recognize that changes will be difficult at this time as most classes are full.

## Homerooms September 3-5

There will be 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 calendars, 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.

## Student Schedules for 2025 - 2026

All students will get their 2025-2026 schedules on the first day of school (**September 2**). Please look at your schedule to ensure you have all the classes you need and want in order to fulfill your educational goals. Course changes will be difficult at this point. Grades 9-12 had opportunities for course changes last Spring. Any schedule corrections will be made through the counsellors via the Course Change process. Students new to the school will be seen first, followed by students with incomplete timetables. If a student has an error, they must fill out a paper course form (parent signature required). This form is available and should be returned on the table outside the Counselling Center. The deadline to submit an error form is Thursday, September 5 at 3:00 pm.

## Student Information Verification, Medical Forms and Media Release Forms, Walking Field Trip

At homeroom on the first, students will receive a number of important forms:

- Blue Medical Form
- Student Information Verification
- Media Release Form
- Walking Field Trip Form
- Optional Student Accident Insurance

Please ensure that all forms are signed and returned to Homeroom teachers by Friday, September 5.

## Lockers

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, you can buy one for **\$10** each, and this will be yours to keep, you do not have to return it to us. 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 devices to the gym change rooms), and do not share your locker combination with **ANYONE!**

## Fee Statements

We will be sending home statements in Homeroom this year. All families need to 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. There will be many 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, Sept 2nd**, 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.**

## 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.

## Bell Schedule for 2025 - 2026

Boyd has a semester model. Students take four classes in first semester, and four classes in second semester. Start and end times remain **8:30 AM** and **3:00 PM**. **Personalized Learning Time** will return to Boyd, offered from **9:43 – 10:31 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.*

MONDAYS		
A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:50	10:00
B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
BREAK	11:20AM	11:30
C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM
LUNCH	12:50	13:35
D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM

TUESDAYS		
A	8:30 AM	9:38 AM
BREAK	9:38	9:43
PLT	9:43 AM	10:31 AM
BREAK	10:31	10:36
B	10:36AM	11:44AM
BREAK	11:44	11:59
C	11:59 AM	1:07 PM
LUNCH	1:07	1:52
D	1:52 PM	3:00PM

WEDNESDAYS		
B	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:50	10:00
A	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
BREAK	11:20	11:30
D	11:30 AM	12:50 PM
LUNCH	12:50	1:35
C	1:40 PM	3:00 PM

THURSDAYS		
B	8:30 AM	9:38 AM
BREAK	9:38	9:43
PLT	9:43 AM	10:31 AM
BREAK	10:31	10:36
A	10:36AM	11:44AM
BREAK	11:44	11:59
D	11:59 AM	1:07 PM
LUNCH	1:07	1:52
C	1:52 PM	3:00PM

FRIDAYS		
A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:50	10:00
B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
BREAK	11:20	11:30
C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM
LUNCH	12:50	1:35
D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM
***ALTERNATE DAY 1/2 ROTATIONS		

COLLAB DAY WEDNESDAYS		
Collab Time	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
B	9:55 AM	10:55 AM
BREAK	10:55	11:05AM
A	11:05 AM	12:05 PM
BREAK	12:05	12:15
D	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
LUNCH	1:15	1:55
C	2:00 PM	3:00 PM

## 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 a student needs to leave the school during the day, please call the office or leave a message in the Early Warning Line (604) 668-7813 informing when they should be dismissed. **Students MUST sign out at the office before he/she leaves, with phone call from a parent.**

## 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.

## Meet the Teacher Evening

Meet the Teacher Evening is on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm. All parents and guardians will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, learn about the course outlines, and learning opportunities available to students. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Prior to the Meet the Teacher Evening, there will also be a Grade 8 Parent Information session for our newest Hawk families, and a Grade 12 Parent evening. Both of these sessions will be at 5:30pm. More details will be shared out shortly.

## Personal Learning Time & Collaboration Time

Personal Learning Time (PLT) will occur after first block on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:43 – 10:31am. Each PLT session is 48 minutes long, and all students are expected to participate in PLT classes. The placement of PLT later in the day will give increased opportunities for students to connect with teachers and peers, and to work on activities that are important to individuals. As a community we will support students to make wise choices with their PLT time. More information about options and expectations during PLT will be shared with students as we start the school year.

Boyd also has **Collaboration Time** eight times throughout the year where teachers meet and plan new activities and lesson ideas for their classes. During this time, students have opportunities to collaborate with peers, self-study and/or choose an activity of interest.

**Collaboration time** happens on the **first Wednesday of each month** except September and April, starting **October 1**. **Collaboration Time** runs from **8:30-9:45am**, and classes start at 9:55 on these days. End of day dismissal on all these days is unchanged at 3:00 PM.

PLT Schedule			COLLAB DAY WEDNESDAYS		
A	8:30 AM	9:38 AM	Collab Time	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:38	9:43	B	9:55 AM	10:55 AM
PLT	9:43 AM	10:31 AM	BREAK	10:55	11:05AM
BREAK	10:31	10:36	A	11:05 AM	12:05 PM
B	10:36AM	11:44AM	BREAK	12:05	12:15
BREAK	11:44	11:59	D	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
C	11:59 AM	1:07 PM	LUNCH	1:15	1:55
LUNCH	1:07	1:52	C	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
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## Protect Personal Belongings

The best defense against acts of theft is to not to 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 (ex. Web design, tech projects, artwork, and photos). Tutors or AI 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 2025 - 2026 year is on Thursday, September 11 @ 7:00pm in the library. 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 almost complete for the annual **Grade 8 Activity Day**, scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2025. This fun way to connect with all the new people in the **Grad class of 2030** 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. This event is attended by almost every Grade 8 student and is a great way to kick off the year. Be sure to sign up for it. Information, permission forms and cost breakdown will be distributed in homeroom. Let's try to have 100% turn-out and get the year off to a great start!

## School and Grad Photos

Boyd is having its school photographs on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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 23rd**, 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 23- February 27**. 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>

## 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 students to **register their bicycles** 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. As life is full of ups and downs, 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.

## Athletics

For the first time in 2 years, 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!***

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 or coach of the team you want to help.

Fall sports will include:

**Senior Boys Soccer**  
**Senior Girls Volleyball**  
**Junior Girls Volleyball**

**Grade 9 Girls Volleyball**  
**Grade 8 Girls Volleyball**  
**Swimming**

## 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/vaping anywhere on school property

## Acceptable Use of Personal Digital 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.

According to the District's Acceptable Use of Student Personal Digital Device Policy, the Guidelines for Secondary School (Grades 8 to 12) are:

- Students should not use Personal Digital Devices during instructional time, unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes.
- When not permitted, personal digital devices should be powered off, secured inside a student's backpack, locker or secured location.
- Personal digital devices are not to be used in areas where privacy is expected or required.
- Access to social media platforms from personal digital devices may be restricted on the school wireless network during instructional time.
- The district does not assume responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of any personal digital devices. The security and storage of personal digital devices is the sole responsibility of the student/user.

## Stay Connected to Boyd Secondary

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 2025 – 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

### SEPTEMBER 2025

T	2	School Opening Day
W	3	Regular classes begin
M	9	Photo Day
Th	18	Grade 12 Parent Evening (5:30PM)
Th	18	Meet the Teacher (6:30PM)
M	22	Pro-D Day (no classes)
T	30	Observation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

### OCTOBER 2025

W	1	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
M	13	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
Th	23	Photo Retakes
Th	23	Semester 1 Interim Learning Update Published
F	24	ProD Day (no classes)

### NOVEMBER 2025

M-F	3-7	Graduation Assessments
W	5	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
W	5	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
T	11	Remembrance Day (school closed)
Th	20	Semester 1 Mid-Term Learning Update Published
W-Th	26-27	Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences
F	28	ProD Day (no classes)

### DECEMBER 2025

W	3	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
M-F	15-19	At Risk Interim Report sent home
F	19	Winter Holiday Celebration
M	22	Winter Break begins

### JANUARY 2026

M	5	School reopens after Winter Break
W	7	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
M-F	12-23	Graduation Assessments
Th	22	Open House & Grade 7 Parent Night
F	23	Last day of Semester 1
M	26	Pro D Day (no classes)
T	27	Learning Completion Day
W	28	First Day of Semester 2
F	30	Semester 1 Learning Update Published

### FEBRUARY 2026

W	4	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
F	13	ProD Day (no classes)
M	16	BC Family Day (school closed)
Sa-W2	22-27	Graduate Composite Photos

### March 2026

W	4	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
Th	12	Semester 2 Learning Updates Published
M-F	16-27	Spring Break
M	30	School Reopens

### APRIL 2026

Th	16	Semester 2 Midterm Learning Update published
M-F	20-24	Graduation Assessments
W-Th	22-23	Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences

### MAY 2026

W	6	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
F	15	ProD Day (no classes)
M	18	Victoria Day (school closed)

### JUNE 2026

W	3	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)
M - F	8-19	Graduation Assessments
F	19	Last day of classes: Yearbooks / Awards Assembly / Student Council Summer Fun
M-W	22-24	Learning Completion Days
F	26	Grad Dinner Dance

## Career Centre

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

Ms. Ngo Career Centre Website:

<https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/student-information/career-centre-information>

### POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

**Education Planner:** [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca) Education PlannerBC 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](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38). For students who haven't created their account, please follow these instructions:

#### **Getting Started:**

1. Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38](http://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 online at: <https://boydcounselling.setmore.com/bookappointment>

## NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM – 2025 - 2026

(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. 3, 2025, AND ON or BEFORE Sep. 10, 2025. Please complete this form and return to the school Principal before June 20, 2025.** Please attach a letter that contains an explanation of the extenuating circumstances for returning late in September.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sept. Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Last Name Student First Name

**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 10, 2025, 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 student's 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, 2024, that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email to the school email address:

School Email Address: boyd@sd38.bc.ca

**I understand that if my child does not return to school by September 10, 2025, they may lose their placement and may have to attend another school upon their late return.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_