



NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have really missed everyone.

This past year things began to open up and the Alumni was involved and volunteered for some of the events happening at Richmond High.



One of the great events is the year end Colt Carnival.

The other exciting news, is that all of the composites have been digitized and you can now "scroll" through them at the school. This was a team effort with the Alumni, Artona and SD38 Tech Services.

We attended Valedictory, the first one in 3 years. The 2022 Grads were very excited and the staff worked so hard to make this happen.



There are changes this year to the Gaming Grant guidelines. Two of the most significant changes are that the monies no longer are eligible for scholarships and computers. We now have to be creative and find other ways to support our ongoing scholarships at RHS.

We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon.
Beth McKenzie Gibson



35th ANNUAL LUNCHEON

We will be hosting the RSS Alumni Luncheon on Friday, May 12th - 12 - 2:00 pm

Tickets will be available on April 11th.

Tickets can be purchased at the school, via e-transfer before May 5th. Please email us if you have any questions at rss.alumniassoc@gmail.com

R.S.S. ALUMNI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Thank you to the Board of Directors

New Electronic – Composite Directory 1927 - present

- President - Beth McKenzie Gibson - 1972
- Treasurer - Donna Matheson - 1973
- Fundraising - Jenny Gilles - 1972
- Fundraising - John Montgomery - 1958
- Secretary - Lori Davis - 1975
- Secretary - Patti Dean - 1973
- Events - Peter Mitchell - 1975

MEMBERSHIP

Since 1988, over 5700 Alumni and Grads have joined the RSS Alumni. If you would like to join, fill out a membership form which can be found on the website: rhsalumni.weebly.com

UPCOMING EVENT – JUNE 24TH



We are having a "SHREDDING FUNDRAISER"

DATE: Saturday, June 24th TIME: 10 am – 2 pm.

LOCATION: Richmond High - 7171 Minoru Blvd

We will be at the front of the School.

A \$10.00 donation is appreciated for a Bankers box of paper to be shredded.

Please come out and support Richmond Secondary.

We look forward to seeing you.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instagram: [rssalumniassoc](https://www.instagram.com/rssalumniassoc)



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello to all former Richmond Secondary students and staff! I am extremely grateful and privileged to be a part of a school with skilled and dedicated staff, and positive, talented and caring students. RHS continues to be a vibrant and outstanding community where students are focused on learning and striving to achieve their personal and academic goals while upholding the proud traditions of academic and extracurricular excellence at Richmond Secondary School. The RHS Class of 2023 will be the 96th graduating class in the remarkable history of our school, and are poised to build on this legacy of excellence.

We are sincerely grateful for the ongoing, dedicated, and active presence of the Richmond Secondary School Alumni Association and the generous support they have provided since their inception in 1988. The RSS Alumni has helped to sustain a strong legacy of excellence, important traditions, and a school history that is valued and revered. The thoughtful assistance of the RSS Alumni has helped sustain many of the traditions, legacy and history we value, while also encouraging innovative ideas to help our current students be prepared to lead and thrive in an ever-changing world.

We encourage all former Richmond High students to stay in touch with the school by attending Alumni meetings or connecting with the school on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook and all links are located on our school website: <http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/>

Respectfully,
Anita Kwon - Principal



Come and be a part of the R.S.S.

Alumni Board of Directors.

We meet 5-6 times a year and you just need to be an Alumni member. **Join and be part of the team.**

Awards and Scholarships

R.S.S. Alumni Association Special Recognition Award



VALEDICTORY 2022

We celebrated the Class of 2022 at the Chan Centre at their Valedictory Ceremony. It was enjoyable to be back, and watch all of these hardworking and resilient students achieve one of the biggest milestones in their lives.

Anrui Liu Estelle Sun Emily Wang
Faye Yu Grace Zhang Kevin Wei

PAC Scholarship – Katherine Sau
RSS Staff Special Recognition Scholarship
Emma Huang

As you know community is very important to the staff and students at Richmond High. These past 2 years we have seen these individuals go above and beyond. Learning how to evolve and reimagine with the everchanging ways to teach all of you whether it was virtually or in the class was extraordinary. They made it possible to still enjoy concerts, intramurals, sports, Breakfast with Santa and so much more. They are creative, dedicated, persistent, supportive, committed and incredible people. They have a 'never give up' attitude. They continually found new ways teach over the past two years. They made sure the Class of 2022 had a memorable year. We are in awe of what they have accomplished over the past 2 years and we just can't say enough about these special and gifted recipients. It is our greatest pleasure to announce that this year's RSS Alumni Special Recognition Award for 2022 is being presented to Richmond Secondary School Staff – all 107 of them.

Congratulations - and thank you for your dedication and service.
"You are the best"

RSS ALUMNI & AGM LUNCHEON

AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, May 12th

AGM: 12:00 & Lunch: 12:30

Tickets: \$25.00 available April 11th

You will be able to purchase your ticket at the school (Cash or cheque) or by e-transfer using our email address.

Last day to purchase a ticket will be May 5th



Welcome to our...
CLASS REUNION

1973 – 50th Reunion – Fall of 2023
Please contact Donna Matheson –
dmatheson55@gmail.com

50th Reunion

Know of an upcoming Reunion – Let us know

~ ~ ~ IN MEMORY ~ ~ ~

Ray Gora
15 JUL 1936 - 16 OCT 2022

Ray was born in Unity, Sask. and moved to BC with his family and grew up in Richmond. Ray was relocated to Winnipeg in 1957, where he met Carlyne and they got married that year. They were transferred to Edmonton where their daughter Susan was born and moved back to Richmond in 1962. Ray is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carlyne; daughter Susan, her husband Craig and their two grandsons Chris and Jeff; and sister Donna Knopp (Wes).

Ray was a valued and integral part of the RSS Alumni and he was a Director, for many years. He organized our golf tournaments and was awarded the Special Recognition Award in 2008.



Once A Colt ~ Always a Colt
Until we meet again

RICHMOND'S JAPANESE CANADIANS

Japanese Inquiry Project – McMath Grade 12 Social Justice Teacher - Andrea Philpotts was walking the halls at RSS examining the composites on the walls. "1941, 1942 . . . 1943. What a change!" The early war years included many graduate portraits of Japanese Canadian students at RHS. Starting in 1943, there were none until the 1950's. Students in er class will research a student who left during internment, who returned to school and follow their life story. From this, students can learn about the resilience of Richmond's Japanese Canadians. If you know of a family who went through this experience, please email us and we will connect you with Andrea.