



SEPTEMBER 4TH TO 8TH 2023

Monday Sept 4 th	Tuesday Sept 5 th	Wednesday Sept 6 th	Thursday Sept 7 th	Friday Sept 8 th
LABOUR DAY	First Day of School Homeroom and Grade 8-12 Assemblies	Regular Classes for Semester 1 Begin ABCD	ABCD Fall Athletics Begin	ABCD

Welcome Back to RC Palmer – School Year 2023-2024

Looking forward to welcoming all our Palmer Community back to a new year of schooling! We welcome Ms. Chen, our new counsellor, Mr. Driscoll (Resource), Ms. Liang (Home Economics), Ms. Parmar (Science), Mr. Pao (Biology/Math), and Ms. Riddell (Drama/CLE). We also have Ms. Xu joining our EA team.



School Consent Forms – Please Return to the Office As Soon As Possible

Students will receive a YELLOW Technology Use/Communications Consent Form. This form needs to be signed by both the student and their parent/guardian.

Students will also receive a BLUE Student Medical Information Verification Form. It is very important that this information be kept up to date and accurate in case of an emergency. If any of the information on the form is incorrect, please make the necessary changes right on the form. These forms need to be signed and returned to the Block A teacher or to the office.

Personal Learning Time – Wednesday and Thursday – starting next week, Wednesday 13 September

Teachers, departments and administration will design a [Personalized Learning time](#) schedule. Details regarding signing up can be found at the link above and assistance will be offered in the lounge during the PLT sessions next week should a student struggle to sign in. Schedules may not yet be up and running, so please wait for next week before signing in. During PLT time, the school is open to all students, and teachers are onsite.

Students will have access to teachers and departments, and a place/space to engage in their learning individually or collaboratively. It is critical that supports such as ELL, resource, etc., are made available to learners during PLT. A range of personalized learning opportunities might include (not an exhaustive list): Cross curricular and/or project-based inquiry; Enrichment and learning support for individuals or small groups; Additional learning support to vulnerable learners; Enhancing language acquisition for ELL students across the curriculum; Reflection and self-assessment of the Core Competencies.

RC Palmer Secondary students and parents will be able to use the my school day app.

Palmer continues to go paperless with a digital agenda for all members of our community. This app will allow students to keep track of their classes, their homework, and it allows the office and teachers to push notifications to students. The app also consolidates our social media accounts so you can keep track of our posts in there. The app allows the school flexibility in the scheduling of events this year and allows for notifications to reach our community quickly in the event of sudden changes. We encourage all students and their families who have access to the app to download it. You can search for "My School Day" on the app store on your phone/tablet, or go to <https://myschoolday.app/download> on your mobile device, there are direct links to the Apple/Google store pages for the app.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sep 12	Collaboration Day – Alt Bell Schedule
Sep 12	PAC Meeting – 7pm
Sep 13/14	PLT (Alt Bell Schedule)
Sep 14	Grade 8 Day
Sep 14	Clubs Day
Sep 14	PRIDE Rally
Sep 15-17	Rosh Hashana
Sep 21	Gr 12 Post Secondary Mtg (6:30pm)
Sep 21	Meet the Teacher Night (7:00pm)
Sep 21	Incentive Parent Meeting (7:30pm)
Sep 22	Professional Development Day (school not in session for students)
Sep 23	Kol Nidrei
Sep 24-25	Yom Kippur
Sep 25	Langara Presentation at Lunch
Sep 26	Evacuation Drill
Sep 26-27	Mawlid-al-Nabi
Sep 27	School Photos
Sep 28	Kwantlen Polytechnic Presentation at lunch
Sep 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Labour Day – Monday September 4th 2023

Labour Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. Labour Day has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.



First Week Bell Schedule

8:30 – 8:40	Homeroom
8:40 – 9:50	Block A
9:55 – 11:15	Block B
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:50	Block C
12:50 – 1:35	Lunch
1:40 – 3:00	Block D

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

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