

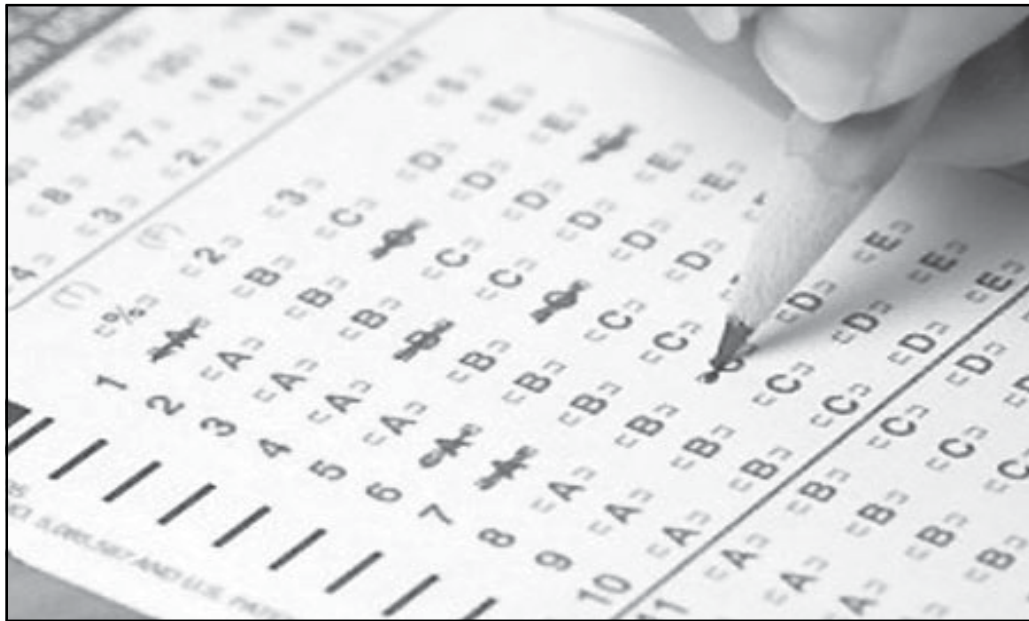


## The end of optional provincial exams

Farnaz Masoodi - staff reporter

On August 18, the British Columbia Ministry of Education announced on Twitter that they would discontinue the 30 optional Grade 12 provincial examinations effective September 2011.

The changes by the Ministry were implemented to counter the over 2.5 million dollars' of scholarship money going unclaimed due to only 20% of students writing the exams. The new system will qualify students for the scholarship automatically if they have at least one A and three B's on the mandatory provincials done from Grade 10 to 12 (three in Grade 10, one in Grade 11 and one in Grade 12.) However, the previous system took into account an A average on three optional exams and only one mandatory exam from the student's Grade 12 courses. For some students, the recent decision has automatically made them eligible for the \$1000 reward. But for the some Grade 11's and 12's who relied on their final



Courtesy of Google

Pencil marks made on scantrons early in high school career can affect students' futures.

year of exams to get them the award, they may not necessarily benefit the same way. "I definitely have to redo them," says Grade 12 Riverside student Yasmin Iranfar. "If I knew

about the changes earlier, I definitely would have had more motivation to do better," says Yasmin, who echoes a sentiment shared by many students alike. While the change will

ensure that more money is being awarded, it will also hopefully heighten productivity from students throughout high school as opposed to slacking off until their final year. Riverside councillor Mr. Lemire believes that more students over time will benefit from change, but not necessarily all the current Grade 12's. "I think more [students] will benefit because I don't think the requirements are as stringent or difficult as compared to what they were with the old program," says Lemire. "It is unfortunate for those that are in Grade 12 and who perhaps didn't do so well on their provincial exams in Grade 10 because they didn't take it seriously." While students do have the option of rewriting their Grade 9, 10 and 11 exams this year, the complication may be in the failure to recall information learned in previous years. The hope is that the changes will benefit, not detriment students. "They will probably do better than they realize. With a little prep they should do fine," says Lemire.

## 'We Day' brings students across Canada together for a cause

Farnaz Masoodi -staff reporter

Students across British Columbia flocked to Rogers Arena on October 13<sup>th</sup> to be spectators at Canada's largest We Day to inspire world change through youth involvement. About 36 Riverside students attended We Day, listening to inspirational speeches by guest speakers and entertainers such as former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, actress

Mia Farrow, NBA player Shaq, and Canadian band Hedley. Marc and Craig Keilburger, the founders of the Free the Children organization that puts on We Day, opened up the event with their words of motivation. "We Day is the movement of our time," said Craig into a crowd of passionate students, who cheered as he repeatedly uttered the words of inspiration.

Many students travelled from across British Columbia to be a

part of the event. Students from the Okanagan even slept in Riverside's gymnasium the night before the event so that they could get to Rogers Arena bright and early. Riverside Leadership teacher Ms. Blaxland described the atmosphere as "electrifying". "You can't help but be inspired by it," said Blaxland. She shares a sentiment that thousands of students and other volunteers across Canada have felt and will feel as We Day continues across Canada this Fall.



Courtesy of Stuart Knight

Rapid Change student shows her support outside of Rogers Arena.

## Riverside's Terry Fox Run raises hope and money

Adam Claybo - staff reporter

Riverside Secondary School enjoyed another successful Terry Fox Run this year. Following a very moving assembly, students departed for their run through Gates Park. The run went just as planned, with students completing the circuit before departing for their lunch break. Students are given the choice to run or walk, with the runners departing before the walkers and competing for prizes of Starbucks gift cards. Parker Ormiston placed first, and in second and third were William Diaz and



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Top three runners, William Diaz, Parker Ormiston and Jordan Ross pose after their successful run.

Jordan Ross. Despite the looming storm clouds, the rain held off for the duration of the run.

Riverside's staff and students managed to raise thousands of dollars, bringing the world that

much closer to a cure for cancer as Terry Fox would have envisioned. The top pledger was Trevor Price, who donated an amazing \$605. Following closely was Sarah Knight with \$510, and Stuart Knight with \$500. All the money raised will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. Mr. Ciolfitto gave a powerful speech to the student body during this year's assembly. The assembly also featured guest speaker Terry Fleming. Fleming was formerly a gym teacher in our school district, teaching at Port Coquitlam Senior Secondary, which is now known as Terry Fox Secondary School.

He coached Terry Fox when Fox was a student. Later in life he was also a mentor for Fox. Fleming visited him in the hospital before the amputation of his leg, and possibly provided the inspiration Fox needed to envision his marathon of hope in the form of a magazine article. Fleming knew Terry quite well, and gave students a unique and more personal look into the life of one of Canada's greatest national heroes, emphasizing the fact that Fox was an ordinary young student just like any of us, but it was his incredible determination and drive that set him apart as a young man.



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## Vancouver teacher's heartfelt letter about student poverty hits home

Two recent stories have come to light that have a lot to do with each other, and it got me thinking about Thanksgiving last week. In my family, Thanksgiving is a time where we get together and eat, talk and give thanks. We go around in a circle and everyone says what they're thankful for. Usually, the kids in the family say they're thankful for their parents, sometimes their brothers and sisters, and everything they have that is a luxury, and usually, the Adults say, I am thankful for my family, my job and my house. But this Thanksgiving, I changed it up. I said I was thankful for my mom and dad, my sister and my other family, but, instead of saying the usual "I'm thankful for my house, and my dog, and my laptop." I said this. "This year, what I'm most thankful for are the things I usually take for granted. I am thankful for my education. I am thankful that at the end of every day I have a roof over my head, socks on my feet and food in my stomach." I said this, because believe it or not, most people in the world –and even in Vancouver- don't have these things. On Thursday, September 27, a grade 2/3 teacher, Carrie Gelson wrote a letter, pleading to anyone who would read it to help her. Gelson is a teacher at Admiral Seymour Elementary School in Vancouver. She wrote this letter and sent it to all the local papers, her colleagues, and pretty much everyone else in Vancouver.

"From where I sit every day, things are not okay." Gelson wrote in her heart wrenching letter. "I can teach these children. Love them. Advocate for them. Find them clothes. Stock my room with great books. Give away parts of my lunch. Find donations. Find volunteers. I can be there every day." "But until I know you are helping too – it will remain not good enough." Her letter goes on for four pages. She pleads, and hopes someone will read it, and help.

But what happens if no one helps? Where will these kids end up? Will they be caught in drugs? Will they do criminal acts? People tend to blame the criminals for their actions, but it could be that they do this because they were never given anything in life, and this is all they know. No one gave them a chance. No one cared. The government was too busy making a new roof for B.C Place to care about what was going on in their local schools. They didn't care. They were too busy worrying about the current generation to even think about the future. Because that is what these kids are. They're our future.

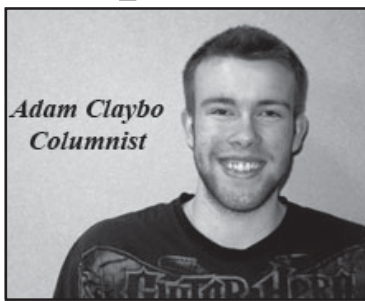
Last Friday, The Supreme Court ruled that the Safe Injection Site in Vancouver would stay open. I think this was the right decision, but what worries me is, the people who go there are addicted to drugs, usually don't have a home, very little education, and are always spending their money on drugs, so they have no more money for food. Is this the way our society is heading? Will the future children of downtown Vancouver be the next people to use the Safe Injection Site? This is where we are heading. Unless we stand up and help out this school and all the people on the margins, this will be their future.

So next Thanksgiving, take some advice from this wise teacher, "When you think about all those things you are grateful for, please get inspired. To be caring. To be generous. To make change. Because every child in Vancouver matters." And that is the truth.



## POINT COUNTER POINT

### Corporate funding is good for everyone



Adam Claybo  
Columnist

Once again the argument over corporate funding in our schools has flared up. But the fact of the matter is that corporate funding is necessary and even beneficial in our educational system. Money raised and donated by corporations and parent groups are a large reason why students enjoy such a wide variety of extracurricular activities. The sad truth is that the provincial government doesn't have enough money to go around, and asking them to be the sole source of funds would place a huge burden on the

government, and in turn, the taxpayer. Allowing corporations and parent groups to step in and help ease this financial burden benefits all involved, and can even foster a greater sense of community.

In a system in which all school funding came from the government, only activities that the government deemed necessary would receive funding. Each course in our school system has a set of prescribed learning outcomes, and the government would likely only give funding to activities that tailor to these outcomes. No matter how beneficial a certain activity or piece of equipment may be, it wouldn't likely receive funding simply due to these prescribed learning outcomes. The provincial government would eventually meet a crossroads: we either cut programs available to students, makes cuts in social services like

health care, or increase taxation on the rest of the general public.

Corporate funding brings a wealth of opportunities, like access to better technology, to students and teachers that we would be otherwise unable to fund. Allowing funding to become privatized gives the school control over who this money comes from. Don't want a fast food corporation sponsoring a new fitness program? Then the administration of the school and the parents in the community have the power to say no.

This system also allows parents to take a more active role in the education their children are receiving. Groups like our own school's PAC put in time and effort to raise money for equipment and programs for their children's schools. Asking our government to be the sole source of funds is a risky proposition, and corporate funding is an excellent alternative.

### Schools need more public funds



Kieran Rupert  
Columnist

Corporate funding and fundraising can go a long way to improve the quality of education that students get in public schools. In wealthy areas of British Columbia, it provides kids with new computers and textbooks, as well as new playgrounds and lunch programs that make elementary schools a friendlier environment for young students to learn. However, in certain impoverished areas, underprivileged kids get only what the government provides. For some kids living in communities

laden with addiction and abuse, school is an escape from home. They look to their teachers for food when they are hungry and attention when they need it. Due to insufficient funding, these inner city schools cannot always provide kids with the breakfast or lunch that they go to school without. Kids cannot focus on education when they have not eaten in a day.

Corporate sponsors tend to flock to schools in rich communities. This is great for the well-off kids who reap the benefits of corporate sponsorship, but it also furthers the gap between the rich and the poor and creates more inequality amongst our youth. If we are relying on fundraising, some kids are going to be left behind. While corporate sponsors and fundraisers can help here and there, the core funding needs to be consistent and come from the government.

Getting a little help from corporations means that the provincial government needs to put less taxpayer dollars towards education in certain areas and it does not solve any of the problems that are prominent in poor, inner city schools. If the government invests in these disadvantaged kids, they can count on seeing decreases in poverty down the road. Many kids at inner city schools are stuck on a path to crime, addiction and welfare. Changing the course of their lives could go a long way to eliminate these problems and diminish the need for safe injection sites and homeless shelters. Though a significant portion of the provincial government's budget goes towards education, it is still not enough. We can ask for more private funding, but ultimately, for the sake of equality, we need more public funds because education should be a public priority.



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# Student council continues to improve Riverside

Shion Tanaka - staff reporter

Student council has had only two meetings and they have already come up with ideas to improve the school in many ways. For those who have no idea what the student council is, it is a government of students that present ideas to the administrators and organize social and extracurricular activities. The student council is organized by **Mr. Lepore**, but in truth the student council is run by the students at the meetings, not the teacher. Basically, it is a group where students can voice their opinions on what could be

changed in the school. The student council is responsible for most of the conveniences that have been seen throughout our school life, such as the microwaves and the water dispenser seen outside the cafeteria. They have also been involved in organizing the All Candidates meeting that was held in our school last year. The council also contributed in making the school goals that are seen in the agenda books. The ideas that were presented by the student council during their first meetings have been encouraging, such as increasing the number of water dispensers and microwaves, more anti-bullying initiatives, and more

capacity for the busses that service the school. They have also considered holding another All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming municipal elections. Although the student council has done many things to improve the school, there are some concerns on how very few Gr.9's and 10's are aware of the existence of student council. "Student council is a voice for students; it is an opportunity for students to voice their own opinion, so students should speak up," said Mr. Lepore. Student council welcomes students of all grades, and all students who seek to voice their opinion are welcome to attend



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The 2011 student council that represents Riverside.

these meetings. As **Sebastian Zein**, member of student council, has said, "students should be encouraged to take ownership over their educational experiences at Riverside."

# Rapid Change inspires and is inspired to change the world



Laura Pennell talking to Rapid Change students. K.Shong/The Eddy

Karin Torn - staff reporter

The 150 students that joined leadership this year have a lot to look forward to. One of the big events that will be happening with

leadership is *Halloween for Hunger*. This is when students go trick or treating for non-perishable food items instead of collecting candies door to door. Everything

goes to the food bank. All leadership students in both C and D block have been working on trading. They had a lollipop that they started off with and are trading it with as many people as they can to get something else for it. The purpose of trading is because they were trying to feel what it's like to work for something and persevere like **Kyle MacDonald**, who traded one small red paperclip and ended up with a house. C block students have some fun events planned, such as visiting their Skill Development little buddies at Central Elementary School. Students that are in D block are setting up for the Spirit

Remembrance Day assembly on Friday November 11. They will also be doing a community Christmas Dinner and will be visiting the seniors, which will take place at the Hawthorn Senior Centre. They each have their 'senior buddy' and will be doing all sorts of activities with them. The students will also be going to visit their grade four, five buddies later on in the year. One more thing that they have planned is for October 28, when the leadership students will be going out and helping to feed the homeless at downtown Vancouver.

Rapid Change, part of the leadership culture at Riverside, has gone through some changes,

but new Leaders have stepped in to fill the shoes of students who have left. "There are two amazing new grade 12 leaders for Rapid Change, **Laura Pennell** and **Alisha Wilson**," said **Joni Blaxland** the leadership teacher. "They are very committed to Rapid Change and are good role models for the school." Some selected students went to *We Day*, a concert to promote *Free the Children* on October 13 at Rogers Arena. This year for fundraising, the Rapid Change students are donating the money they raise for children in Sri Lanka. Though Rapid Change lost some key individuals over the summer, they continue to work on ways to keep improving the world.

# YWCA mentoring program starts up again

Kirstynn DeCicco - staff reporter

The YWCA sponsor program has been coming to Riverside for the past nine years. This program is meant to make transitions for women into the world of careers more easy. In this program teens from all over metro Vancouver get the opportunity to have a mentor who has experience in the career path they want to take. Though mentees cannot be completely dependent on their mentor, they should be independent and take in their mentor's suggestions and information. Women will be paired with a mentor of the same career path they are looking at. The mentors are completely qualified in their careers and are

passionate about passing on their knowledge. The mentors and mentees will meet each other once a month from November through May. This can not only help with finding what one wants to do, but can show that this career might not be exactly what you want to do. "A few years ago a mentor in Law took her mentee to the court house and office. Basically took her through a normal day of a Lawyer. After looking further into Law, the Mentee realized that it wasn't what she wanted to do anymore," said **Janice Lee**. The YWCA mentorship program is only in Metro Vancouver though Lee adds: "I have been offered to expand with other mentorship

programs but ours still remains YWCA... I'm sure there are other programs out there along the same lines." What's different about the YWCA as to other mentorship opportunities is this program is completely volunteer based. The mentees don't have to pay to set up the meetings or be in the program, and the mentors don't get paid for helping the mentees. YWCA has recently expanded a new program for new mothers - whether they are married or single. Those seeking help after just getting out of an abusive relationships are welcomed as well. "It's not only career mentoring, it's like a Big sister," said Lee. YWCA gives



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YWCA representative Janice Lee speaks to girls.

individuals another voice, another person's advice, opinions, and experiences. As a community, schools and women can depend on leadership from the YWCA program to help through one hundred years of positive service for young women.

# Reaghan Chadwick: female hockey star on the rise



Riverside's Reaghan Chadwick in action. Courtesy Of Reaghan Chadwick

James Matthews - staff reporter

A Riverside student is already starting to make a name for herself in woman's hockey. **Reaghan Chadwick** is currently playing for the Pacific Steelers of the Junior Woman's Hockey League as well as balancing her high school workload. She is a forward who plays right wing for the team that is made up of girls from all over the Lower Mainland. The Steelers practice four days a week in Richmond and kicked off their

season in Boston, Massachusetts on October 7, winning one out of the three games played. Chadwick picked up one assist in the three games. The team had a tough season in 2010/2011 posting a 5-20-2 (five wins, 20 losses and two ties) record in 27 games played. The Steelers are looking to have a bounce-back season and showed great promise in a win over the UBC woman's team on September 30. Their competition is made up of teams from all over North America including Minnesota,

Colorado and Washington D.C. Chadwick originally started playing boys hockey at the age of five in Port Coquitlam and in the hockey off-season she plays lacrosse. A goal of the young hockey star is to get a scholarship to play college hockey in the United States or perhaps even further. "If the game takes me there, I would like to play in the Olympics someday. It would be a dream to represent Canada," said Chadwick. "It's fun, I really love playing the game."



# Another 'Siri'ous yet bold move by the two main smartphone fruits

iPhone 4S



Courtesy of Google

iPhone 4S

- Screen size: 3.5 inch, 960x640
- 16GB/32GB/64Gb storage available
- Rear camera: 8MP
- Front camera: VGA(Video Graphics Array)
- 1080p quality video recorder
- Bluetooth: Bluetooth 4.0
- GPS
- Media is able to be viewed on television: via AirPlay (wirelessly stream what's on your iPhone 4S to your television and speakers)
- Size: 58.6 x 115.2 x 9.3 mm
- Weight: 140g
- Price: \$199 \$299 \$399
- The Siri iPhone Assistant (lets you use your voice to send messages, schedule meetings, place phone calls and more)

Blackberry Bold 9900

- Screen size: 2.8 inch, 640 x 480
- 8 GB of storage
- Rear camera: 5 MP
- 720p video recorder
- Bluetooth: Bluetooth 2.1+EDR support (provides faster data rate (speed) as well as improves battery life)
- GPS/A-GPS(assisted GPS)
- Media is unable to be viewed on television
- Size: 115 x 66 x 10.5 mm
- Weight: 130g
- Price: Avg. \$200
- Blackberry instant messenger ("BBM" is an instant messenger included in all Blackberry's to communicate with other Blackberry customers)

Blackberry Bold 9900



Courtesy of Google

## Travel to Italy this spring!

Sharlene Nathan - staff reporter

Twenty lucky students will take a trip to Italy and France for the annual spring trip to Europe. For most of the trip, students will be traveling around Florence and Rome in Italy, and then flying to Paris, France for the rest of the time. Students will learn about new cultures and languages. Another perk to the trip will be that they also have an opportunity to be part of the home stay program for seven days with a family that they share similar interests with. Not only do they get to experience the way people live, but they will also be going on sight-seeing tours to some of the most famous destinations in Europe!



Courtesy of Google

Florence, Italy is a place Riverside will visit while on the Spring Europe trip.

Students will be visiting the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel, and the excavations of the volcano explosions in Pompei. In Paris they will visit the famous Champs Elyees, the Eiffel tower, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. Art lovers should be thrilled about the opportunity to visit the

Louvre and see such famous works as the Mona Lisa. Of course no trip to Europe would be complete with out trips to some of Europe's most famous museums to soak up some of the history.

When they are not sight-seeing, students will have an opportunity to shop at some the best stores in Europe, as Rome and Paris are well known for their fashion and style.

If you have any questions about the spring trip, see Mr. Lugongo or Ms. Weir.

## Trips have many benefits

Sophia Wall - staff reporter

Last Spring Break, students from Riverside went on a two week trip to Europe. The students went to Austria for a week, staying in an assigned house with a family that was part of the student exchange program. "It was really different from our lifestyle here," said Scott Formosa, a student that went on the trip last Spring. "We had dessert with our breakfast, the kids would take a subway to school and they played lots of soccer." Formosa said that staying with the family in Austria was the best part of the whole trip. "They made me feel really comfortable in their house by renting movies that I would watch or by speaking English to me."

The Riverside students visited a school in Austria and saw how different school is there. "School in Austria is a lot more difficult than it is here," said Formosa. "They would be learning our

level of Physics 11 when they would be in grade nine." In the second week of the trip, students went to Turkey for a day, bussed to France and then flew to Barcelona. Formosa said that the trip gave the students a good view of a different lifestyle, and a look at an older world. The cultural benefits of travelling worked both ways. The Austrians who visited had similar experiences here in Canada as Formosa did on his trip around Europe. Many of the Austrians are impressed with BC's natural beauty after participating in many outdoor activities. Being in a new place is always intriguing, but everyone's glad to be home and back with their loved ones.



Courtesy of Mr. Luongo

Austrian students say farewell to Riverside.



# Down By The Riverside

## Which is better: iPhone 4S or Blackberry Bold 9900?



Jessica Yon - Grade 9

"I like the iPhone 4S because all of the apps are so much better than the apps for Blackberry."



Kayla Ford - Grade 9

"I would prefer the Blackberry Bold 9900 because BBM is awesome and I love the blackberry touch screen."



Sam Pironaggi - Grade 10

"Blackberry bold all the way. iPhones suck, all of them! They break easily from what I've heard."



Ana Sonea-Grade 11

"I don't think the Blackberry Bold 9900 touch screen would compare to the iPhone touch screen, and the iPhone apps are better than Blackberry's"



Gavin Webb - Grade 12

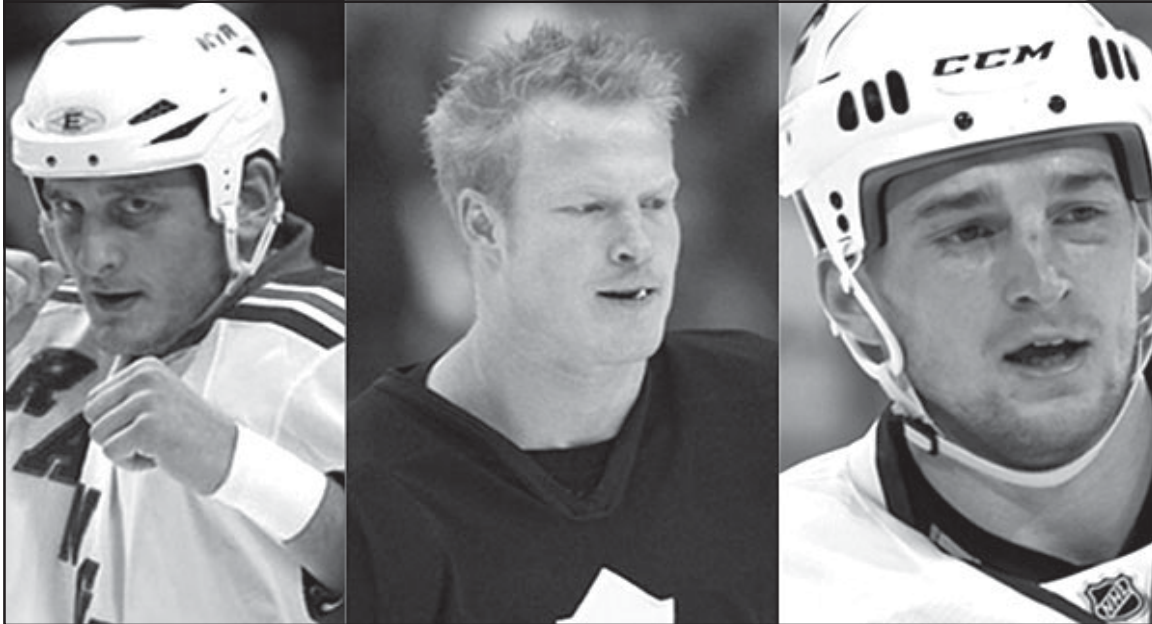
"I don't like either. I'm not impressed with any of the current Blackberrys or iPhones, and I think the iPhone 4S and the new bold both look bad."



# Three suicides hit the NHL very hard

David Terzis  
-staff reporter

Over the past off-season, the National Hockey League lost three players who all had an important role not only in their dressing room but on videos all around the internet. Hockey is the second fastest growing sport in the United States and is loved for its fast speed, hard hits, and knockout punches. When surveyed “what do you love most about hockey?” several Americans admitted it was the violence that was tied into the sport, the type of violence that Rick Rypien, Derek Boogaard and Wade Belak, the three that passed on in the offseason all brought on the rink. The three NHL’ers all have three things in common. One, all three players have accumulated over 200 penalty minutes in the course of their career. Two, over half of their penalty minutes were accumulated by fighting majors, and lastly and most disturbingly they all took their own lives in the 2011 offseason. It is a startling coincidence that all three professional hockey players that took their lives were known enforcers in the National Hockey League. Rick Rypien, former Vancouver Canuck icon and



Courtesy of Google

Derek Boogaard, Wade Belak and Rick Rypien: the three hockey players that committed suicide.

YouTube Legend was clinically depressed. Being clinically depressed is often thought of as the reason he committed suicide, but is being clinically depressed synced with the amount of hits and punches he suffered on the ice. Unfortunately there is very little conclusive evidence to whether the suicides are actually linked to the amount of hits to the head. But it is deemed as curious at the very least that all three players took a particularly large amount of blows to the head. Wade Belak also suffered from

mental illness and out of the three, accumulated the most penalty minutes with over a thousand (more than half taken by fighting majors). That was his role much like Rypien and Boogaard, albeit unofficially was to fight. It can be tough on the player’s mind to gather anger towards an opposing player with no previous hatred. To further see how an enforcer’s brain is impacted by headshots and his role, Derek Boogaard donated his brain to science after he passed and it is currently being studied at Boston University.

Derek Boogaard also suffered from mental illness making his brain a valuable piece of potential evidence. Dr. Robert Cantu, a neurosurgeon at Boston University’s School of Medicine, confirms Boogaard’s family donated his brain. Cantu leads a research team studying the long-term effects of head trauma in sports. The results have yet to be published, but Cantu is determined to find a link between the mental illness of the three players and the amount of hits taken on the ice.

# Violence starts at an early level in hockey

David Terzis-  
staff reporter

Many parents (after the three suicides in the offseason) feel hockey should be adjusted and changed to make the sport safer. But adding more rules to the game is leaving many hockey fans bitter and unimpressed. It is understandable to not want something you love to adapt and change, but should it change if it can potentially save lives. ” One of the discussed rule changes labelled “No touch icing” is being discussed and leave’s diehard fans like Taylor Green arguably Riverside Secondary’s finest defensemen and WHL prospect prays no new rules take place. The rule would mean that when the puck is shot from behind the red centre line and hits the boards the referee would blow the whistle and call the play dead. This would get rid of the high speed race to the puck to negate the “icing” call. The rule is not being discussed to make the game slower but rather to eliminate the large crashes behind the net, which often takes place after the puck is shot from behind the red centre line. Green had this to say, “You’re not just adding a rule you’re changing the game! Hockey already has the boarding rule, checking from behind rule, as well as the charging

rule, so if you contact the player while racing for the puck you are likely to get a penalty anyway! There is no need to add more whistles to hockey; let the game be played and don’t skate with your head down.” Brandon Volpe, one of Riverside’s star forwards and close friend of Green did not share the same perspective

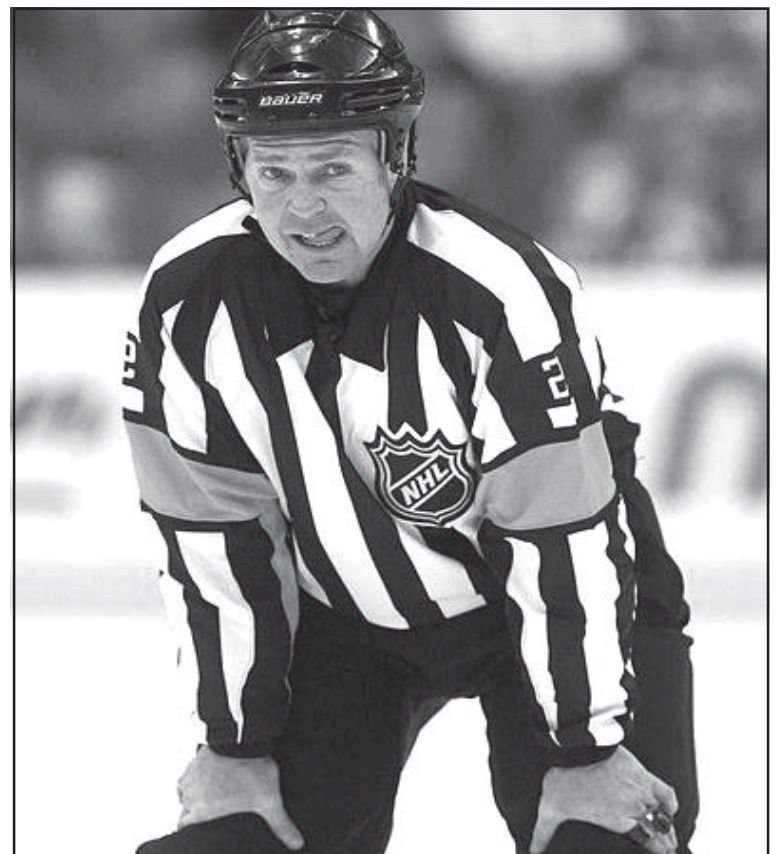
on the new rule. Volpe said, “Many dangerous hits happen behind the net while the player is racing to the boards; it is not a huge part of the game and can possibly save careers”. It makes sense that a forward and a defensemen’s opinion would differ in this situation as most likely the forward would be the

one on the receiving end of the hit. As a fan you don’t enjoy when the play stops because it often means the game is going to commercial. The new “no touch icing” rule is being criticized for being unjust and a way in for the league to make more money from advertising. It seems this issue has no easy answer.



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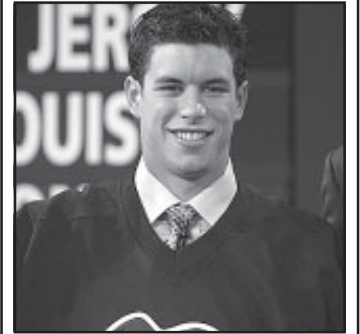
Youth players and parents have safety as a primary concern.



Courtesy of Google

The NHL refs are put on the spot to make a fair call.

## ‘Sid the Kid’ - still on the mend



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David Terzis - staff reporter

Sidney Crosby used to be the face of the game. Over the 2011 offseason he is now also the face of the game’s most pressing problem. Since he was ‘smoked’ last January and smoked again four days later by the head shots heard around the world (David Steckel’s hit in the Winter Classic on New Year’s Day, followed by Victor Hedman’s check from behind). Many Crosby fans have voiced their displeasure with the safety of the sport. With Crosby’s injury the leaderboards are likely to look different and much less impressive, unless he can make an immaculate return to the sport. Crosby’s concussion symptoms have declined. He practiced in five-on-five situations with his Pittsburgh teammates for the first time on Sept. 25 but has already been ruled out for the start of a season. When asked how much anticipation do you have towards the first game? Crosby replied “that’s been the only thing keeping me going. Every day I train and improve, it’s hard to do that without motivation and my motivation is to return.”



# Roberge and Yeates lead the Fine Arts Department

Iris Wong  
- staff reporter

Two new faces you've probably seen around the school are, **Ms. Yeates** and **Ms. Roberge**, the new teachers of the Fine Arts department.

Before coming to our Fine Arts department, Yeates was a music teacher at Port Moody Middle School, where she taught everything music. "Everything I went to university for was to become a music teacher because it is my favourite thing to teach!" said Yeates. She grew up in Coquitlam and went to the University of Victoria. Currently, she teaches guitar, band and choir. "What things are new about the music department? I'm new!"

After graduating from UVIC and getting a master's degree at New York University's Tisch School of Arts, Ms. Roberge spent many years choreographing, directing and teaching drama classes in both English and French; Roberge is now the new head of our drama department. "I want to create and develop cross-curricular opportunities, expanding both the



Roberge and Yeates are all smiles and ready to help the students in the Fine Arts Department to shine.

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inclusivity and the definition of the Performing Arts department," said Roberge. In addition to her new job in the drama department, she is also teaching English 11 and

Sciences Humaines 9. "I'm inspired by the students at Riverside; they are hungry for opportunities and they have a gutsy artistic sensibility," said Roberge.

There will be many changes to the fine arts department. "Our goal is build the drama and dance programs so everybody can take drama, dance or musical theatre! You certainly won't be bored! We're re-branding the theatre: River's Edge," said Roberge.

To see the new Fine Arts department showcase their work, the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10 will be the first time the whole school hears the choir and senior band play their music. There will also be a winter concert on Thursday, December 8. The first big show from the drama department will be the "One Act Festival of Short Shorts" in mid-November. There you will see five short plays for your entertainment. There will also

be a musical, "Zombie Prom" which will be in February. It will be a funny, colourful rock-n-roll musical set in the nuclear 1950's about a zombie and the girl he loves.

## Meet the new faces at Riverside



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Riverside's new teachers.

Destiny Ryan - staff reporter

Every year, Riverside students get to meet new teachers; this year the school is welcoming seven.

Some are here to fill in for the absences of regular teachers. For others, it is a chance to start a career at a great school. **Ms. Sara Corothers**, **Ms. Colleen Lambert**, and **Ms. Anna-Marie MacPherson** teach in the learning center; **Ms. Rebekah Grayston** teaches foods 10, 11, and 12; **Ms. Rachel Labossiere** teaches teaches culinary 11, foods 10, and TAC 10-12; **Mr. Kenny**

**Jamieson** teaches English 9 and 11, and Planning 10, and **Ms. Caitlin Langford** teaches Planning 10, Typing, as well as coaches junior girls basketball. "Every day is a new experience," said Lambert. "Every day I learn something new about the school, and my students." Many of Riverside's new teachers have never taught on the very first day of a school re-opening after summer holidays, and the general opinion of their first day was that it was crazy busy, hectic, and nerve racking, but overall they enjoyed themselves and are continuing to do so. "My first day, I was so tired at the end of it," said Grayston, "but I felt so welcomed by the teachers, and by the students. I love Riverside. "I have the best students, especially the grade nines," said Labossiere. "Everyone is very helpful and very welcoming." Hopefully these new faces will become regular faces in the years to come.

## Riverside appreciates Ms. Williams

Spencer Kowalski  
- staff reporter

Teacher's Day is a day of recognition for the job that educators do for their students.

In Canada, national Teacher's Day is October 5. International Teacher's Day is held on different days every year. The next one is on May 8, 2012. Each year one teacher from each district is selected to be recognized as a teacher that has accomplished many things in his or her field.

Riverside has many great teachers, but one in particular deserves recognition. **Ms. Erica Williams** has had a very notable career, and her achievements in the field of science, where she has given lectures, written textbooks, worked with many other teachers and helped with test creation for the ministry is worthy of mention. She has also taught from grades nine to twelve, and has been at Riverside secondary for many years.



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Ms. Williams has had a great career so far.

Williams has been doing lectures on Geoscience Education, doing outreach programs for other teachers and attending national conferences in Canada and the United States for most of her career. Williams also writes her own books. "I can keep them updated and in a local context," said Williams.

Teacher's day is a great way to acknowledge the achievements of local teachers. Ms. Williams is a passionate educator and life-long learner as her forty one years in education can attest to.

## Lobby pillars are finally finished



K.Shong/The Eddy

Two of the four beautiful pillars outside the office.

Jenny Kang - staff reporter

The pillars in the foyer are now finished! Thirty students were involved in painting them after school and on weekends. Some students came back after graduating to help. They took three years to design and work on, including the gathering of ideas and deciding on the themes. The idea of coloring the pillars came from **Ms. Schmidt**. "The school's foyer dull, so I had talented students come up with ideas for the pillars. We presented the idea to the PAC to

help fund the project, and received enough to buy aquatic paints which made pillars look like stain glass windows," said Schmidt.

One of the ideas for the project was the theme of fluidity and flowing because the school is next to a river. The second theme is the masculine and the feminine. Riverside's technology and the structure itself is mostly masculine, but it is surrounded by nature which has a more feminine side. The third theme was to combine human made things with nature. The pillars include a girl wearing a green shirt to represent leadership and the books beside her are symbolic of learning and knowledge which relates to the library and school. The pillars outside the counselling area have images and text of a telephone communicating "Hi, may I help you?" to remind students that counsellors are here to help. "I am so proud of the students who worked on it super hard. It looks more like university work than high school work. Both the students and myself are relieved to have finished the pillars," said Schmidt. The finished pillars add a burst of colour and energy to visitors and students when they enter the school.

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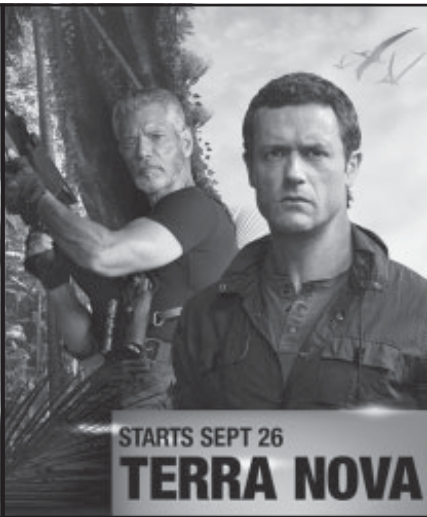
# New fall TV lineup impresses audiences

Robert Klimowicz  
-staff reporter

The wait is over. Season nine of *Two and a Half Men* is here with a new lead actor. Ashton Kutcher is replacing Charlie Sheen. Many speculated that Kutcher could not fill the shoes of Sheen; they were wrong. The first episode that aired September 19 got 28.74 million views and 20.03 million the following week, which are both more than the pilot episode got with 18.44 million viewers. Kutcher is playing Walden Schmidt a depressed Internet billionaire who buys Charlie Harpers Malibu beach house after Harper dies. Production of the eighth season was shut down after Sheen made offensive comments about the lead writer and creator of *Two and a Half Men*, Chuck Lorre, on a radio



Two and a Half Men



Terra Nova



The X-Factor

Courtesy of Google

talk show. On March 7, 2011, Sheen was fired from the show due to excessive partying, drug abuse, and the issues he had with Lorre. Kutcher commented about him replacing Sheen, "I can't replace Charlie Sheen, but I'm going to work my hardest to entertain people!" A new science fiction

thriller aired September 26 named *Terra Nova*. It starts off in the year 2149 when earth is dying; selected citizens are sent back 85 million years into the past where they join Terra Nova, a colony of humans with a fresh start at building a better civilization. Stephan Lang plays Commander Nathaniel

Taylor; Stephan Lang played the role of Colonel Miles Quaritch in *Avatar*. The show centers around the Shannon family who joins the Tenth Pilgrimage of settlers to *Terra Nova*. *Terra Nova* is a beautiful place and full of opportunities and a fresh start at life for all the citizens. The

settlement of *Terra Nova* is a safe place for everyone as long as you stay within the boundaries of the settlement; once you leave there are many dangers, such as vicious dinosaurs and another colony of rebels who split apart from *Terra Nova* once they arrived. *Terra Nova* was originally supposed to be filmed in Hawaii, but was moved to Australia. The premier of *the X Factor* (US) aired September 21. It is a reality talent show created by Simon Cowell, who is also a judge on the show along with Paula Abdul, L.A. Reid and Nicole Scherzinger. The show gives an opportunity for solo singers or groups age 12 and up to compete for the ultimate prize of a five million dollar contract. Simon Cowell intends it to "Out Idol *American Idol* and out voice *The Voice*." The show is divided into four groups, girls, boys, groups, and over 30's.

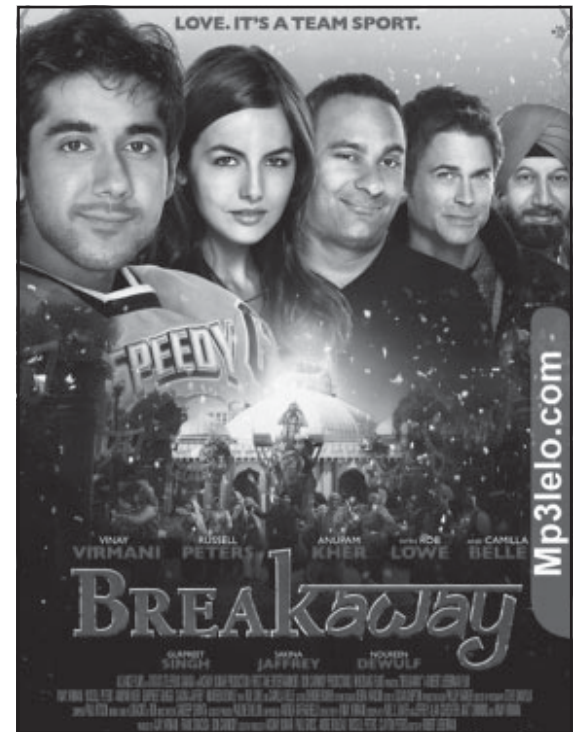
# Breakaway misses the shot

Raof Amini  
-staff reporter

Canada is known for a many things. At the top of the list is our multicultural heritage and our love for hockey. And now a brand new movie brings all this together. *Breakaway* is a Bollywood movie about hockey, with love, romance, and dancing thrown in. Raj Singh is a Punjabi kid from Toronto who works for his uncle's trucking company; he loves to play pick up hockey with his other Punjabi friends, who all happen to have the last name "Singh". When Raj and his friends get the chance to create a team of their own, they don't pass up the opportunity to beat their rivals, "the Hammerheads." The Hammerheads represent the antagonists in the movie, who are

intolerant of the new Punjabi team. Some critics claim *Breakaway* is another "hit and miss" at the whole Canadian hockey dream of the underdog team made up of rookies and amateurs that miraculously make it to the top. Even though it's a Canadian made movie, it disappoints in the fact that it's very easy to predict what will happen. This movie will make you laugh, but not to the point where you are rolling on the floor. It has its serious points, but it still keeps its composure as a comedy drama. *Breakaway* might be somewhat of a hard movie to relate to if you are not brown or Punjabi. It is focused around the Indian culture, but this shouldn't be the reason to not watch it if you're not. It is directed by Robert Lieberman and starring

Vinay Virmani, Russell Peters and Anupam Kher. There is also a special appearance by Drake (rap artist) and Ludacris (rap artist). This family friendly movie, ice hockey intensity, Punjabi music blasting, movie will make you jump out your seat and start dancing. Catch *Breakaway* in theatres. Now playing.



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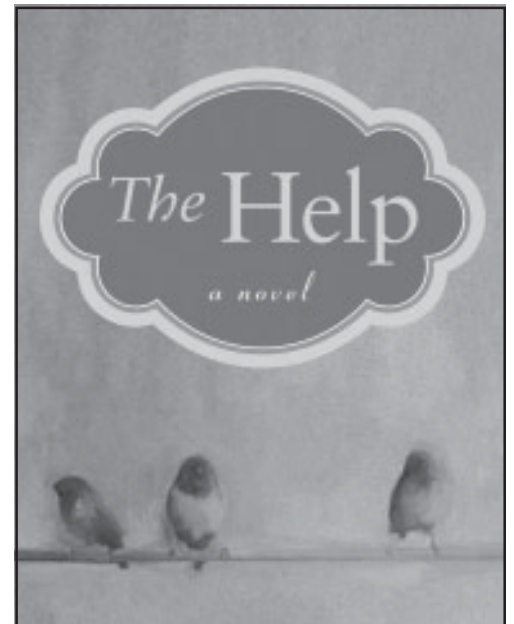
The cast of *Breakaway* on the theatrical poster.

# Inspiring book sends strong message

Stephanie Sonea  
-staff reporter

*The Help* is an extraordinary book about the struggles and stories of African American women working in white homes in the city of Jackson, Mississippi in the 60's, which was well known for conflicts between the two races. In the 1960's, almost every home in Jackson, Mississippi had a house maid. The maids not only cleaned the house and polished the silver, they practically raised their boss' children. Aibileen Clark, the help of Elizabeth Leefolt, only has one reason (besides income) she shows up on the Leefolt's door step - Mae Mobley, Miss Leefolt's daughter. Mae Mobley is the 17th white child that Aibileen has raised, not including her son Treelore, who died while working on a loading dock. Almost every maid in Jackson has some sort of special skill, and Aibileen's is working with children. Minny Jackson, another maid and a good friend of Aibileen's, is known for being the best cook in Jackson. And also for having the biggest mouth. After being fired from her job from Miss

Walters, Minny struggles to find another job after Hilly Holbrook (the antagonist in the story) has told almost everyone to avoid hiring Minny as their maid. Finally, Minny finds a new job with Celia Foote, a woman not well liked by Hilly. Since Celia is new in town, she hasn't heard any of Minny's secrets, but she has a few secrets of her own. Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan, a recent university graduate and an aspiring Journalist, puts her friendship with Hilly in jeopardy after making a risky decision to publish a book about black maids working in White homes in Mississippi. Going against many rules of segregation, she secretly meets with Aibileen, Minny, and other maids willing to write the most controversial book in Mississippi. In their book "The Help," they tell stories about the heart warming, ugly, and shocking events they have been through. This #1 *New York Times* best seller is now a must read book in book clubs, schools, and across the country, and its message and story is as important as *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.



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The *New York Times* bestselling novel that was recently made into a movie.



## Upcoming Concerts

Kristin Macey  
-staff reporter

*Death Cab for Cutie*  
October 21

*Foo Fighters with Cage the Elephant*  
October 25

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October 27

*Jeff Beck*  
October 27

*Tyler Bryant*  
October 27

*Devin Townsend*  
October 29

*Judas Priest - Marco Mendoza*  
October 30



# Senior volleyball girls take BC by storm

**Brooklynne Clark - staff reporter**

The Senior Girls Volleyball team has been having a great season so far. The team is stacked with amazing players and they are making Riverside very proud. They are doing well provincially and even had the chance to go to Las Vegas in September for a tournament.

While they were in Las Vegas, they placed 40 out of 48 teams in their tournament. The first game they played was against the Defending State Champions of Hawaii and the other games were against the best teams from all over the United States. "The States has such outstanding teams and they play with a lot of passion and we want to bring that to our own team." "It was amazing to be able

to watch them play," said **Mallory Sall** and **Katie Woo**, two of the players from the team. The Vegas trip wasn't all about volleyball though; they got to see the Blue Man Group and go shopping, mostly at Forever XXI.

As for how they're doing in our own province, they placed first out of 48 teams in the Trinity Western University tournament, and they won against Earl Marriott Secondary from Surrey who was the fifth team in the whole province. The Senior Girls Volleyball team is second in the province, with Megan Roselund and Mallory Sall as the first team all-stars. The team also recently had a tournament at the Victoria Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence at Camosun College Inter-Urban Campus. They placed first in the whole tournament,



Courtesy of Mr. Gee

The girls' volleyball team and coaches strike a pose.

beating 20 other teams. The head coach of the team, **Mr. Gee** said that his goal for this season is for the team to win the

Provincial Championship and to "enjoy every single moment of this season." "The team is a small, close-knit group that play for each

other and love the game of volleyball. They have one goal: To be the best team they can be by the end of the season," said Gee.

# Girls field hockey scores a playoff spot

**Sarah Wall - staff reporter**

Riverside's Sr. Girls Field Hockey team is off to a solid start this season, winning two of their first three games against Terry Fox and Centennial.

The team has a strong core of both senior and junior players, along with a handful of players new to the sport, who are learning quickly and becoming stronger. Riverside is also lucky to have not one, but two healthy goalies this season to add to an already experienced defensive line. Coached by **Ms. Blaxland** and **Ms. Hudon**, this year's team is looking like one of the best Riverside has had in years.

"It's a really great but short season," said grade 9 student **Priya Puri**. "Everyone's committed, and we've come a long way



Courtesy of Ms G. Hudon

Riverside girls battling on the field.

since the first game." "The team plays up to two games a week, and practices up to twice a week depending on game schedules." "We've done a

lot of teambuilding, in all the time we've had together." said Puri. "There's girls from every grade playing, so we

have a mixture of girls with more experience."

The first game against Charles Best ended in a 4 - 1 defeat at the hands of a few key players, despite Riverside's attempts to foil the strong defensive core.

Game number two had a much better outcome, in the form of a 3 - 0 win over Terry Fox, Riverside quickly scored twice in the first half, then added a third goal in the middle of the second half.

The next game versus Centennial also ended in a 3 - 2 Riverside victory, the girls scoring three well put together goals, despite a small lapse in the second half, held on to claim the win.

Losses to Gleneagle and Port Moody, followed by a win over Maple Ridge and a loss to Heritage Woods has sent the team to playoffs to end what has been one of their best seasons in a few years. Congratulations, Rapids!

# R'side boys soccer comes to a close



Courtesy of Dan Olsen

**Rojan Bozorgzadeh** races for the ball.

**Mitch Stewart - staff reporter**

The Riverside Boys Senior Soccer Team has been completely revamped this season due to

having just five returning players, not because they've graduated but because players are not interested in playing for the team. Also, the team has two new goalies that are in grades eleven and twelve after the returning goalies in grades nine and eleven decided not to return to the team. Having new senior players poses the question as to whether it is a problem for the school not having a junior team to develop the players before moving to senior. Basketball and volleyball both have junior and senior teams making it easier for them to develop players for their senior teams.

With the season nearly over, the Rapids have just one win so far against the Port Moody Blues with a score of 2-0. However, it hasn't been all bad. They have had a few good games; including a nail-biter against back

to back provincial champions Charles Best Secondary in their first game of the season. Best scored with just thirty seconds left to win the game 2-1 kicking off the Rapids' season with a loss. Though the team did open the season with a loss, just to hang with the highly ranked Charles Best for eighty minutes must have given Riverside a bit of a confidence boost moving forward.

Riverside has just one game left but they would certainly like to win it before the season ends said **Chad Sigsworth**, a forward on the team, "It has been a rough season so far but we have been playing together for six games now and I feel like we have definitely meshed as a team. I hope we can pull out a win in this final game but we just have to take it one half at a time." The Fraser Valley Championships seem out of reach for the Rapids, but it would be nice to close the season on a winning note.

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