



# **SPOTLIGHT ON PALMER**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025  
7:15 PM – 8:30PM**

## **WELCOME TO SPOTLIGHT ON PALMER**

THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF PALMER INVITE YOU TO SAMPLE A BIT OF WHY WE LOVE TO WORK AND LEARN HERE. THIS SPECIAL EVENING HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF SOME OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL. TAKE SOME TIME TO SEE THE DISPLAYS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ENTERTAINMENT. FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND PARTICIPATE.

Above all, enjoy sharing in our Palmer Pride!

**THANK YOU  
FOR VISITING R.C. PALMER THIS EVENING!**

**~ ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ~**

**Thank you to all the R.C. Palmer Staff and Students who worked to create this evening's displays and performances.**

**Our Palmer community respectfully acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əḥ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we learn, teach, and live.**

**EVENTS & DISPLAYS**

<b>6:30-7:15PM</b>	<b>Grade 7 Parent Information Meeting</b>	<b>Small gym</b>
<b>7:15-8:30PM</b>	<b>SPOTLIGHT ON PALMER</b>	
	<b>DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT</b>	
	<b>Fine Arts</b> – The art rooms will be open to walk through and see work created by our talented artists from semester one.	<b>Rooms 132, 133</b>
	<b>Drama</b> – An open house rehearsal for the Jungle Book in the drama room.	<b>Open Rehearsal in Room 137</b>
	<b>ELL (English Language Learning)</b> - The ELL department will be sharing how the different ELL learners learn at a secondary school. Information about the different levels and courses offered will be provided. We will also have some examples of student's work for a peak into what we do in our ELL classrooms!	<b>Room 136</b>
<b>7:15-8:30PM</b>	<b>English</b> – English is a core component of the student's academic program while attending high school. Palmer's English Department enjoys working collaboratively and enjoys fostering a love of reading. We keep up to date with the ministry of education's core and content competencies and we aim to focus on the student's individual learning needs regarding writing, reading, and oral speaking skills. There will be a collection of various resources used at each grade level for parents to peruse near room 102.	<b>Outside Room 102</b>
	<b>Modern Languages</b> – Come to the Modern Languages Gallery featuring student work from our French, Spanish, and Japanese classes in the South Lounge! This is a great opportunity to see what happens in our language classes and what students will learn here at RC Palmer Secondary. All Modern Language courses are offered at the beginner's level to upper-level courses, with many exciting opportunities to experience language and culture between grades 8 to 12!	<b>South Lounge</b>
	<b>Music</b> – The RC Palmer Concert Band, Choir and Jazz Band have won multiple awards locally and nationally. The Senior Jazz Student-directed Mentorship Group "Treble Makers" will be playing in the Fine Arts foyer.	<b>Fine Arts Foyer</b>
	<b>Resource</b> – Come meet the learning resource teachers and check out our space! We have three different programs available to meet the needs of our diverse learners. If your child has an IEP or works with their elementary school learning resource teachers, please come see us.	<b>Room 126</b>
	<b>RVS/RAIL Makerspace</b> – The RAIL Program is for grades 8-10. This is a blended, project-based program that is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful in the post-secondary education and in the rapidly changing workplaces they will encounter. The RAIL Makerspace is a setting in which students can gain a deeper, comprehensive cross-curricular connection to our new curriculum. A Makerspace purpose is to provide a space for students and educators to grow and share knowledge, access tools, and collaborate. The space will be developed in a way that allows students to explore complex problems through the design thinking process and come up with a collaborative approach to solutions. RAIL students develop creative, innovative, analytical, critical thinking, and collaborative skills, which help them to explore empathy, take risks and develop the technical skills using both low- and high-tech tools in the prototyping process. There will be a live demo at 7:20pm in Room 131.	<b>RAIL MakerSpace 131 Demonstration @ 7:20</b>
	<b>Richmond Virtual School</b> – RVS offers programs and courses which aim to provide innovative, blended courses which address the needs of students in terms of flexibility, quality and personalization. Visit <a href="http://www.richmondvirtualschool.ca">www.richmondvirtualschool.ca</a> to learn more!	<b>RAIL MakerSpace 131</b>
	<b>Science</b> – Visit the science wing to witness our students in action as they engage in the intricate and educational process of dissection.	<b>Room 106</b>

7:15-8:30PM	<p><b>Social Studies</b> – The Social Studies Curriculum will allow students to develop their inquiry processes and skills to interpret, analyze and communicate their findings and decisions. Course content includes the development and function of our political institutions, political and economic ideologies, our changing identity and autonomy, conflicts, and discriminatory policies as well as Canada’s economic development and our role in the global economy. Emphasis will be placed on First Peoples governance, and truth and reconciliation. Stop by to see our Social Studies display highlighting some of the dynamic work created by our amazing students here at Palmer!</p>	<b>Outside Room 102</b>
	<p><b>Yearbook</b>– The Palmer Yearbook Students will be promoting the yearbook. Come check it out!</p>	<b>Room 133</b>
	<b>CLUBS SPOTLIGHT</b>	
	<p><b>Canto Club</b>- We aim to spread awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the Cantonese culture. We are creating a sense of community for Cantonese and non-speakers while allowing exchange between cultures and further communications in Palmer.</p>	<b>Lounge</b>
	<p><b>RCP Christian Club</b>- Connecting Christian students and anyone who wants to learn more about Christianity. Students from all cultural and religious backgrounds are welcome to join us as we discuss Christianity and related topics in a safe and inclusive space.</p>	<b>Lounge</b>
	<p><b>Computer Club</b>- Welcome to the Palmer Computer Club! You are all welcome here no matter your skill level. For beginners we offer to teach python while developing your basic skills. For experienced coders, we will prepare you for the CCC competition. Our club is a supportive community for everyone. We can also provide translation in Mandarin and Cantonese. Bring your curiosity and enthusiasm, we hope to code together with you!</p>	<b>Lounge</b>
	<p><b>Dragon Boat Club</b> - Quantum Blue Dragon Boat is a youth team based in Richmond, Palmer Secondary. The team's best quality is its inclusivity! It is a co-ed, multi-grade team that is open to all skill levels, making it a welcoming environment for beginners or anyone looking for a friend! Quantum Blue was established around 2008, and it was the pioneering youth dragon boat team in the Richmond School District with a rich history of regional competition success. Due to challenges five years ago, and the following global COVID pandemic, the team was discontinued. In April 2023, Quantum Blue made a strong comeback, renewing its commitment in promoting teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship among our young students. The team continues to challenge itself to push its limits, often beating its own personal bests and bringing home medals and awards on multiple occasions. With a team like Quantum Blue, team members will experience the fun and competitive charm of dragon boat like no other!</p>	<b>Lounge</b>
	<p><b>Drama Club</b> – Drama Club meets weekly at lunch to build community, play drama games that build student confidence, and organize performances for school events. Performance will be ongoing starting at 7:30 in the South Lounge. Come check it out!</p>	<b>South Lounge</b>
	<p><b>Eco-Team</b>-R.C. Palmer Eco-Team is a student-run club based in R.C. Palmer Secondary School. The club aims to encourage environmental sustainability through eco-friendly events and collaborations with other high school Eco-Teams across Richmond. It manages a greenhouse and several plots of plants within Palmer.</p>	<b>Lounge</b>
	<p><b>First Responders Club</b> – This club provides medical emergency coverage to Palmer Secondary students and first aid education to interested students.</p>	<b>Lounge</b>
<p><b>Foreign Film Club</b> – The Foreign Films Club encourages students with a passion for cinema to join group discussions regarding films from all over the world! We explore how culture affects storytelling and expand our knowledge of diverse perspectives through analyzing and discussing movies.</p>	<b>Lounge</b>	
<p><b>Grad Committee</b> – Grade 12 Executive gathering to foster connections, plan grad activities, and fundraise for events.</p>	<b>Palmer Central</b>	

	<p><b>Living Beyond the Horizon Club-</b> The Purpose of Living Beyond the Horizon is to provide scientifically accurate information and education around mental health topics, encourage conversation, and work to erase the stigma about mental disorders.</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>Math Club</b> – Come find out about Palmer’s award-winning Math Clubs! Every year, numerous keen and inquisitive students join this club to expand their mathematical knowledge, and to hone their problem-solving skills by tackling challenging competition-style math questions. We annually take part in several well-known and highly respected math competitions, including at the regional, provincial, and national levels. Our students often do very well on these competitions, and Palmer has earned many individual and school math team awards over the years. Come test your problem-solving skills at our booth and perhaps earn a prize!</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>Multicultural Club</b> - Multicultural Club’s main goal is to promote diversity and inclusion. You will learn more about different cultures and understand them. There will be many activities from watching videos, trying presentations, making food, watching movies, serving the local community, etc. You can get volunteer hours as well if you do presentations, exec work, preparation, or fundraising. Hope you all will enjoy the multicultural club!</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>Rainbow Club</b> – The rainbow club aims to provide a supportive environment for students who identify as LGBTQ2S+ or as allies. To help create a more LGBTQ2s+ inclusive environment at Palmer.</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>Rubik’s Cube Club</b> - Students attend weekly meetings and connect with each other while exploring the fun of Rubik’s cubing. We provide a friendly environment for students to collaborate and learn about Rubik’s cubes together. Students can choose to attend meetings to learn from the beginning or improve and build on Rubik’s cubing skills. We look forward to participating in official World Cube Association (WCA) competitions together to develop as a group.</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>Strive 4 Impact-</b> is a club aimed to foster meaningful connections within the Palmer Community. Strive 4 Impact offers opportunities to get to know one another and help foster a true sense of Palmer Community. Our overall goal is to create a more inclusive space for all students at Palmer.</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>Student Voice Club-</b> Through integrating student voices with RC Palmer, we aim to support our community by providing opportunities for discussion featuring special guests, e.g. teachers, professors, counsellors etc.</p>	Lounge
	<p><b>The Helping Hands Club-</b> The Helping Hands Club is dedicated to giving back to the community by assisting with various events and initiatives. Our mission is to provide members with meaningful volunteer opportunities that allow them to make a positive impact while gaining valuable experiences and skills. Through our efforts, we aim to foster a strong sense of leadership and community spirit.</p>	Lounge
7:45-8:15pm	<p><b>Incentive Information Meeting</b> -Incentive Program is a cross-grade, cross-curricular program designed to challenge highly motivated and capable students to reach their full potential, so that by the time these students enter Grade 12, they are well-prepared to take on the rigors university preparatory courses should they so choose, and eventually to move on to university or college. Although the focus of the program is to develop academic excellence within our students, a wide variety of other important personal developmental areas are also embraced, including opportunities for leadership, outdoor and physical education, and community service – all designed to advance the student’s mental, physical, and social development. At this information meeting, interested students and parents will hear more details about the program, including important aspects of the application process for Grade 7 students who wish to enter the Incentive Grade 8 class this September.</p>	Small Gym