



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG

DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 9, 2022

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən̓k̓əm̓iən̓əm̓** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Monday Dec. 5	Tuesday Dec. 6	Wednesday Dec. 7	Thursday Dec. 8	Friday Dec. 9
BADC ADST 8 Rotation 3	PLT – BADC 7pm Winter Music Concert	Conference Day In Homeroom Classes	PLT – BADC	BADC

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

We encourage students to review the PLT schedule posted on the McMath website on Monday to plan their PLT on Tuesday and Thursday. PLT is designed to provide extra learning support for all students in all subject areas.

GRADE 8 MDI SELF REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Richmond School District 38 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at UBC to invite students to take part in completing the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The MDI is a self-report questionnaire that asks students in Grade 8 about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in school and in the community. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

The questionnaire will be administered between January 1-March 3, 2023, during the school day. Parents are asked to return the form e-mailed to them if they **DO NOT** want their teen to take part in this.

CONFERENCE DAY – December 7

Our first Conference Day is on Wednesday, December 7th. All students are expected to be present as we learn about healthy relationships, social-emotional learning, careers, and graduation capstone requirements. Students will be participating in various activities with various presenters from the community. Students are to report to their Homeroom class at 8:30am.

STUDENT LATES – Learning Starts at 8:30am

One trend that staff have observed that impacts learning is students' arriving late. Mr. Johnstone usually meets and greets students in the morning at the front entrance. In September/October we had about 15-20 students arriving after the start of first period. His recent observations are up to 80-100 vehicles dropping off students after the first bell. Students arriving late interrupts the learning in first period for all students. Please have a conversation with your teenager and make a plan to ensure they are on time even when the weather is inclement. Our front door is unlocked at 7:15am, the building is warm, we have free WIFI, and the cafeteria has breakfast snacks by 8am. Every high school has lots of traffic at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. Avoid the congestion of cars from 8:20-8:30am and arrive early. Thanks for your cooperation to help our students arrive on time.

DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

We are glad so many of our students are getting to school under their own power – mostly walking or biking. This is a great way to save on fuel. If your child needs to be dropped off or picked up, please do not use the neighboring town house complex area. This will really help our neighbours with traffic congestion. Thank you.

RICHMOND RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY – December 5

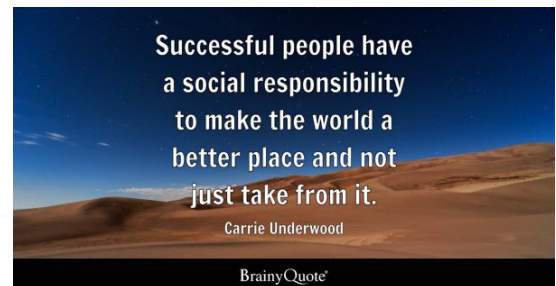
The Richmond Career Programs Office, in partnership with the Richmond RCMP is inviting students in Grades 10-12 to participate in Richmond School District's second annual **RCMP Youth Academy**. This is a **5-day camp from Feb 16th - 20th, 2023**. We are excited that the RCMP has generously agreed to accept more applicants and we are **extending our original due date to Monday, December 5th**. Any students interested in applying should fill in the [RCMP Youth Academy application](#) and drop off to your Counsellor or Career Advisor.

STUDY SKILLS – Note Taking Tips, How to Study, and Tips for Writing a Test

Feel free to review and use the attached strategies – how to colour code your notes, how to study, and tips to write a test to support your teen of all grades at home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 5: ADST 8 Rotation 3
- Dec 6: Winter Music Concert (7pm)
- Dec 7: Conference Day (in homeroom classes)
- Dec 16: Breakfast with Santa (alt. bell schedule)
Last day of school before Winter Holidays begins
- Jan 3: School Reopens



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