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# Palmer News ~ May/June 2019

### A message from the principal:

As we head into the final stretch of the 2018–2019 school year we are very busy here at Palmer preparing for the myriad of year-end events such as Grad 2019, award ceremonies, exams, and program planning for next year. This is also a time of transition when our Grade 12 students are preparing for life beyond Palmer and our incoming Grade 7 students are getting ready to make the big jump from elementary to high school. With all that is happening over the next several weeks it is very important for students to continue their focus on school work as there are exams, projects, and large assignments to prepare for and complete. Being well organized in this busy time will help to reduce stress and ensure success!

Please take the time to read the remainder of this newsletter to get a glimpse of all the wonderful things happening here at Palmer.

We encourage you to visit our website for updates on the start of the 2019/2020 school year and keep an eye out for information that will be mailed out to parents and guardians towards the end of August.

### Grad 2019 News

Members of R.C. Palmer's Graduating Class of 2019 are approaching what promises to be a very busy month of June. In addition to the demands of completing courses and exams, there are social events that take place to celebrate their Grade 12 year:



Palmer's **Valedictory Ceremony** will be on **Thursday June 13, 2019 at 7pm**. This formal school graduation ceremony will be held at the *Bethany Church* in Richmond (Hamilton). Grads receive their graduation ceremony certificate (not their actual Ministry of Education Dogwood certificate) as they walk across the stage. Scholarships and awards are also presented at this event. The students wear a graduation gown, stole and mortarboard cap, which are distributed at the grad rehearsal at the school on June 12th. Each graduate will receive 2 complimentary guest tickets (they do not need one for themselves). Additional guest tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 each from Palmer's Business Assistant from May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note – extra tickets are first come, first served.

Palmer's class of 2019 will be celebrating their **Grad Dinner Dance** on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019** at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel (1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver V6E 4R5) in the Point Grey Room. Grads and parents may arrive between 6:30 and 7:00. Parents are invited to stay from 7:00 to 7:30 for a Grad slideshow and toast. The Dinner Dance ends at 11:30 when all students will be bussed back to Palmer. Students will then either participate in our Dry Grad event or be picked up at the school to return home. Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of regular classes for students. The Palmer Carnival will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> as well.

**Dry Grad** will be at Palmer school from the time the students arrive from the Dinner Dance until 5:00 am Wednesday morning. A small group of parents have been organizing this event but they need extra help on the night of the event. Please email [palmerpac2018@gmail.com](mailto:palmerpac2018@gmail.com) if you are able to help with set up, supervision or clean up. This is a great opportunity for parents of grade 11 students to both volunteer their time and get a sneak peek at an event that will be happening for their son or daughter next year.

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Minutes of the final PAC meeting held on May 14<sup>th</sup> as well as minutes from all 2018/2019 meetings are posted on the [Palmer website](#).

### Richmond Virtual School – Summer School

Please visit [richmondvirtualschool.ca](http://richmondvirtualschool.ca) to register NOW for summer courses. RVS meetings are only twice a week at Palmer from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### June 24th to June 27th

Palmer's last day of regular classes for students will be Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be regular classes in the morning and our Palmer Carnival in the afternoon. Teachers will be available from June 21<sup>st</sup> to 27 for "I" Removals (completing work) and exam/assessment prep. Report Cards will be posted online on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.

## Graduation Numeracy Assessment

The **June GNA Assessment** sitting will take place for **ALL GRADE 10s** on **June 21, 2019** from **8:30am-11:30am** in the computer labs. The Graduation Numeracy Assessment is now a Grade 10 assessment. It is mandatory for all Grade 10s to write this.

## Griffins that Give

The hard working volunteers of Griffins that Give have been busy this season, helping out in the local community once again. Palmer students volunteered to sell Jeans Day Buttons, raising funds to provide critical support to the programs and services provided by BC Children's Hospital. This year, we've raised almost four hundred dollars! Griffins that Give members also participated in the Children's Art Festival on Family Day, providing both young children and adults a day full of fun and excitement. Students were also able to help organize the Easter Eggstravaganza, which is annually held at South Arm and Steveston Community Centre. Some of our more dedicated volunteers have willingly signed up for volunteering opportunities during the spring and summer. Griffins that Give members believe in volunteering even when school is out! What a wonderful way to show Palmer Pride! In addition to providing volunteer opportunities within the local community, Griffins that Give is now also providing members with long-term volunteer opportunities, which can be used to expand students' resumes. These are powerful opportunities for your children to make connections in the community, which will help develop workplace skills. Additionally, Griffins that Give would like to express our gratitude to Andrew Xie and Zakiya Abdulaziz, our head executives who will be graduating this year. They began as grade 8 members, inspired to participate in the opportunities presented at Griffins that Give and as executives, they became indispensable in their contributions to the club. We wish them all the best in their future post secondary studies! It was also wonderful to have the help of our grade 11 executives, Mika Iwai, Teresa Wu, and Cindy Zhong. We look forward to seeing our Griffins in September when we begin Griffins that Give once again!

## Our Medal Winning Music Department!

The Palmer Grade 8 Concert Band received GOLD (above 90%) after performing with grade 9 bands in May 2019 at Kwantlen University in Langley at the KPU International Music Festival.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Palmer Choir and Jazz Band on their performance trip & adjudication sessions at the Cantnado Whistler Festival in April 2019. The Choir scored a SILVER, and our Jazz Band scored GOLD! Thank you for all of your hard work, Palmer Musicians! Well done!!

## Exciting Palmer Happenings

Please see our website for updates on some amazing performances by our students in various events.

## Dates to Remember

Please check out our WAAG (Week at a Glance): [Week At A Glance | Palmer Secondary School](#)

## Helpful Websites

Palmer Web Site	<a href="http://palmer.sd38.bc.ca/">http://palmer.sd38.bc.ca/</a>
Career Centre	<a href="http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/">http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/</a>
Richmond School District	<a href="http://www.sd38.bc.ca/">www.sd38.bc.ca/</a>
Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/">www.gov.bc.ca/bced/</a>
BC Coalition of PACS	<a href="http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/">www.bccpac.bc.ca/</a>
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## Palmer June 2019 Career Centre Newsletter

Career Centre Website for MacNeill and Palmer:

<https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/y4q4m6k/Pages/default.aspx>

Facebook Page Ms. Mayer Career Centre:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Mayer-Career-Centre/333673583360594>

## **GRADE 12's**

**Most university application deadlines have passed**, but there are a number of institutions still accepting applications. Please book an appointment with Ms. Mayer, the Career Advisor, if you require assistance.

**Offers of Admission:** Grade 12 students, who have applied to a university/college for entry in Sept., are reminded to regularly check the institution's secured student website/portal for new messages. Many sites require students to use the Identification Number that was noted on their confirmation letter or email, along with a password. These sites contain important details regarding: transcript submission, self-reporting, admission offers, course pre-requisites, registration, deadline dates, contact information, grades, etc.

**Accepted your offer of admission - now what? -** Make sure you follow your post-secondary school's instructions exactly and pay your deposit to confirm acceptance. Many colleges and universities offer workshops for new students, these workshops will teach you about:

- First year course planning
- Registration "how-to's"
- Tips for success
- Campus Services

Students in selective entry or trades programs are encouraged to book an appointment with an educational advisor or attend a program-specific information session. To find out where and when these sessions take place, log into your student account or visit the Career Centre.

**Post-Secondary Course Registration Dates** - Students are reminded to check their college or university student account to find out the date and time they can begin registering for courses.

**Students should have completed their on-line Student Transcript Service Form:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>. The deadline to complete this form for *interim marks* to be sent to post-secondary institutions has passed. Students who missed this deadline may have to submit a hard copy of their grades to each institution. Please see your counsellor or career advisor ASAP for assistance.

**Applying for a student loan?** Student Aid BC Applications open in early June 2019. Please note – the process for applying for a student loan has changed. Students are encouraged to visit the StudentAid BC website now and view the step by step instructions on how to apply through this new process :  
<https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/how-to-apply>  
process:

**Lots of Scholarship Deadlines coming up!** - Remember to Check "[Ms. Mayer Career Centre Facebook Page](#)" or the Scholarship section of her website, [Ms. Mayer Career Centre Website](#) for recent additions and up-coming scholarship opportunities.

#### **GRADE 11's:**

If you are planning to attend a USA post-secondary institution after graduation, make sure you are familiar with, and have met, all the admission requirements. Many USA institutions begin accepting applications as early as Sept of your grade 12 year. It's also a good idea to register for and to write your SAT/ACT admission exam during your Grade 11 year. This allows enough time to have your scores ready for your fall application. You will need your school code to register for the following tests: Palmer Code: 821315

SAT - <http://student.collegeboard.org/>

ACT - <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

#### **GRADE 10 & 11's**

Now is the time to begin looking at opportunities to help you prepare for your future! Arrange for a post-secondary tour over the summer. Get involved in leadership, volunteering and work opportunities. Remember, these opportunities also count towards scholarships.

#### **Helpful Links:**

**Volunteer Opportunities** – Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) - All Richmond students should contact this group to access student volunteer and leadership opportunities: <https://www.rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms>

Contact: 604.279.7020, Location: #190 – 7000 Minoru Blvd. Richmond, BC

**Service Canada Youth & Student Employment:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/opportunities/student.html>

#### **School Tours:**

BCIT: <https://www.bcit.ca/tours/>

Capilano: <https://www.capilano.ca/programs--courses/get-started/visit-capu/>

Emily Carr: <https://www.ecuad.ca/admissions/meet-us>

Douglas : <https://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/office-for-new-students/request-a-campus-tour>

Kwantlen: <http://www.kpu.ca/future-students/campus-tour>

Langara: <https://langara.ca/admissions/campus-tours/index.html>

VCC: <http://www.vcc.ca/connect/student-recruiters/tours-request-form/>

SFU: <http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours.html>

UBC: <https://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/campus-tours-events/campus-tours/>

UVic: <https://www.uvic.ca/home/about/campus-info/tours/index.php>

#### **Up-Coming Events:**

##### **MAY 29/19 - HMCS (Her Majesty's Canadian Ship) Discovery Presentation -**

Time: 6:15pm - Where: HMCS Discovery I Stanley Park.

Members of the crew from HMCS Vancouver will be conducting a briefing on their deployment next year at HMCS Discovery. Students are invited to attend to learn about what life is like in the Navy while at sea on a deployment. The presentation will take place at 6:15PM on Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at HMCS Discovery, Stanley Park. Arrive 15 minutes early to be seated prior the start of the presentation.

**Jun 1 - Camp Ignite 2019 - deadline to apply --** A free four-day camp for girls in grades 11-12 (ages 16-18). This camp offers an introduction to firefighting. Participants will also learn about fitness, nutrition, health and teamwork. The camp runs from August 8-Aug 11/19. Details and application at: <http://campignite.com/>

**For details of all upcoming events, including scholarship opportunities,** please see Ms. Mayer Career Centre Website, calendar of events:

<https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/y4q4m6k/Pages/default.aspx>