# RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade 9 Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome all new students to RHHS for the 2018 - 2019 school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year and encourage all students to strive to do your best in academics, build good relationships and become active the many activities we have at RHHS to build a positive school community.

The 2018-2019 school year for all Grade 9 students and families begins Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 8:50 am. Please arrive early. There is no Registration Day. All school fees and timetable distribution is completed online. See below for the procedure.

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

Starting July 10th, parents can confirm that their child will attend RHHS and pay school fees through School Cash ONLINE. For payment details click the School Cash button on the RHHS website at: <a href="http://richmondhill.hs.yrdsb.ca">http://richmondhill.hs.yrdsb.ca</a>; and select the "get started today" button.

Timetables for the 2018-2019 school year will be sent out August 27th to parent/guardian email addresses and students' YRDSB Gapps account.

#### **POSSIBLE FEES:**

Activity Fee (\$50): Students who are interested in participating in any clubs, teams, competitions, school events or co-curricular activities are asked to pay the activity fee. This fee helps to subsidize all co-curricular events and allows our many councils such as Student Council, Athletic Council, Music Council and others to organize and run events which occur throughout the year. Such events include assemblies, dances, guest speakers, clubs and other student-sponsored activities.

Physical Education Uniform (\$45): All students taking Health and Physical Education are required to wear the RHHS athletic uniform for class. The uniform includes: one dry-fit long sleeve T-shirt, two cotton T-shirts and one pair of shorts or one dry-fit long sleeve T-shirt, two cotton T-shirts and one pair of track pants. Students receive their uniforms in Phys Ed class.

**Yearbook (\$31):** The yearbook will be a great memory of your years in high school. It chronicles events and activities which occur throughout the year. Students will receive their yearbook in June. Yearbooks must be pre-purchased.

**Student Price Card (SPC) (\$10):** The SPC gives students discounts to save daily on their favourite clothing, food and entertainment throughout the year.

### **GRADE 9 ORIENTATION DAY (September 4th):**

The first day of school will be for all Grade 9 students and parents/guardians only. This day will run on a modified schedule, providing students with the opportunity to attend their classes, learn about clubs, sports and supports available at RHHS. Students will get to know the school environment and connect with other Grade 9 students. Parents are welcome to attend in the morning.

#### IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION:

**Timetables:** Our Guidance teachers manage timetable changes and concerns. Procedures for this will be sent out with student timetables. Students will follow their assigned timetable in order to request a change.

**Lockers:** Your locker information will be sent out in a separate email to students' YRDSB Gapps account in the week of August 27th. Students are asked to use the locker that is assigned to them. Locks are provided by the school.

**Photo Day:** On September 13th, 2018 students are to have their photos taken. This will provide them with a student ID card needed to access the library, all school events and YRT student fares. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase school photos. A photo package will be sent home with each student who had their pictures taken on photo day.

**Home Contact:** One parental/guardian email address per student will support our ability to provide families with regular attendance reports and school information updates. Please ensure the school has current emails and residence addresses.

**Community Involvement Hours:** Did you complete community involvement hours over the summer? Please bring the documentation into the Guidance Office after the 2nd week of September. If you are unsure whether your hours qualify, see a guidance counsellor before beginning. Students may obtain "Completion of Community Involvement Activities" form from the Guidance Office.

**Summer Office Hours:** If you have further questions during July and August, you may contact the Main Office. Summer hours are Monday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note the office is closed from July 26th to August 6th inclusive. The office reopens Tuesday, August 7th. The Office is closed every Friday throughout July and August.

We look forward to seeing you and having you involved at RHHS. Best wishes for a positive and exciting year ahead as an RHHS Raider. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at debbie.linkewich@yrdsb.ca

Yours truly,

Debbie Linkewich Principal

