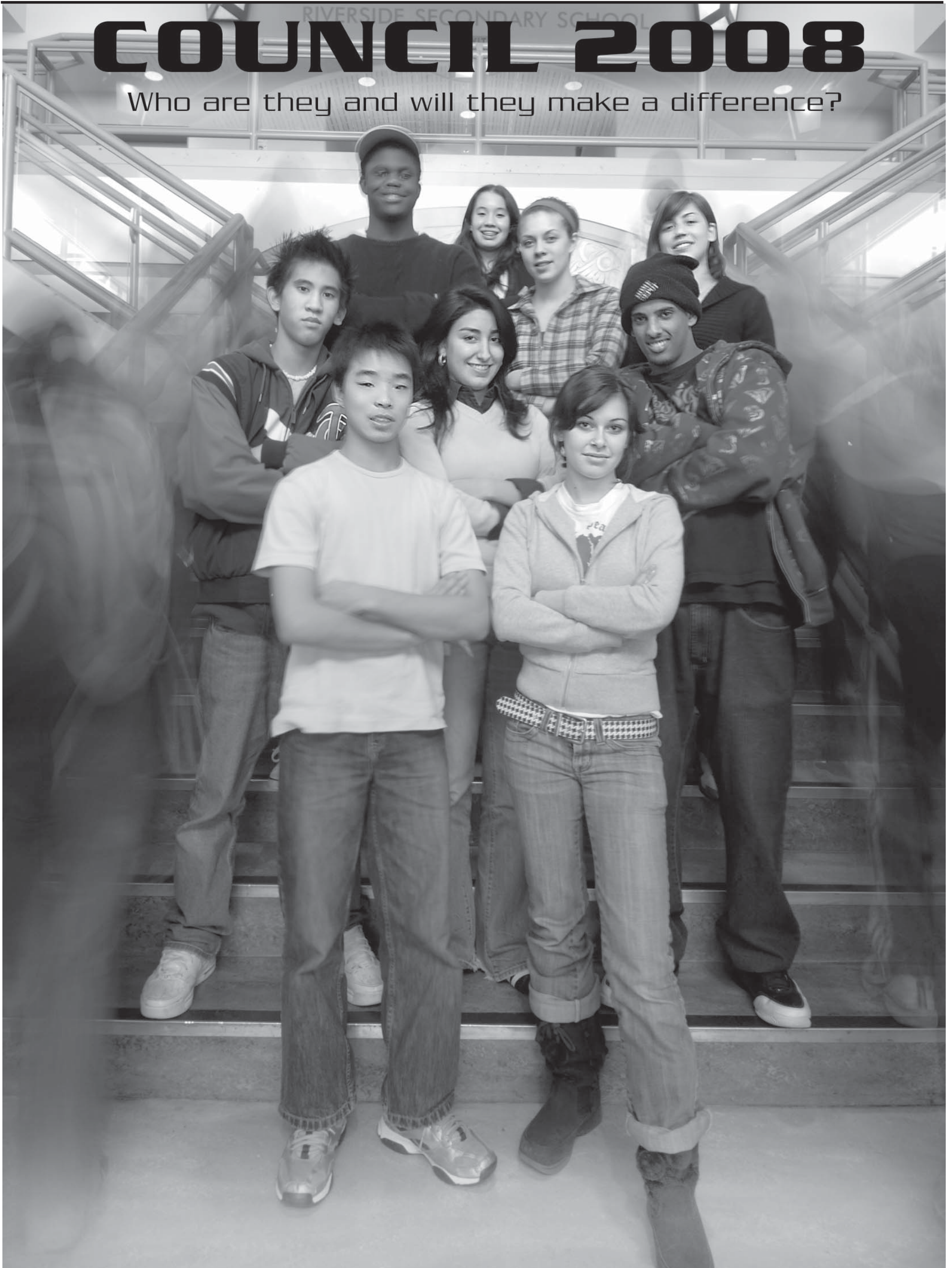




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Who are they and will they make a difference?





# Tests overrated

Megan South-Flett - OpEd editor

It is an old debate among students, teachers and parents alike; what is more valuable for the education system, the practice of schooling or educating? The two may sound very similar but the difference between them is integral. To begin, schooling is not the same as educating and vice versa. Schooling is what many students experience in their day to day classes; it is the academic side of learning that the government has decided is appropriate for class assignments and testing. Whereas educating is the actual learning experience, and for the most part it is not laid out by government officials or the board of education, but depends on the motivation of individuals and the environments provided by educators.

There are quite a few concerns for the testing and grading techniques used in schools. In response to collective complaints, American students have created a website, *Students Against Testing (SAT)* which is devoted to eliminating the SATs from the American education system. American students are unhappy with the kind of knowledge that the SATs measures. [www.nomoretests.com/why.html](http://www.nomoretests.com/why.html) claims that tests hinder learning and are a one-dimensional teaching tool, focusing too much on what is scored rather than the knowledge which is gained. This is supported by research done by Vancouver school trustees, who see testing as an instrument of discouragement for students; the goal becomes earning the highest score at the cost of real understanding.

Classes should ideally be taught at an in-depth level, involving discussions, research, and a proper demonstration of learning. An A is nothing special if the student behind that grade knows nothing but superficial information quickly forgotten. Because of testing, students tend to focus only on their grade, not what they're actually being taught. And with this being the goal, information only lasts long enough for the test. The definition of education is the development of skills of perception, judgment, and the ability to become life-long learners.

So what will be the most valued achievement when the time comes to leave school? The grades will of course be looked at when applying for post secondary schooling; however what is a student who's has no grasp of knowledge?

## The verdict is in

Judgment day is upon Riverside. The first dance of the year has come and gone, and the question remains: will the dances remain part of the school's culture, or will they simply cease to be? For those hoping for the former, there is some good news to be heard, students may have just passed. "I'm impressed with the student body. They stepped up," said vice principal Ebenal when asked how she found behavior of students on the night of October 24. Not only were tickets sold out, but students were following the dance etiquette outlined during the grade assemblies earlier in September. Though not giving too much away on the fate of whether dances are 100% in the safe zone, Ms. Ebenal did imply a positive outlook for the fate of future events.

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## POINT COUNTER POINT

### Teens have too much freedom



ERICA GROSSET  
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It's midnight, you're driving home from work and on your way you see three groups of teenagers. How can anyone help but think, "Why are they out so late?" We've all heard of these teens committing crimes and trouble at all hours of the night. Where are their parents? It's a common phenomenon to see young people with what seems like unlimited freedom.

It seems nowadays that some parents give their teens too much freedom. For most parents, they seem to be able to set normal restrictions for their children, but some parents are extremely

passive. They let their children do whatever they please and don't get involved until major problems arise. These teens grow up without any guidelines or limits on behavior, resulting in zero responsibility and a lack of social skills.

The thing that most teenagers don't realize is that they do in fact want some kind of discipline so they feel that their parents care about them, their feelings, and their future. Ironically, excess freedom is more destructive than restrictions. Too much freedom leaves the teens with the attitude that they needn't care if their parents don't. Because of media, and other adults freely expressing their opinions about teens who frequently misbehave, even teens are starting to reflect on the behavior of their peers.

Statistics indicate that 91% of teens, think adults would describe

them as rude, and 65% think they would consider teens dishonest. It's clear that even teens themselves know they have a bad reputation.

In extreme cases, parents will not even step in when a life altering issue comes up. That leaves a lot of people wondering if teens will end up straightening themselves out in later years, or be doomed to repeat poor behavior because they simply don't know any better.

Let's face it. Life is too dangerous out there for teens with apathetic parents. Teens need structure. They need to depend on this structure for support and reassurance. Order provides security. In a time when hormones are raging and teens are trying to develop their own individual personalities, the last thing they need is the stress caused by irresponsible parents who won't take responsibility for their kids.

### Teens don't have enough freedom



TAYLOR CAMPFIELD  
COLUMNIST

Teens don't have enough freedom, and it is showing. Teens are pushing against the boundaries that their parents set up for them, causing stress and conflict. Teens should have some boundaries, but parents are making them too restrictive. We can't go around tied to our mothers' apron strings forever.

The world certainly can be harsh, and our parents are right to shelter us to some degree, but they are too protective with curfews, rules on where we can go and what we

can see, and who we can be friends with. They metaphorically keep us on a leash tied to a tree in the backyard like a dog.

Our parents are too afraid to let us go see certain movies, because the sexual scenes might be too suggestive. Growing and maturing involves trust. If teens aren't trusted how can they make their own proper decisions? If parents were to try giving teens a chance to go out at night, or go on a real date, take the bus downtown with a couple of friends, nine times out of ten, they wouldn't be disappointed. But when my mother talks about the amount of freedom that she had when she was a teen, I shake my head in wonder. If she had that amount of freedom, where did she learn to keep me on such a short leash with rules, curfews and restrictions?

The common ways for a teen to express her emotions is shouting matches with her parents. "You just don't understand!" is a common phrase, when parents try to lay down curfew restrictions.

Our parents are constantly telling us to take charge of our own destinies, with lines like "What will you do when you're living on McDonald's salaries?" They tell us to take responsibility for our actions, but they are also constantly trying to do that for us with the way they attempt to make all our decisions. They have to make up their minds. What exactly is it that they want from us? We can't be two people at once.

Our parents have to let us go. Freedom gives teens opportunities for growing and maturing. The sooner we have that chance, the better.



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# Down by the Riverside

## What's something you would change about Riverside?



Chelsea Sarglepp - Grade 10

"I don't like how you're not allowed to hug other people."



Lisa-Jane Hayfron - Grade 11

"I don't like how you can't dance to express yourself at the school dances."



Kaitlin Pelletier - Grade 9

"I wish we had a longer lunch break."



Kyle Packham - Grade 12

"Lower paper usage by the students."



Sarah Peters - Grade 9

"I would lower the food prices in the cafeteria."

# Luongo predicted to be MVP of the year

## Slow starting, Jekyll and Hyde Canucks try to win the division title

Holden Grant-staff reporter

It will be a question answered in mere months as the Canucks chase the treasured division title for a second straight year, something they have only won five times in 37 years of existence. Led by Roberto Luongo, who in the opinion of many Canucks fans should sky-rocket above Kirk McLean's 211 wins, the franchise record. The Canucks will have to work hard to get their third division championship in four years. Due to lack of free agency activity last year by the Canuck's management, this season will be more of a challenge than last year.

Canuck defense will be challenged this year as Calgary locked up their sniper Jarome Iginla former Rocket Richard Trophy and added former first overall draft pick in Owen Nolan, and the Avalanche then was able to pick up top defender Scott Hannan and aggressive scorer Ryan Smyth who led the Oilers in goals with 31. Rumors have been

afloat these days as Peter Forsberg is a free agent. Naslund has been rumored to have had talks with his Swedish friend, and big sports stations such as Sportsnet and TSN have both quoted "Two places Forsberg is very likely to play in are Vancouver and Ottawa."

That is good news if you are a Canucks or Senators fan because "Peter the Great" has recorded 623 assists in 11 years. He has also been a recipient of the NHL's MVP award and has played in multiple all-star games. It has been announced that he would play in a tournament in Finland and possibly sign on to an NHL team afterwards.

It will be a very evenly matched up Northwest Division this year, much like the past four years. The

standings should look something like this: first place will be Colorado, second Vancouver, third place Minnesota, fourth place Calgary and last place will be the Edmonton Oilers.

Canucks fans have been comparing this team to the team that took Vancouverites on an emotional rollercoaster in the playoffs 13 years ago. With Cook physically and mentally playing the other team's top players, he is contributing much like last year.

The Sedins have been living up to their potential these past two years, altogether combining for 311 points. Compared to what they had done in the past four years by recording just 277 points.

Kesler or Burrows are primed to break-out of their funk; especially

under head coach Alain Vigneault's microscope is Ryan Kesler who makes 1.9 million a year. With fans still buzzing about Roberto Luongo's 47 win season, which is tied for second on the all-time list for most wins in a single season.

As other teams fans snicker at the thought of the Canucks using their 25<sup>th</sup> pick in the draft this year to pick speedy forward Patrick White, the situation was the same in 1978, when speedy five foot nine forward Stan Smyl was drafted by the 'Nucks and amassed 262 goals and 673 points in 13 years as a Canuck, nine of them as captain and he is the only Canuck with his jersey number hanging at the rafters of GM Place. As for Jeff Cowan, he shouldn't get any better than last year's point scoring streak and the 7 goals he scored for the Canucks last season couldn't be more important as they were most of them being goals that shifted momentum or

go-ahead goals. His physical play should be emphasized this year as he gets to work with a team with more punch and grit in its line-up.

Naslund and Morrison haven't quite silenced their critics this year; Nassy on pace right now for 57 points and Morrison who has eight points in 13 games played and Mo, still working on his 525-game-plus Iron-man streak, if he can stay healthy for a few more seasons the record for most consecutive games played at the NHL record belongs to Doug Jarvis the ex-Montréal Canadien who played with 964 games before retiring with the Hartford Whalers, in that streak Jarvis won four Stanley Cups, all of which came with the Canadiens.

Things are looking up for the 'Nucks in their third season of hockey since the lock-out of 2005. While Naslund tries to break his streak of three years of declining points, the Canucks are trying to have another year of post-season action.

**Two places Forsberg is very likely to play in are Vancouver and Ottawa.**

-Internet quote



# Religion not as important as it used to be?

Elliot Kim-staff reporter

Our world seems to be becoming more secular all the time. Religion, especially for youth, may not be the influence in their lives that it was for the previous generations. What effect does religion have on young lives and how does it affect Riverside students?

Young people often turn to religion to provide meaning to their lives. "I think that 'spirituality' or the recognition that you are body, soul and spirit is the first step towards faith, and meaning on a level beyond the physical," said teacher and Christian club (H2O) sponsor, Sharon Lotter.

According to various websites

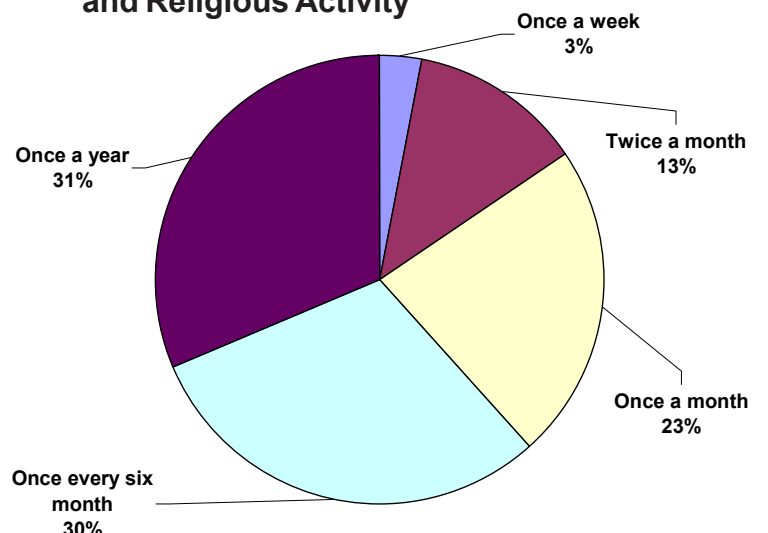
like Meridian, Christian Century and Youth and Religion, going to church or participating in a religious activity are likely to help a teenager in the development of a social and individual character.

According to the survey which Christian Century had taken recently, 82 percent of students who attend church on regular basis have a lesser chance of getting suspended or expelled from school. 43 percent of students said that they never smoked a cigarette and 49 percent of students said they had never gotten drunk, finally 70 percent of students said they never tried marijuana.

Also according to Christian Century, 61 percent of grade 12 students who never go to church say they have used illegal drugs in the last 12 month, compared to 39 percent of students who are active in religious activity weekly.

The Eddy took a random sampling of Riverside students (250) to chart how active they were in religious activities such as going to church, attending gatherings of a religious nature or praying. Three percent of students attend church once a week, 13 percent attend twice a month, 23 percent attend once a month, 30 percent attend once every six months and 31 percent attend once a year.

Riverside Students and Religious Activity





# McArthur rows to victory in National Cup

Tori Dove - staff reporter

Riverside math teacher, Erica McArthur, won gold in the 2007 Dragon Boat Canadian National Championships. Canada came out on top in the international competition with a grand total of twenty three gold medals with Germany in second place with seven.

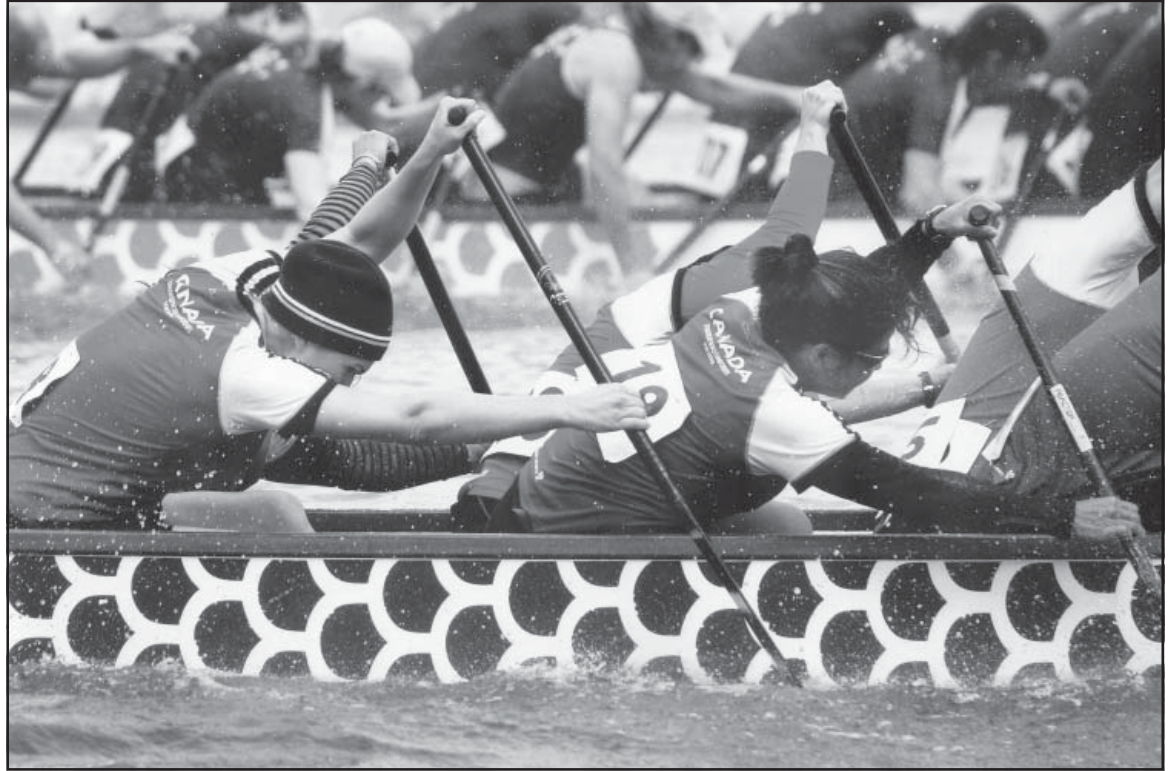
McArthur started kayaking when she was sixteen years old. When she heard about Dragon Boat racing from some close friends she decided to give it a try, and with her background and experience in kayaking she enjoyed early success. Before she knew it she was flying to Sydney, Australia to compete against sixteen other countries.

The Nationals in Sydney are not the only competitions for which McArthur took home medals. In the War Canoe competition, McArthur won two golds, two silvers as well as two bronze medals. It takes great strength and

determination to win a gold medal so McArthur doesn't take her competitions lightly. "When I am training for a competition there is a strict schedule I have to stick to," said McArthur. She trains twice a day followed by cool down time in the gym. It is very important to her to get lots of sleep and eat healthy; she even visualizes her game plan with her teammates before competitions.

McArthur feels nervous before a competition and relief after, but during the competition while she is rowing she feels her adrenaline urging her muscles to work harder and she's determined to do her best for her team. "It was such a rush to see Canada's flag raised and to be awarded that gold medal; there's nothing like it," said McArthur.

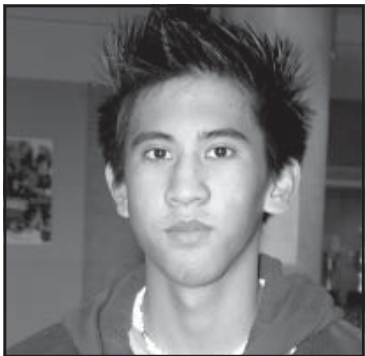
Countries that attended the championships were China, New Zealand, United States, Germany, Russia, Canada and Japan.



Erica McArthur (left) rowing to fourth place in an earlier Premier Mixed 200m final.

photo submitted.

# The new faces of student council 2008



Jeff Adolfo, Gr 12

**Why did you join council this year?**

"I want to see what student council is about, to try and make a difference. Since last year, I've become more involved in school and out of school, volunteering, so I wanted to take a step up into Student Council."

**What do you think is the single biggest problem facing youth today?**

"They don't communicate their feelings or opinions. They wait for the next person to say something, assuming they will be their voice."

**What aspects of school do you find most rewarding?**

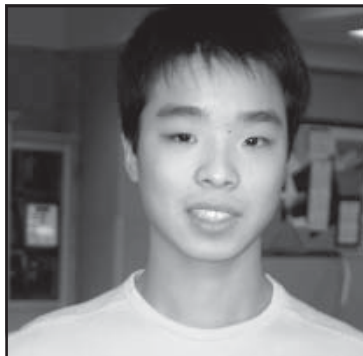
"Everything. Not all kids are fortunate enough to go to school."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**

"I plan on attending either UBC or SFU to get into the business program and major in accounting, then study to become a chartered accountant."

**Realistically, what do you think your chances of affecting change are?**

"Depends on how hard we work. Anything can happen when you put your heart into it."



Patrick Wong, Gr 12

**Why did you join council this year?**

"I to make a lasting impression, a positive impact on the school in my last year at Riverside."

**What do you think is the single biggest problem facing youth today?**

"Students either have too much or not nearly enough self confidence. I'll address this problem as a member of council this year by bringing in various speakers from different backgrounds to the school, as well as encouraging more or less self confidence in others daily."

**What aspects of school do you find most rewarding?**

"Gaining knowledge, meeting new and different people, getting an idea of problems that you may face later on in life and how you can deal with them."

**What changes would you like to see in student life?**

"More student involvement with the school and community, building a better sense of citizenship, as well as more students striving to be the best that they can be."



Leigh Selden, Gr 11

**Why did you join council this year?**

"I decided to join this year because I think it's important to have a person who will step up and voice opinions on their own view on the grade level they are in, and to be able to take other fellow students' views."

**What do you think is the single biggest problem facing youth today?**

"What to do after high school!"

**What aspects of school do you find most rewarding?**

"Performances in drama. I love the energy you can get from a crowd."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**

"Right now, University (UBC) or maybe Cap College or even Emily Carr."

**What's one message you'd like to give to teachers?**

"Don't give up on students no matter how terrible they are, because they are the future like it or not!"

**What are you reading right now?**

"Angel and Demons by Dan Brown and Hey Nostradamus by Douglas Coupland."



Joseph Ohiobo, Gr 11

**Why did you join council this year?**

"I joined the council this year because I am looking to become a leader in this school, and I figured the student council was an appropriate way to do it."

**What changes would you like to see in student life?**

"I like the way the school's day to day life is setup, but I would like anyone who wants change to come to me."

**Who are some of your personal heroes?**

"My parents."

**Leno or Letterman?**

"Letterman."



Shannon Knight, Gr 10

**Why did you join council this year?**

"I joined student council because I wanted to contribute and give back to the school. I want to be involved in school and help people."

**What aspects of school do you find most rewarding?**

"Completing goals, socializing, getting to know people, and being involved."

**What changes would you like to see in student life?**

"I would love to see more connections between all different students. My goal is to see more people reaching outside their comfort zones."

Survey responses not received in time from council members: Ania Salehi Rad (coordinator), Sirak Gebresellasie, Stephanie Labbe, and Kate Olszewski

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# Student teachers or super heroes?



Frank Sun

Sulmas Mosleh-staff reporter

Student teacher, Frank Sun is starting off his academic teaching career by helping Mr. Brown and Mr. Luongo teach three classes: Science 9, PE 10 and Physics 11. Although Sun has been teaching lifeguard training for eight years, teaching hasn't always been his first ambition. Being Spiderman was his childhood dream, but as a profession, he said that the more time he spent with kids, the more he realized that he wanted to be a teacher.

Mr. Sun thinks that the kids here are great, there's a good sense of community, the staff is awesome and he likes the "push in technology." Mr. Sun enjoys riding his motorcycle, snowboarding, wakeboarding, volleyball, basketball, and his favourite: shopping.

In his class, Mr. Sun expects the student to participate and just try their best and just have fun.



Becky Nicolson

Selena Banser-staff reporter

Becky Nicolson is no stranger to Riverside. Her father, venerable math teacher Robert Nicolson, retired from Riverside last year. Her mother is also a teacher at B.C.I.T., and Ms. Nicolson also attended Riverside and graduated in 2002. She was inspired by her parents' careers.

Becky Nicolson was in French Immersion as a student, but teaching FSL so far, has been a different experience. She said while she was a student all of her friends had fun FSL projects to do, while she was always stuck with hard grammar. She had most of her classes in French while she was here, so all of her favorite teachers are in the French department.

Ms. Nicolson enjoys teaching at Riverside, and she finds it easier because she was a student here.



Darren Susin

Holden Grant-staff reporter

Darren Susin came to Riverside as a teacher because of his grade 12 English teacher, Mr. Horne who worked at Garibaldi Secondary who inspired him to pursue a career in education. Mr. Susin is now an English teacher. "My life inspirations are my parents, and I couldn't have gotten where I am today without them.

"Teaching at Riverside has been a great experience so far," said Susin. He listens to such bands as, *Explosions in the Sky*, *TV on the Radio*; *Do Make Say Think* and *Sigur Ros*, all post-rock bands. His hobbies include hiking and listening to music. His favourite place to hike is Mt. Baker National Park because of the nice lakes and the scrambling, a hiking-term which means to ascend a rocky face or ridge. Susin's lifelong goals are to travel and to hike. Two things Susin cannot live without are music and mountains.

# Pitt River administration gets a makeover

Bryn Frayne-staff reporter

In late September each school year Pitt River middle school hosts a school wide Terry Fox run. The week of the Terry Fox run, both the students and staff collect money for the Terry Fox Foundation.

In previous years of fundraising the school had been good but this year teacher and Fox Run organizer Stephanie Deccio decided to create an incentive for the fundraising effort.

Mr. Dennis Shannon, the vice principal, and new principal Mr. Carey Chute offered to dye their hair. They would dye their hair so that the students and staff would challenge themselves to raise higher amounts for the Terry Fox foundation.

They offered to dye Mr. Shannon's goatee

if the school could raise \$500; Mr. Shannon's goatee and hair for \$1000; Mr. Shannon's goatee, hair, and Mr. Chute's hair for \$1500; and the choice of color of dye for their hair for \$2000.

In the one week the students and staff had for fundraising they raised \$1790 dollars. Because of the \$1790 the school raised, the principal, Mr. Carey Chute, and the vice principal, Mr. Dennis Shannon, had to get their hair dyed and Mr. Shannon had to also get his beard dyed. Il Destino in Port Moody offered to dye Mr. Shannon's goatee, hair, and Mr. Chute's hair to help support the Terry Fox Foundation. The students succeeded in raising much more this year than in previous years for the Terry Fox foundation, "The kids did a great job," said Chute.



Pitt River Middle school vice principal, Dennis Shannon, and principal, Carey Chute, smile after getting their hair dyed to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

# Rapids gear is back in style

Tori Dove-staff reporter

Mr. Rothenburger's Entrepreneurship class has decided to keep the Riverside clothing tradition alive. Karly Belanger, Kirsten Armstrong, Victoria DaFoe, Layton Aguiar, Kevin Heart, Brandon Fisher, Andrea Bucko and Sarah Patterson all assisted in the creation of the Rapids clothing line, which come in an assortment of colors and styles.

The class is aiming to put the clothing on sale on Monday, November 5, 2007 in the school store The Wave, the gym and in the main foyer. There is an assortment of clothing including sweatshirts, long shirts and backpacks.


The students have been working hard to come up with creative and classical designs for the clothing. "We just really wanted to make the Riverside design look classic and clean cut," said Karly Belanger. The logo design is somewhat of a university/Ivy League style and is very classic looking.

The Entrepreneurship class wanted to



Entrepreneurship students Andrea Bucko, Sarah Patterson and Karly Belanger model some of the new Rapids gear.

keep the clothing line tradition alive and to help out the graduating class of '08 with their graduation party. One dollar of every grad sweatshirt sold goes to the graduating class. "Riverside clothing is a classic and the Entrepreneurship class just wanted to keep up with the tradition," said Kirsten Armstrong. The designers used a website that assisted them in creating ideas for the classic Riverside designs and logos.




## Robert Watson

Taylor Campfield- staff reporter

Robert Watson is a Canadian Nationals team gymnast. He has made the team for four years in row now, and has been on TV twice for his skills, once on Perry's Prospects, and once on the news.

He trains 24 hours a week, during six four-hour training sessions, at the Richmond gymnastics association. His skills are pretty obvious to his P.E. class when they do their gymnastics unit. He even occasionally does flips in class. "I hope to make it to the Olympics one day," Watson said.

Watson has changed gyms several times because of his schedule with his youth group, and school. He has to juggle his gymnastics schedule with his grade nine

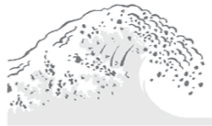


Robert Watson

classes, and sometimes he has to leave school early, because of gym, but he has a tutor who helps him keep up with his studies.

Watson took a trip to China for two weeks this summer, for competitions, sight seeing, and a special training program. "China was hot," said Watson. He has also traveled to other destinations, including Edmonton this past summer.

His gymnastics demands will increase as he gets older and he puts in more hours a week. He has to miss school often for his busy life but not only is he excelling on the gym mat but Watson is also excelling in his academic life which qualifies him for this issue's Rapid of the Month.



# Ashcroft barn raising provides real world training

Megan South-Flett - staff reporter

During the second weekend of October, Daniel Collett and a handful of students from both his regular classes and the House Construction course, travelled to Ashcroft BC, where they began to build a 36 by 36, two story barn from scratch. These students did not go to help complete a work in progress; they began to build this two story barn from the foundation up.

The idea behind this whole trip was for the students to experience a very unique hands-on experience, "It was a real life situation, applying the knowledge learned in school for the real world," said Collett.

For students **Matt Campbell, Pat Hay, Brad Confrey** and **Stephen Lanegraff**, not only was this trip a unique learning experience, but it was also a memorable one. Collett couldn't be happier with the performance of the students. "The ranchers thought we would only complete so much in so little time and our guys pulled through and were able to complete a lot more



**Matt Campbell cuts a 2x6 for the barn's crossbeam.**

than they thought we would," said Collett. "Life is like a box of chocolates, this trip was one of the good chocolates," said Pat Hay.

"The students performed great when building the barn and were very enthusiastic, and as the weekend moved along they got more confident. The students really have the potential to become good craftsmen even though it takes years of experience to become one," said Collett.

The average day for these budding carpenters was to wake



**Matt Campbell, Pat Hay, Stephen Lanegraff, and Brad Confrey all listen to House Construction teacher Daniel Collett as he explains the first steps of the Ashcroft barn raising.**

up in the morning, gather some firewood for the log cabin, and eat breakfast before taking the four minute drive which would bring them to the construction site. The project was set at a comfortable pace where the students would do what they could, without too much

pressure. Work would end at approximately 5:30 p.m., when it started to get dark.

Collett has been working in this field for 30 years and says that this group is really great and should be capable of anything if they set their minds to it. When asked if

there would be any future plans for another possible trip, Collett said that there will be another opportunity next semester. "As long as there is a good mix of passionate interested kids, I wouldn't hesitate to do the trip again," said Collett.

# Art Club designs Riverside in the Hundertwasser style

Bryn Frayne - staff reporter

Last year Janice Schmidt's Art Club and Dan Collett's Stagecraft class created a model of Riverside in the style of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. The Art club chose Hundertwasser because he is a celebrated artist in Europe.

Hundertwasser was also chosen because he is both an artist and an architect. The common themes in his work are a rejection of the straight line, and instead bright colours, organic forms and a strong connection to nature. Since Riverside's architecture is almost

the opposite of those themes it was decided to use Hundertwasser's style to "redesign" Riverside.

Collett's Stagecraft class built the model. Hundertwasser's style posed some practical problems for the students who had to build the unorthodox model. "Creating a form to make the roof wavy, connecting straight walls to a wavy roof, while directing students to do it all was a challenge," said Collett.

The Art club designed the model and painted it. It took the Art Club seven months to finish. Once a

display case is completed the model will be featured in the library.

The Art Club has tentative plans to decorate the pillars in front of the school next spring. All are welcome to participate. Also they are planning to have an art show auction. The money they raise will be donated to SEGA for the school they are building in Kenya, and to the art department to help purchase supplies.

The Art Club meets every Friday after school in room 106. The art club is a drop in club, and is open to all grades.



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**Created in the style of European architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser the Hundertwasser model is the Art Club's interpretation of Riverside**

# Riverside's Halloween dance survives test

Security and police presence encouraged students to have fun at the Halloween dance.



Chrystal Calderon, Tiffany Rennick and Kristina Morgan laugh and smile as they wait for the dance to start.



Megan South-Flett - staff reporter  
**REVIEW**

Flashing lights, moving bodies and rhythm all around, Riverside's first dance of the year was simply amazing. Throughout the past few years all that was really heard about the dances was the mayhem which went on; fights, drinking, lots of grinding. This Halloween dance was nothing like what I expected it to be.

The doors opened at around seven that night, with each student going through a mandatory frisk from one of the security workers, (slightly uncomfortable but understandable). The coat check was excellent; a student would be assigned a number and would record the number of items dropped in. The system was organized and well monitored, I was impressed.

Decorations fitted the event nicely; nothing was over done or too busy for the eyes. Coloured tissue paper covered the lights giving a neat multi-coloured affect,

and the phone booth decked out in cobwebs. "Quite entertaining, I enjoyed it myself," says Mme Mannavarayan, who helped supervise.

And the dance itself, wow, I'm a bit sorry I hadn't bothered with the previous ones until now. Everyone was gathered around the center where the DJ was, and it was a sea of moving bodies. Out of the entire night I saw maybe two or three couples dancing a little too close for the new dance expectations, but that was it.

The music was a bit iffy in my opinion; there could have been a bit more variety in the genres instead of songs that had sort of same beat to them, but other than that I have no complaints.

I'm sure some rumors will be circulating about the night of the 24, but overall it was an improvement from what was expected, here's hoping administration thought so too.



# Halo 3: new weapons, new cars, better graphics

Callum Beales - staff reporter

It has been called the *Star Wars* of this generation, and is one of the most popular video game franchises of all time. With the release of the third installment, *Halo* shows no signs of slowing down.

*Halo: Combat Evolved* was released on November 14, 2001. It was released as a launch title for the original Xbox. It introduced a new control scheme for console first person shooters, by using the left analog stick to move the character and the right analog stick to look around. *Halo 2* further refined the games, introducing new weapons, vehicles, enemies and abilities. But *Halo 2's* biggest addition to the franchise was the online play. With the near instant matchmaking system, a player could be playing a game with up to 16 people a minute after turning on his or her Xbox.

*Halo 3* was released on September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:01. Over 1 million people lined up for up to ten hours waiting for the midnight release.

*Halo 3* is the final game in the trilogy and is supposed to tie up all the loose ends from the first two games. With improved graphics, further weapon balancing, and more new vehicles, and a new group of weapons called equipment or deployables. These, deployables are not really weapons, they are a kind of power-up. With things like the power drainer, which, as the name implies, drains people's health, they are not supposed to be a win button, but are meant to change the battle for a second that will hopefully give the player the advantage he or she needs to win.

Another new feature is saved films. Like an instant replay of your game, you can edit it and take screenshots from your movies. Bungie (the developers of *Halo*) have set up their website to allow a player to upload his or her videos and screenshots to their website via Xbox live.

The graphics have a subtle beauty to them; they aren't smack-you-in-the-face amazing like *Gears of War*. But on a nice HDTV they are very impressive. The sound direction is very well done. The epic orchestral scores fit with the game play and moments almost perfectly. The sound effects really add to the game play, with an echo battle sound that is incredible the first time you hear it. If the player is in one valley, and there is fight in the next, the player will be able to hear guns being fired and explosions

spinning front blades that are capable of destroying almost any vehicle in one hit.

Fulfilling

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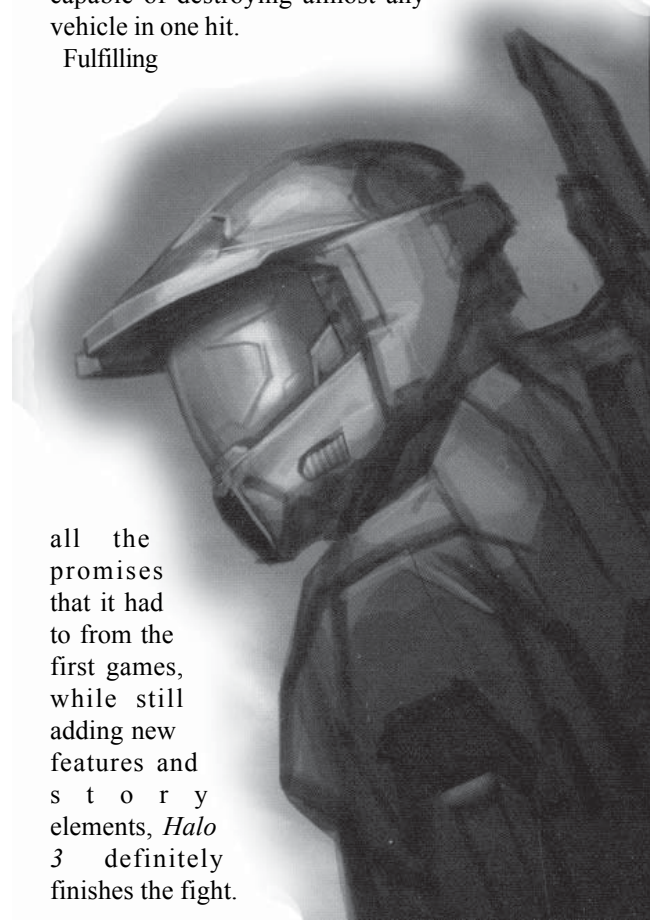
**-Xbox 360 stats**

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going off in real time.

Not fighting the Elites (the first two *Halo's* main enemy) this time around was refreshing, and the brutes, who were in *Halo 2*, have improved artificial intelligence that makes them fight as a pack, which makes them very interesting to fight.

The brutes have also brought new weapons and vehicles with them into *Halo 3*, and frankly, the brutes really like blades and spikes. The spiker, which is dual-wieldable, shoots hot spikes (as the name implies). As for vehicles, the chopper, a motorcycle type vehicle, with a couple



all the promises that it had to from the first games, while still adding new features and story elements, *Halo 3* definitely finishes the fight.

## MEDIA REVIEWS ★★★★★

# Resident Evil: Cheap thrills

Callum Beales - staff reporter

*Resident Evil: Extinction* is the third installment in the movie series. Based on the popular action-horror video games, *Resident Evil* takes place in post-apocalyptic Nevada. A man-made virus has spread throughout the entire world, turning most of the population into flesh-hungry zombies. **Milla Jovovich** stars as Alice, a young woman with a clouded past and strange physic abilities.

This is not a movie for the faint of heart; it's filled with cheap scares and gore. This movie has some very impressive big budget

special effects such as the murder of infected crows attacking the survivors, and at one point, the sky is totally covered by fire.

The acting is mediocre, the lines seem kind of forced and the dialogue is cheesy, but that's kind of expected in an action movie of this type.

The action sequences are very well done, the zombies aren't the greatest fighters yet when one of the surviving humans is killed by the zombies. The movie tries to make it a big event.

At one point, some of the survivors die and there is a burial service, but it's too early in the



movie for you to really have an attachment to the characters.

If you want a fun action movie that has its moments, this is your movie. If you're looking for a serious horror film, you will be disappointed.

## After: fact or fiction?

Tara Macklin - staff reporter

Increasing numbers believe that school is not a safe place for teens. Lately, it seems as though it's more and more dangerous, considering the Virginia Tech shooting and the increasing numbers of gangs and drug use in our own city.

That is why *After* by Francine Prose is such a chilling fictional account of school shootings, metal detectors and a place called Operation Turnaround.

The story starts at a high school called Central. Fifty miles away a school shooting takes place. Eight students and teachers are killed not including the three students who participate in the shooting

and then turn the guns on themselves.

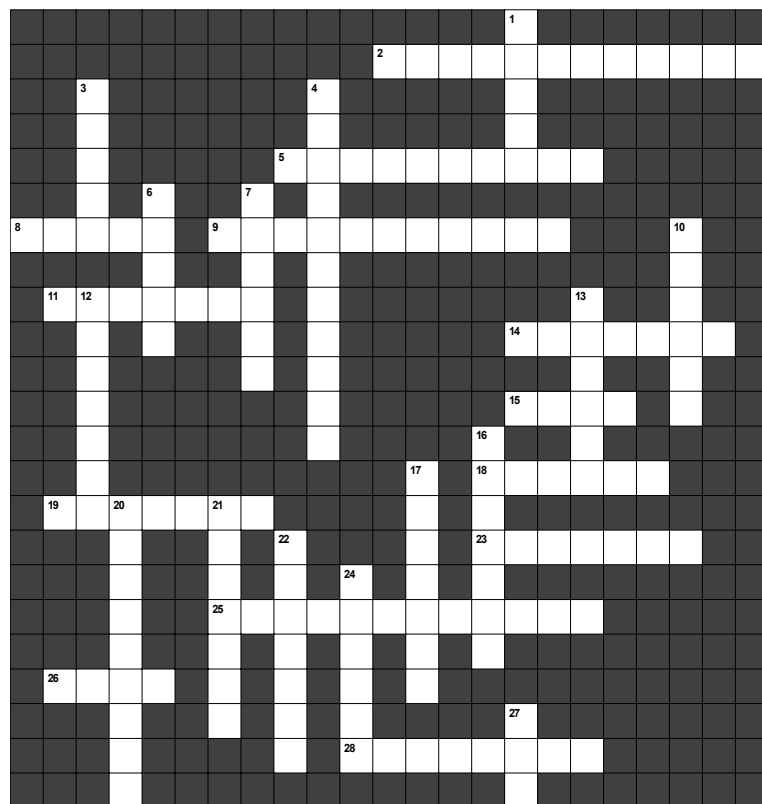
Soon Central students receive a guidance councilor named Dr. Willner who turns the school into a prison. Central has metal detectors, security guards and a list of rules that is about as long as a text book.

Students start to disappear, to a place called Operation Turnaround. Once there teenagers are secretly brainwashed into being obedient children. Those who don't obey are killed.

The reason why this story is so chilling is because of the all too frequent school shootings all over North America. It is an excellent



book that makes you wonder about how safe school really is.



## Riverside Theme Crossword

Drop off your completed puzzle in Mr. Pope's mailbox for a chance for a free lunch

### ACROSS

- 2 Rapid of the Month
- 5 Here's to you \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Cafeteria food you can get every day
- 9 Name of intramurals team
- 11 Grade 9 class that Ms. Yorke teaches
- 14 Teacher that teaches tech-ed
- 15 Number of principals Riverside has had
- 18 Female VP
- 19 Grade 12 class that Mr. Hackett teaches
- 23 The school paper
- 25 Teacher that runs the recycling club
- 26 Teacher that teaches in room 221
- 28 Band teacher

### DOWN

- 1 Mr. Larrivee's room is full of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Captain of the boys soccer team
- 4 Editor in chief of the paper
- 6 Teacher that runs the Yearbook class
- 7 Mr. Brown's first name
- 10 Teacher that teaches in portable 4
- 12 Gym teacher
- 13 Number of years Riverside has been open
- 16 Advertisement on the sports page
- 17 Teacher of Lit.12
- 20 Meeting spot for emergency
- 21 Art teacher with black hair
- 22 Former principal
- 24 Riverside \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 Popular brand girls wear

## Rapids second in the district and post a strong FV playoff

Bryn Frayn - staff reporter

Riverside Secondary's undefeated season came to an end on Thursday, October 9, 2007, in a showdown between the only two undefeated teams in the SD43 district. The boys lost with a final score of 2-1 to Port Moody Senior Secondary. Riverside's only goal came from forward/midfielder **Matt Rosenlund**.

Riverside defeated Heritage Woods by a score of 3-0 to end their regular season play. Riverside's three goals came from **Dustin Wallington**, **Matt Rosenlund** and **Corey Nightingale**.

Helpers came from **Davin Haigh** and **Evan Sinclair**.

In Riverside's first local play-off game against Dr. Charles Best, whom they beat 5-0 in their only game in the regular season, the lads managed a 1-1 tie. Riverside's only goal came from **Evan Sinclair**, with a helper from his brother **Braden**.

In Riverside's second game in the

playoffs they played Centennial. In their only previous game this season against the Centaurs Riverside defeated them 2-1. In their playoff game Riverside defeated Centennial 3-0, with goals coming from **Corey Nightingale**, **Brad Bruniski**, and **Josh Viegas**.

At the end of Riverside's regular season, Riverside finished second overall, only behind undefeated Port Moody Senior Secondary.

Riverside lost their first match in the Fraser Valleys against Tamanawis secondary 2-0. "The boys have a high level of skill, but need to be more cohesive as a team and get more offence" said Coach Mario Luongo about the loss.

In Riverside's second match in the Fraser Valleys against Semiahmoo Secondary they won 3-2. Riverside was trailing 2-0 late into the game, when **Davis Wallington** scored, and **Davin Haigh** scored on a penalty shot to tie.

The game went into second



**Matt Rosenlund and Davis Wallington plan strategy for free kick against Centennial. Rapids won three playoff matches before finally losing to Sardis 5-1.**

overtime, when **Corey Nightingale** scored the winning goal to keep Riverside alive.

Riverside won their third FV playoff match against Yale Secondary of Abbotsford. Rapids had two goals by **Josh Viegas** in

the first half of the game and dominated play.

Unfortunately, Yale scored twice in the second half to send the game into overtime, which went without score. The game went to a shootout for a decision. **Ryan Boyle**, made

three incredible saves while **Davis Wallington**, **Corey Nightingale**, **Josh Viegas** and Davin Haigh scored to give Riverside the win. The boys season ended, with a 5-1 loss to Sardis Secondary. The only goal came from **Davin Haigh**.

## Bright future for young Rapids

Sulmas Mosleh - staff reporter

Riverside's field hockey team made another great effort on their last game of the season on Tuesday October 9, 2007. Playing against Pinetree Secondary, **Alanna Kendrick** scored a penalty shot which was the last point, with one minute left in the game. It was a tie with a score of 1-1. The field hockey team has tied 3 games, won 1 game and lost 4. This team of 16 girls, 11 on the field and 5 on the bench, played for 6 weeks, meeting 3 times a week. Usually for 1 game and 2 practices.

Their games are 1 hour each, splitting into 30 minute halves, and their practices being 1 hour-and-a-half long after school.

Although the team didn't make



**Alana Kendrick takes control of the ball during a game against Gleneagle. Riverside lost 2-1.**

the playoffs this year, coaches Carol Coulson, Georgina Hudon, and Joni Blaxland predict that this

year's very young team will improve due to the experience and competition from this season.

## Swim team places sixth in the district

Coach Erica McArthur predicts that next year the sr. girls will make the provincials

Tori Dove - staff reporter

This years swimming team is off to a great start placing sixth overall in the Districts.

The Rapids have quite a few grade 12's who have returned this year making the team stronger.

There are five returning seniors, **Brooke Matthews**, **Leonie Modeste**, **Siobhan Laughlin** and **Dylan Knight**.

The team is also mostly made up of all swimmers from last year with the exception of the three grade nines; **Sydney Young**, **Christopher Todd**, and **Jacob Nikl**.

Erica McArthur, the head coach, feels that the team will do better than they ever have before. "We

have some talented swimmers, but more than that, we have swimmers who really want to do better and

**We have some talented swimmers, but more than that, we have swimmers who really want to do better and win.**

**-Erica McArthur**

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win," said McArthur.

Even though the team is doing well they still have some major

competition from Centennial and Charles Best. "Just more of a reason to work harder at practices. To beat your time and the other schools times," said McArthur.

The team has many strengths as a whole and not just individually, they have a very strong Sr. Girls freestyle relay who came second in the districts.

**Siobhan Laughlin** came third for the fifty meter breaststroke. McArthur's expectations and predictions for the year following is that the Sr. Girls will head to provincials and receive many first place medals in the near future and hopefully they will qualify to attend the provincials in Victoria.

## Sporty Shorts



### Sr. Boys Volleyball

Oct 4- Centennial Loss 0-3  
Oct 5- D.W. Poppy Win 2-0  
Oct 5- Fraser Valley Christian Loss 0-2  
Oct 5- heritage Woods Loss 0-2  
Oct 6- Tamanawis Win 2-1  
Oct 6- Kelowna Chistian Loss 0-2  
Oct 6- North Surrey Loss 0-2  
Oct 18- Gleneagle Win 3-0  
Oct 19- Delta Win 2-1  
Oct 19- Van Tech Loss 1-2  
Oct 19- Walnut Grove Win 2-0  
Oct 20- Loss 2-0 to Elgin Park

Oct 20- Loss 2-0 to Centennial

### Jr. Boys Volleyball

Centennial Win 3-1  
Pinetree loss 2-3

### Jr. Girls Volleyball

Charles Best Win 25-18  
Charles Best Loss 25-21



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