

RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Raiders Students, Families and Staff,

As we are now hopefully in a change of pace, enjoying a rest from school and a summer holiday we have taken some time to reflect and to share our thoughts of the past school year. We are incredibly proud of all of you. We have watched as you persevered through all of the challenges of 2021-2022, whether you learned or worked at school or home, pushed yourselves in difficult times and tried to build some normalcy back into everyday life. We loved the return of athletics and clubs, enjoyed performances again and were so happy to celebrate with our graduates this year. While school has changed in many ways, we know and value the times where people come together to learn, socialize and build relationships and a sense of community.

We look forward to seeing most of you back in school in September where we will continue to work together to support student success and the well-being of all. To our graduates, our Class of 2022, please keep in touch, we look forward to hearing from you as you move on to the next phase of your lives.

We wish the best of luck to Ms. Brinksman, Ms. Cana, Ms. Zaidi, Mr. Tsang, Mr. Dang, Mr. Li, Ms. Ghomashchi, Ma. Rhoden, Mr. Kandrack, Ms. Lipson, Mr. Guest, Ms. Torres-Rea, Ms. Tsiotsikas, Mr. Korzen, Ms. Pendrith, Ms. Mlotek, Mr. Do, Mr. Chu, Ms. Janmohamed, Ms. Fong, Ms. Vanier, Mr. Triantafyllou, Ms. Joo, Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Rogstad who are moving on to other schools and a happy retirement to Ms. Ingber, Mr. Kemp, Mr. McHenry, Mrs. Pestrin and Mr. Tsimicalis.

Please enjoy these year-end reflections from our staff.

Debbie Linkewich, Nancy Gymnopoulos, Helen Ho and Paul Ruytenbeek
Richmond Hill High School Admin Team



And with that another year has come to an end. What a memorable year indeed! Lessons were taught and learnt, fun was had and memories were made. There was so much growth over the past year, both academically and personally. And finally after two long years, in-person events returned to the school! What a wonderful sight it was, seeing everyone come together and take part. It certainly was not an easy year, but it was one for the history books. Through all the challenges and changes, we banded together to make this year a great one. The memories made both inside and outside the classroom will last a lifetime. Now it is time to unplug, recharge and enjoy the summer. That's a wrap!

Ms. Caravaggio



If nothing else, we have faced challenges and have come through the solitude to once again gather and connect as a community in person. The halls are filled with laughter, the LLC was full of lunching, learning, collaborative games and laughter. The clubs and teams are once again face to face and the joy is abundant on the faces of each and every one of you that has made their way physically back into RHHS. You demonstrated your resilience, your character and your determination to seize the moment. I share with you cliches as you look toward your futures: May your glass always be half full and Be the change you want to see in the world. Believe in yourself and watch the world of opportunities open up for you. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022 and I look forward to seeing the rest of you back here, live and in person in September. Have an amazing summer...

Ms. Axelrod

Happy Summer Raiders!

This year has been a whirlwind for me as I learned a new role in the Guidance Department, and although busy, I must admit, it's been a very rewarding experience. I hope this year has been equally rewarding for all of you. After such a tumultuous year, please take some time to unplug, unwind, relax, and enjoy the quiet. Self-care is so important, yet we don't always have the time. Go for a walk, read a book (for pleasure), paint a picture, visit with a friend you haven't seen in a while, do what makes you happy. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall, happy and healthy, and ready for the 2022-2023 school year! But for now.... Sleep in as much as you can!

Mrs. Lane

What a year this has been!

It has brought plenty of challenges but I am so proud of all my students for rising to the challenge. Their hard work and resiliency is so impressive! We all made it through hybrid learning and I certainly gained a lot of new skills teaching with technology!

It is exciting to see the return of many extracurriculars, including our math contests. I am so inspired by the achievements of our Raiders.

Good luck to our graduates who are on to new adventures. I hope all that you learned at RHHS helps you achieve amazing things!!

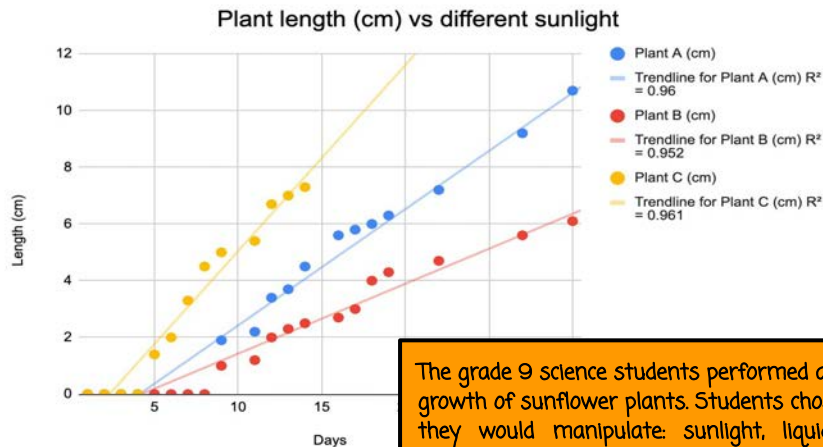
Hope everyone has a well deserved and restful summer!

Mrs Marsella



2021-2022 was the most challenging year as so many unexpected things happened. However, during the challenging times, I learned a great deal compared to normal years. It helped me to learn different online teaching platforms, online learning strategies and helping students to cope through their struggles. I give thanks to my students that it is them who make me a better teacher.

Ms. Wang



The grade 9 science students performed an inquiry project involving the growth of sunflower plants. Students chose which independent variable they would manipulate: sunlight, liquid type, soil type etc... and measured its impact on plant growth. We had a wide range of results ranging from the more expected, like sunlight impacting growth, to the weird, like stinky unknown growth. Below is a student's data that provided both expected and unexpected results, which made sense after some thought.

- Plant A (blue) received ample sunlight and grew well.
- Plant B (red) received limited sunlight and grew at a slower rate.
- Plant C (yellow) received no sunlight and grew the fastest! It also did not live past day 15.

As in life, results can make sense or be perplexing. Making sense of the nonsense, challenging perplexity, and learning from mishaps is where the fun is. Have a great summer.

Mr. Lu



It feels like September was a lifetime ago! What a year we have all had switching from 2 long periods a day, to 4 with a common lunch. For us teachers that have been at the school for a while, these past two years have been so different than years past; the Schools' energy has felt low due to less extra-curriculars. But, I don't want you to worry, because the energy is slowly coming back and I am looking forward to seeing the vibrant RHHS of years-past next year. For me, this energy is wrapped up in school teams; seeing the packed bleachers or sidelines of the fields cheering fellow Raiders on! We caught glimpses of this as restrictions eased just as our boys Basketball team was making their playoff run. Some of us were also able to see the Ultimate team easily handle their way to a YRAA championship win! We also had successes with Badminton winning YRAA's and some Badminton and Tennis players advancing to OFSAA! Next year, I hope to see the gym and the fields buzzing with teams. I want to see all of you trying out for at least one team and/or joining a club. Let's create many new memories for our future selves to look back on and smile! GO RAIDERS GO!

Ms Pugh



Wow, to think a 2 week position would end up being a whole year journey. Thank you RHHS Math Department, Admin, Student Success, Ultimate Frisbee Team and ultimately my students for such a fun and amazing year. Thank you for the jokes to keep classes lively, the art to keep our class beautiful, and your individual hard work to get this far. Congratulations to all the graduates and enjoy the summer!

Mr. Tsang

This year has felt like three years in one. It started with so much uncertainty and ended with the certainty of knowing that you can do anything Raiders!! You've weathered "unprecedented times" (ugh, that word!), you've pivoted, you've been resilient, you've masked, you've unmasked, you've followed every protocol, you've had camera's off, camera's on, on-line, in-person...oh yes, you've done it all. And you have persevered. You have made it to the other side. What you've learned this last year will serve you a lifetime. Now take your well deserved summer to rest and reset for the fall. You not only deserve the time to do this, but it's a necessity for a well balanced and productive life. You've got this Raiders.

Ms. McKague



When we started the year with 2.5 hour classes, YCOL teachers, and showing our screening results before we walked through the doors, we wondered when our plays, concerts, games, clubs, and our hallways would be alive again. This June 27, when the Class of 2022 graduated IN PERSON with a packed house; it gave me so much hope for what's to come!

Raiders, you've been through another challenging year; take time to rest, enjoy your loved ones and recharge. To our graduates, congratulations and best wishes for what's ahead. Remember we are cheering for you from afar and our doors are always open so make sure to visit.

Ms. Marcantonio

When contemplating the end of year, I think of happiness

$$happiness = reality - expectations$$

or

$$happiness = \frac{(important\ stuff) \cap (stuff\ you\ can\ control)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n expectations^2}}$$

or is it

"Life is a scatter plot. The universe signals that we should care about the y-value, but really, we should care about the slope and the standard deviation."

For anyone taking the time to read this, be optimal, and best wishes.

Mr. Shim

"Tough times don't last, but tough people do."

Mr. John

It has been a challenging year in more ways than one. We are finally there, finishing all academic activities and catching our breath, so to speak. I would like to thank students for taking that journey. I have seen examples of perseverance, dedication to learning and resilience. Those examples have inspired classmates and myself. We have learned much about learning and working together in a new environment and to make the best of what we have. I hope the lessons learned are remembered as students progress through the grades and move on to a post-secondary destination.

Wishing everyone all the best! Have a great summer!

Mr. Timmerman

University of Guelph Contest Winners



Be like a flower.
Survive the rain
but use it to grow.
- Unknown

We began the year unlike any other, with longer classes and hybrid learning. Despite the challenges and constant changes throughout the year, RHHS students and staff persevered. Congratulations to all students on the many successes you've enjoyed throughout this challenging year. You've all helped Richmond Hill High School 'bloom' this year and I'm so grateful to be a part of that.

Ms. Richardson

This semester was my first semester back after COVID/online teaching and my maternity leave and... it was amazing! So many great memories... but I think pictures speak louder than words... so here are some of my favourite memories from French class this semester. From the first day of school... to the very last days... here are some pictures from class that make me smile. We ran, we sang, we drew, we gamed, we threw water balloons at teachers (lol), we did trust walks, played petanque... we "speed dated"... holy cow. We did a lot! Can't wait to continue the fun next year. Best wishes to the lovely grade 12s who I will miss dearly!! <3

Mme D'Angelo :)

Division	Event	Placing	Team
Junior	BioBlast	First	Caleb Xu, Sai Varun Kongara, Andrew Chu, Kevin Hua
Junior	Chem Logic Challenge	Second	Elliott Lee, Marcus Yang, Daniel Yuan, Anson Lai
Junior	Fun with Food Function	Second	Amy Song, Harry Xu, Perry Xu, Jiabao Wu
Senior	Gladiator Math	Third	Adrian Ho, Andy Pan, Alan Tang, Taqik Ibrahim
Senior	How to be a statistical Detective	First	Linxi Wang, Melanie Lei, Robert Jin, Tommy Wei
Senior	Mars Lander Mission	Third	Adrian Ho, Andy Pan, Alan Tang, Taqik Ibrahim
Senior	Periodic Table Tennis	Second	Rachael Peng, Amy Wan, Kevin Zhao, Alex Zhu
Senior	What's *App'ening on Campus	First	Rachael Peng, Amy Wan, Kevin Zhao, Alex Zhu
Junior	What's *App'ening on Campus	First	Caleb Xu, Sai Varun Kongara, Andrew Chu, Kevin Hua



Everyone Can Forest Bathe...Physical Education for All

"SHINRIN YOKU" is Japanese for "FOREST BATHING". Many cultures have embedded in their practices, spending time in nature. In 1982, Japanese scientists tested the effects proving that walking in nature (forest bathing) helps physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. I.e. phytoncides released by the trees have known effects on lowering blood pressure, heart rate and harmful hormones like cortisol which your body produces when stressed!

Our students and staff are seen in this photo experiencing forest bathing along the path behind the school. They participated in 3 stations: touching leaves and bark, breathing slowly and deeply, and looking at the trees, dappled sunlight, and surrounding fauna (we saw a raccoon!).

Please take time this summer enjoying nature!

Mrs. Pollock

Hey Raiders!

This year has been full of changes, transitions, and "pivoting", but we made it! Seeing where we are now compared to the beginning of the year, from rotating schedules and mandatory masks to huge schoolwide in-person events, we've come so far. Thank you so much for welcoming me here in both my English and Student Services departments, and making me a part of the Richmond Hill family. The students have overcome so many challenges and come out the other side so resilient, and I'm so proud. To my English classes and our snack parties, and my Student Services students and our great conversations, it's been a unique but fulfilling year! Have an amazing summer and take time for yourselves - you all deserve it!

Ms. Fong

Congratulations to all my students! We made it! I will always have fond memories of our time together during this school year. Having to deal with those crazy schedules in the first semester. The fun discussions during our Economics class. The amazing Math Culture assignments from my Grade 9s. The relaxed atmosphere of our AP Grade 12 Economics class (especially after AP exams). The interesting and fun times in our Grade 10 mathematics class. All of you were fun to talk to and definitely helped make it easier for all of us to get through this tough and challenging year. To all my students, enjoy the summer and get lots of rest. To my Grade 12s that are graduating, I want to say thank you and good luck!

Mr. Mark

Just when I thought this year would be easier than the others, it actually turned out to be the most difficult one yet. Thank you for doing your best and constantly adapting to new school models, new public health guidelines, and ramping up to some of our regular events like Prom and in-person Graduation. It's been tough but you have all been so patient. Have a well-deserved summer and rest-up so we can make 2022-2023 an even better year!

Ms. Diep

5 quotes from 5 Grateful Dead songs that Mr. Fagan suggests you listen to when you have the time:

"Sometimes we live no particular way but our own" - Eyes of the World

"Nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile" - He's Gone

"Once in a while you get shown the light, in the strangest of places if you look at it right" - Scarlet Begonias

"Hang it up and see what tomorrow brings" - Truckin'

"There is a road, no simple highway, between the dawn and the dark of night" - Ripple



The Music Department has had a wonderful year with lots of sounds filling our hallways and music room. The 2021 school year started with online rehearsals, and eventually moved to in-person rehearsals. The energy and excitement of our students started to fill our Music Room, Gymnasium and Cafeteria. Our amazing Music Council facilitated great events throughout the year to build friendship and community. We concluded semester 1 by filming a virtual Winter Concert, remembering how to sing and play instruments together again.

Beginning in semester 2, after a brief transition back to online rehearsals, we were eventually able to continue rehearsals in person. The Music Department was busy with morning and lunch time sectionals, and full ensemble rehearsals for both band and choir. Music filled our hallways again, and excitement returned to perform for an audience once again. This led to a very successful in-person Coffee House, which featured our chamber groups, and talented RHHS students.

Over the past few months, our instrumental music students have worked tirelessly with each teacher to prepare for a workshop with Mr. Colin Clarke in preparation for the Spring Concert. Students were able to gain valuable feedback from Mr. Clarke's wealth of musical knowledge and apply it to rehearsals. Our Bands and Chamber Ensembles participated in the Virtual OBA Music Festival, working with prestigious adjudicators. Vocal Fusion also worked with a professional choreographer, Mr. Stephen Cota, learning to adapt singing to dance formations.

This year has been a partnership with the entire Richmond Hill High School community and staff. We have been so fortunate to have the Physical Education and Drama Departments share their spaces with us. We would also like to thank all the students on Tech Crew, along with Mr. Ferguson, for making sure video and sound ran smoothly at all events. We would also like to acknowledge the following teachers for support in our ensembles and concert events: Mr. Chang, Mr. Li, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Dang, Ms. C. Park, Ms. Caravaggio, Ms. Blackburn and Ms. Rhoden. Finally, we would also like to thank our incredible administration for their support and flexibility this year.

We are very proud of all of our students' exceptional growth this year and look forward to seeing all of them again in the fall!

Ms. Christopoulos-Sarganis, Mr. Rawlins, Ms. Geng

The happiest kids make the nicest sounds.

In a year plagued by "learning gaps" or "learning loss", my philosophy has always been that if you take care of the people in the room first, then they will be ready to be students. Making music in person together again after not being able to for so long has been so wonderful, but what I think is even more important than actually playing the instruments is what comes along with being a part of a musical ensemble, or being a part of something in general. We have seen our students build friendships, think thoughtfully and critically, learn to work with each other again, take care of each other, create a community, laugh, smile, be goofy, enjoy school, and more! While I believe the arts are especially effective in making all these things happen, we all have the power (and thus the responsibility) to help each other feel a part of something regardless of the subject being taught or the environment in which we find ourselves.

The happiest kids make the nicest sounds - and despite it all, we have some very happy kids. :)

Ms. Geng





This year's Mock Trials were a phenomenal success both in class and for our RHHS Mock Trial Team. Congratulations to all students who prepared and delivered some amazing performances as key witnesses and savvy attorneys.

Personally, I wish all the students success in their next year of studies and a big thank you to my current students for your well wishes. It has been a pleasure being part of the RHHS Business Department and Law program for the past 24 years and I will retire from teaching this June with many wonderful memories.

Ms. Pestrin

Grade 12 Mock Trials



Students in the Business Department were honoured with several awards this year. One example of these achievements is Belinda Wang. Belinda won 1st place (\$1,000) from CPA Ontario for her submission of a video on how "Corporations are doing good in the world". Congratulations to our students, we are so proud of your achievements.

Mr. Kemp

Pride: a word that has been on my mind quite a bit lately. I cannot help but be drawn to this word that is somehow the perfect encapsulation of all that I feel. I feel proud..

- to have had the opportunity to point students in the direction of endless possibilities,
- to have ignited questions and inquiry,
- of have worked alongside the amazing colleagues who welcomed me into the RHHS family as if I had been here all along,
- to have shared in the laughter, the triumphs, and the opportunities for growth,
- to have taken part in celebrating beautifully unique and intersecting identities,
- to have walked the halls of a space where hate has no home,
- to have been entrusted with the great responsibility of having a voice,
- to have been part of a community that celebrates pride month proudly and loudly.

As teachers, we hope each day that our words and lessons resonate with our students. We stand proud when those words inspire students to challenge systems of oppression and affect change in the world. But as I stood in the audience of this year's Equity Symposium watching two powerful young women I had the honour of teaching—as they used their voices for the betterment of their communities—my source of pride came from something different: the fact that my words were not needed at all. These brave young women did not need to be taught to choose kindness or persuaded to take their part as global citizens; they simply did so. Cheers to these incredible students and the entire RHHS family. I can only hope to have made you as proud as you have made me.

Ms. Ghomashchi

Art department
Thanks for the memories
and looking forward to
making more!!



Congratulations to all the students! Despite the challenges we have all faced slowly getting back to almost normal, this year has been especially sweet. I'm proud of the highly creative work produced this year and the fun hands-on projects we got to do together again. A few highlights include:



Amazing Digital & Animation projects in
gr 11 Com Tech, including one which was
screened at the Vaughan Film Festival



Doing ceramics
projects in gr 9 &
10 Visual Arts



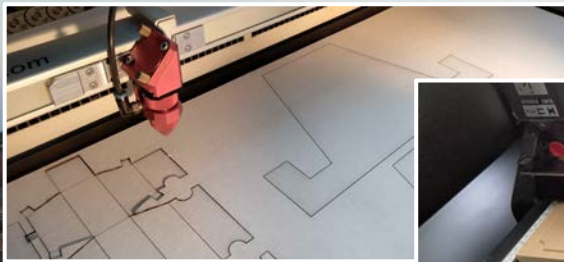
Helping with Photography for the "Mama Mia" musical
production! What a show!



Indigenous Storytelling Workshop with
Cathy Morgan.



Stop Motion Animation and Silent
Film group projects completed in
grade 10 Com Tech.



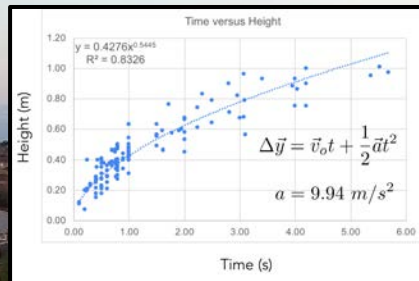
This year's Grade 9 Exploring Technologies classes were in for an unexpected treat, as they were the first classes to work in Richmond Hill High School's brand new Design Technology Lab & Shop! Like in past years, students were introduced to areas of Technology including Graphic Design, Arduino & Coding, and the Design Process, in addition to also being learning how to use woodworking tools and machines, making their very own Keychain Holders and Cell Phone Speakers!

Mr Ferguson

The Technological Studies Department at RHHS saw some amazing new facilities built as part of the school-wide renovation project that took place over the past year. We were really excited to finally get access to our new Design Technology Lab & Workshop after watching construction take place last summer and through the fall. Our second-semester classes had a chance to get into some woodworking projects and other physical-build design challenges. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm of the budding builders, creators, designers and engineers in our grade 9, 11 and 12 classes. We will be welcoming a new crew of builders in the fall as we offer a grade 10 Construction Technology course for the first time at RHHS. Enthusiasm is high, and we had enough students sign up for this new course that we will be running three classes during the next year! Our senior design students will build on expertise we started developing this year with our digital fabrication equipment including our Laser cutter/engraver and our new CNC milling machine. This has been an exciting year for our program and the Tech community at RHHS, and we look forward to experiencing the creativity of our students in the fall!

Mr. Johnson





The Grade 11 physics students performed a laboratory where they measured the value of gravitational acceleration. The class did this by dropping a golf ball from different heights and timing how long it took to hit the ground. By plotting this data and modelling it, they measured a value of 9.94 m/s^2 . The currently accepted value is 9.81 m/s^2 . This is a percentage error of 1.3%, which makes the results of the class quite accurate!

As the graph shows, data is variable. The same can be said about any measurement of our accomplishments. Some days we perform well, other days not so much. You have a whole lifetime to collect data about yourself. Don't be upset about one "bad" result. Learn from the opportunity, persevere, and try again!



While working on our Resource Issue Campaign Assignment, one student went above and beyond to create this magnificent diorama! I am so proud of all of the students for their hard work this semester and have no doubt they will do great in Grade 10!

Mr. Guest

The picture below depicts a metre stick placed at the very edge of the desk, remaining perfectly stationary, that left students surprised and curious. As you advanced onward to your next great journey, may you continue to be inquisitive and continue learning!



"Physicists are made of atoms. A physicist is an attempt by an atom to understand itself" - Michio Kaku

To every graduating raider of 2022, we are proud of the journey you have made at Richmond Hill High School. Failure is not the opposite of success; it is all a part of the journey.

Best of luck and have a great summer! You have earned it!

Mr. Chan



What a year! Students have adapted to changes, overcome new challenges and developed resiliency skills! Our students have persevered through so much, learned important life lessons, and never failed to bring a smile on our faces- even underneath the mask! We are so proud of their accomplishments and growth. We wish our Grade 12 students success and want them to remember that we are only a phone call/ email away. We look forward to welcoming back our Raiders and grade 9 students. Remember to take time to unplug from technology and spend time with loved ones! Have a fun and safe summer break and congratulations on your hard work!

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. What an amazing experience it's been to be a part of the RHHS staff! As a new teacher in the building this semester, the kind and supportive community that is RHHS made me feel right at home. To my grade 9 students in English and Business, you are going to absolutely shine in anything that you do as you continue to grow. Be leaders in the school and have fun! To my grade 12 English students, the world is now yours! Take risks, be bold and remember that it's always okay to find a new path. The students I've met here have had to endure so many changes over the years and I am certain that they will continue to thrive and persevere. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Ms. Vanier

**"The future
belongs to those
who believe in
the beauty of
their dreams."**

Eleanor
Roosevelt



It's hard to believe the year is coming to an end! I feel so lucky to have worked at RHHS this past year. Day after day, I am amazed at everything you all do - students and staff alike. As an English teacher, I got to witness your creativity, empathy, and open-mindedness in all that we tackled. Supervising Greenhouse Club, you taught me, Ms. Fong and each other so much - both about plants, but also about being passionate and driven. As advisor for StuCo and Relay for Life, you showed me how we can continue to learn and grow, as long as we do it together. To 360 Kids and Social Strive, you display how support for one another and our community should always come first. Thank you to my amazing students for teaching me each day. Thank you to the warm and kind RHHS staff and admin for welcoming me into your community this year. I am so grateful to have met you all and I can't wait to hear what you all do in the future. I know that next year will bring even more incredible efforts!

♥ Ms. Mlotek

What a triumphant return to the stage it has been! Over the school year, I have been honoured to experience so many incredible performances on and off stage and am so proud of the students who took risks, told their stories and most importantly connected with one another. After a few very challenging years for everyone, it felt incredible to experience live audiences again, so we could celebrate the accomplishments of these RHHS students. The bond that was created over the past year will never be forgotten. Whether it was at Theatre Aurora performing Mamma Mia for a SOLD OUT five show run, bringing two different classes together to perform a piece at its core about understanding one another, or telling the stories of marginalized people for Remembrance Day in a truly collective piece, I am thankful for the opportunities this year has offered us to connect again in such meaningful ways. As my first FULL year at RHHS comes to an end, I am forever grateful to the students and staff who have made this school feel like home. Have a fantastic summer continuing to connect and being well, you've all earned it.

♥ Ms. Mann

The Ontario Business Educators' Association has announced the winners for the 2021/2022 Accounting Contest. In the grade 11 & 12 contests, Richmond Hill students scored top 3 in all of Ontario. The winners are:

Grade 11

1st - Erin Chin Lien Chong
2nd - Rachel Wu
3rd - Daniel Wu

Grade 12

1st - Nicholas Auyang
2nd - Isaac So
3rd - Belinda Wang



On Thursday, May 5th, the students wrote the University of Waterloo's Sir Isaac Newton (SIN) Exam. This contest is meant to be a challenge, with raw scores ranging from 20-40%! One of our students earned a top distinction. The Science Department is proud of Jeffrey Liu in Grade 11 who:

Scored the highest out of all students who wrote at RHHS

Scored within the top 200 contestants in the world, out of 1584 participants

Scored in the 90th percentile in Canada, out of 1022 participants

Well done Jeffrey! Congratulations to all the students who participated this year. We hope to participate in the contest again next year!

Raiders.

Congratulations on all your successes this year. To everyone leaving RHHS this year, we will miss you all and best of luck on your next adventure and remember to come back to let us know how you are doing. To those who are returning in the fall, have a fun and relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs. Dean

This year, one highlight was that my Grade 10 Business class participated in the University of Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition. Great news! Three students placed in the Top 10 and the entire class placed fourth overall, with the fourth best, class total score. I am proud of how all the students did!

Another highlight was teaching my Grade 10 STEAM Business students. I appreciated how they approached new tasks with an enthusiastic, positive attitude, and a willingness to think outside the box. Below is a picture of the STEAM Business & Computer Science group. Each student designed a logo to market the game they programmed in Comp Sci. After designing the logo, they cut the logo out on vinyl, and then heat pressed it onto their t-shirt. Way to go STEAMers!

Ms. Woo

To all you wonderful Raiders,

Well, you all made it through another challenging year of pivoting and adapting and adjusting to all the curve balls we have been through and you did it!! I am so proud of all of you for your perseverance and resilience, and for making it through to summer holidays!! I have enjoyed working with all of you, and I can't wait for another year with you!! I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Remember to spend time with friends and family, take time to relax, unwind and rejuvenate, and enjoy all the little moments. All the best to our graduates and any other students who are leaving RHHS for wherever life takes you next, and I am looking forward to seeing the rest of you in the fall!! Happy summer everyone!! :)

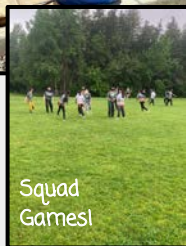
Ms. Doganoglu



Earth Day Community Cleanup



Celebrating
Victories!



Squad
Games!



Class
Mascot

Grade 9 Physical Education classes
Ms. Irving and Ms. Lachner



Our Egg drop competition is back! Students had a blast to see the fate of their egg package they have constructed which demonstrated important functions of consolidation and protection of packaging in marketing. Winning package was the lightest and sturdiest one of all.

This year in Marketing class showed innovative designs creating logos of their names as part of "Branding You" assignment. They used the Cricut Machine to cut out their logos and create vinyl adhesives they decorated our window displays. Students thought of concepts, shapes and images that represent their values, personalities and strength. They proceeded with a magazine front page design that featured them on the cover of their very own magazine highlighting their teen life, hobbies and interests. I was amazed to see the talented design ideas and self growth discoveries students had to make in a process of thinking of themselves as brands.

In another endeavour, gr 11 marketing students partook in creating radio commercials for our "Chocolate covered broccoli" radio ad using the Soundtrap program. They have developed unique and convincing scripts and recordings using cool sound and voice-over effects that impressed our guest speaker- Josh Rachlis, a professional copywriter and actor.

Students had a unique opportunity to get real time feedback by a professional in a creative field of marketing and were ranked in a competition for the best radio ad. The prizes were of unbelievable value - chocolate and broccoli bouquet for the three finalists. :)

Ms. Lefler

University of Waterloo top 200 In the World Winners Chem13 Contest

Darren Lo
Richard Yang

Taqi Ibrahim
Suyu Chen

University of Waterloo top 200 In the World Winners Avogadro Chemistry Contest

Avery Chan
Jonathan Cai
Mia Yao

Emma Yuan
Robert Jin

Congratulations to everyone who, despite the challenges being faced, found the strength and determination to make this school year a successful one. I am so impressed with the student body. The drive and motivation I have seen to be successful is inspiring for anyone who has faced an overwhelming and life-changing scenario brought on by the pandemic. I will remember all my classes who stoically, and perhaps even doggedly, worked diligently to achieve the academic success that truly reflects their potential - not only as academics but as individuals preparing to embark on their life journey.

Dr. Zsebk

5 quotes from 5 Beatles songs that Mr. Smiley suggests you listen to when you have the time:

"Doesn't have a point of view / Knows not where he's going to / Isn't he a bit like you and me?" - Nowhere Man (1965)

"And when the brokenhearted people / Living in the world agree / There will be an answer, let it be" - Let It Be (1970)

"And any time you feel the pain, hey Jude, refrain / Don't carry the world upon your shoulders / For well, you know that it's a fool who plays it cool / By making his world a little colder" - Hey Jude (1968)

"I need to laugh, and when the sun is out / I got something I can laugh about" - Good Day Sunshine (1966)

"Words are flowing out / Like endless rain into a paper cup / They slither while they pass / They slip away across the universe" - Across the Universe (1970)

This was a great year for the CS community at RHHS.

After two years of turmoil, we broke the YRDSB participation record at the Canadian Computing Competition, with 148 students registering to write it. Many RHHS alumni, currently in their first and second university years, came to visit and attested to RHHS's strong presence at post-secondary CS/SE/CE programs. The entire CS club exec team received offers of acceptance to the programs of their choice and we are very proud of their dedication to achieve their goals. We successfully run again the YRHacks hackathon, and our new Cheerio team programming competition, won in both division by our students. We also received a great news that our school came very close to earning the AP Computer Science Diversity Award. We are proud for closing the gender gap in AP CS, and we hope to make another step in this direction next year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone again in September to our constantly improving program. Enjoy your summer!

Mr. Grigorov



It's hard to realize just how much has happened over the last year until we sit down to look back with fresh eyes. From hybrid to remote, 25 hour period schedules that changed by the week, and now back to some kind of normalcy, we have been through a lot together. From students to staff to families, an immense amount of effort has been put into this year, and I am incredibly proud of all of us.

I consider myself very lucky to have my first full year of teaching (albeit as an occasional teacher) at RHHS. I walk the halls and part of me remembers every corner where I spent my time eating lunch as a student, or the classrooms that I was taught in. I share offices with my teachers as their coworker, and have keys to the rooms that I was never allowed into as a student. I supervise extracurriculars and clubs that I was once a part of. It has been a humbling experience, and has given me some wisdom I'd like to pass to the graduating class - the more things change, the more they stay the same.

With some luck, I will be back again next year - we have some incredible students that I hope to teach and see grow to reach their potential. I truly believe that RHHS is a special place, and part of me will always be here regardless of where I am.

Mr. Li



Life is like the sushi we make in class

There are some basic staples that you need:

Nori the literal bed of seaweed placed on a bamboo mat represents sleep the basic essential needed to hold it all together each and every day.

The sticky sushi rice could be a metaphor for water held together by strong polar bonds just as we are cohesively linked to this life-giving liquid.

The filling of the California roll represents our nutrition, we need variety and we eat with our eyes first. Appearance may first attract you but it's what's inside that really matters. Some days you might feel like an inside-out roll other days you might not.

The vegetables had to be cut just like you need anaerobic exercise to hold up against the rolling of life.

The rice was boiled just like you need to sweat while performing aerobic exercise. Adding seasoned rice vinegar to your rice is like replenishing the electrolytes you may have lost.

Rolling the sushi is an obvious metaphor for stretching your body, if the nori isn't supple it will crack.

If you overload the toppings on your nori you won't be able to roll your sushi. This speaks to time and resource management, we can't over-schedule ourselves and expect success.

A sushi recipe is like a to-do list, you read over the ingredients (what you need to do), and then one at a time you prioritize the necessary steps (tackle one step at a time).

The final product isn't always picture-perfect but the point is you keep trying to make it and there lies your mental health without which none of the sushi-making would be possible.

So take care of yourself and when life serves you up a side of wasabi, pickled ginger, or soy sauce always revert back to the basics of making sushi just like we did in class.

I wish you a happy sprinkling of sesame seeds to add flavor and colorful accents to your roll! Be well!

Ms. Stinson



Cheers to another wonderful year with the RHHS French Club. Throughout this school year, our student-led team organized a plethora of activities ranging from playing French board games, learning about French slang and texting, solving French riddles in a scavenger hunt, enjoying a French picnic outside, and more. At one point, our club even went online (during lockdown) but that did not stop us. I am so proud of our student committee and the leadership that they demonstrated. I am also blown away by the engagement and interest in our French Club this year! We are so excited to continue expanding our French club and instilling curiosity in the French language and culture within our RHHS community.

Mme. Fu

Congratulations to the Jr. Badminton Team for bringing home the YRAA banner! 2021-22 was a very condensed season, so the players worked extremely hard to improve their skills and prepare for the intense competition. Christine Chan and Ray Chen won bronze in mixed doubles and Jerry Jin and Rachel Wu won gold. Kayla Gao and Emily Jiang won silver in girls doubles. Charlie Song and Wilbur Chun took bronze in boys doubles. Dora Qian won silver in Open girls singles and Jason Li took silver in boys singles. Stella Tian and Meghana Kongara each took silver and bronze respectively in girls singles. It was an absolute pleasure to coach this fantastic group of dedicated athletes!

Ms. Lachner



Finn, an Australian Shepherd, is a regular at RHHS.



The Therapy Dogs Are Back!

Thank you to St. John Ambulance for sending their volunteers back to our school during the Equity Symposium. And thanks to all the RHHS volunteers who helped with crowd control.

Ms. Kim



"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."
~ Confucius

The Interacting with Children strand of the Working with Infants and Children course usually involves visiting daycare settings and gaining practical experience by guiding children in activities. Teachers have had to get creative with this component of the course over the last few years. In our class, we worked together to act as a preschool classroom. Students took turns in pairs or solo as teachers by planning and executing activities for their "young students." Here is the kicker- one or two students were assigned to act out by exhibiting normal, but challenging behaviour or tantrums. It was up to the teachers to resolve the conflict using the communication approaches we learned in class. Students learn by doing. They enjoyed the acting and playing, engaging their minds, bodies, and spirits in the activities provided by their peers. They also learned how challenging classroom management is to master. It was a leadership lesson they will bring with them into their futures.

Thank you for the amazing class at Richmond Hill High School.

Mrs. Lipson



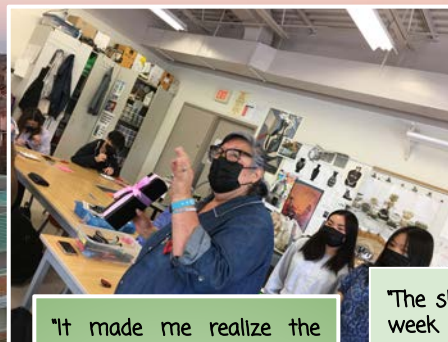
English Language Learners from R.H.S. frequent the Library Learning Commons' dynamic educational displays to find out more about our community outside the classroom. In this photo, Mr. Dang and Ms. Kertesz's ESL D class are hatching plans for a future ESL Café...stay tuned! Congratulations to all our ELLs who worked hard all year and deserve a well-earned break this summer! Keep reading!

Ms. Kertesz

Over 200 English students attended several different virtual creative writing workshops this year. RHHS alumnus Pardis Allakbarkhani inspired us with a selection of readings from her three books A Drink of the Caspian, The Siren, and For Pomegranates as well as leading us through a poetry workshop focused on self-empowerment. At the 2022 Festival of Literary Diversity students were enthralled by the Spoken Word Showcase and learned valuable lessons from Jack Wang about the creative craft involved in writing a short story in addition to the details that go into publishing a collection. Film producer Abdi Nazemian joined our class live from Hollywood to discuss what it's like to write for film and television and what it takes to build a career as a screenwriter; while Jesse Wentz mesmerized students with the stories behind his national bestseller Unreconciled: Family Truth and Resistance. We were also fortunate enough to meet with stage and screen actors John Jarvis and Marvin Karon in early June for a workshop on writing dramatic monologues. These were all wonderful opportunities for our students to explore the immense diversity in the Canadian publishing industry and to ask questions about the various pathways to success in the writing profession.

Mr. Pomakov

Kathy Morgan, a local Oak Ridges Indigenous artist, has become a regular visitor at RHHS this past year sharing her artistic skills, traditions, and culture with younger generations at Richmond Hill High School.



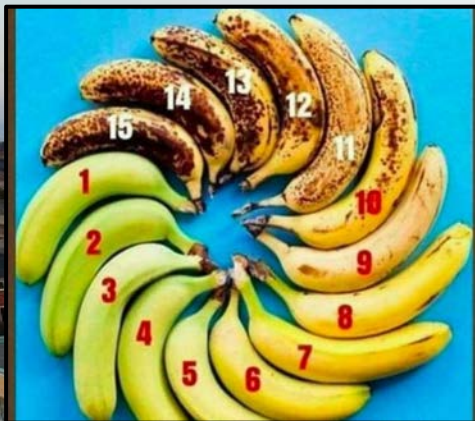
"It made me realize the truth from one certain side in her artwork she expresses the cultural theme of the First Nations people in which it has lots of meaning behind it. It also made me realize that the stories that are shared from Kathy are way different than the ones that are said to us in history textbooks, classes, etc. So it made me realize the full understanding on this concept from someone (Kathy) who relates and shares her life through her art."

Grade 10 Student

"The skills that she taught us last week in class that is what helped me understand the importance of tradition in Indigenous families and even all families! So, I went home and taught my mother and one of my sisters the beading skills I was taught in class by Kathy. I helped them practice them and now, like Kathy's grandmother maybe I can pass on this beading tradition in my own family!"

Grade 9 Student

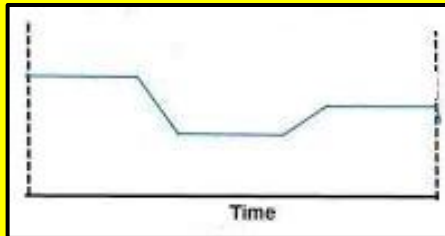




Which banana is best, and why?
(The correct answer is _____, obviously)

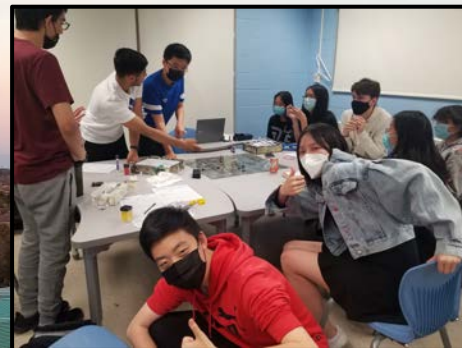
This was the opening question for our Grade 9s, and student responses were used in our Data unit. This year we had a new Grade 9 Math course, which, for the first time, included new topics such as Data, Coding and Finance. We also experienced other "new but old" things, such as in-person math contests and even OSSLI! Thank you to our RHHS staff and students for another fun year of learning. Congratulations to our graduates and I wish a safe and happy summer to all. Enjoy the break, as this year has been... well... a little bananas!

Ms. C. Park



It has been another year of many ups and downs. Everyone has been through their own series of highs and lows. In grade 12 biology we spent a week's time working with ups and downs of another type as we learned about the process of PCR (which took on a whole new level of meaning over the past two years). PCR undergoes a series of temperature increases and decreases in an effort to grow new DNA. Our classes were successfully able to explore this process and make new copies of one particular gene. After the crucible of the past year we will be able to look back at all of the things that have happened and say that we too have been able to grow. Congratulations Raiders.

Mr. Hazelwood



In Dungeons & Dragons, we:

- escaped from a collapsing sewer,
- fought a gelatinous cube,
- explored the vibrant town of Port Nasium,
- investigated the mysterious mist,
- survived a sea monster ambush,
- broke free from capture,
- teleported to a dream dimension,
- overthrew the evil mayor,
- ventured north to a city of ruin,
- traveled to a plane of sand,
- rested at a brawny inn,
- befriended a walking tree and an old man with a shovel,
- chased after a turtle-humanoid con artist,
- fixed a magical leyline,
- rode inside a metallic worm-shaped construct,
- separated a cursed dagger from an ailing arm,
- breached a fortress of ice,
- wrestled control of the world from the evil mayor, and much more.

Mr. Dang