



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- November 21st**  
PAC Meeting 7 p.m. Library
- November 21st**  
Shortened Day Schedule—Students dismissed at 1:05  
Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:30—6 p.m. Riverside Gymnasium
- November 22-24**  
River's Edge One Act Festival—7:00 pm
- November 29th**  
Spoken Word Winter Festival—Gr. 9/10
- November 30th**  
Spoken Word Winter Festival—Gr. 11/12
- December 4th**  
After Grad meeting—Library 7:00 pm
- December 11th**  
Winter Ball—Senior Dance 6—9 p.m.
- December 19th**  
PAC Meeting—Library 7:00 pm
- December 21st**  
Last day school is in session
- December 24th—January 4th**  
Winter Vacation
- January 7th**  
School re-opens - classes in session Day 2
- January 8th**  
After Grad Meeting—Library 7:00 pm
- January 16th**  
PAC Meeting—Library 7:00 pm
- January 16th**  
Grade 9 Immunizations
- January 28th**  
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Jon Bruneau

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## COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

### Scholarship Preparation for Grade 12's

Before Christmas break, grade 12 students should spend some time in the Career Resource Centre (room 213) or on the Career Centre website researching scholarship opportunities. Many scholarships and bursaries are available for students in a wide variety of areas. Most students can qualify for several; not all scholarships are purely based on academics. Students are responsible for doing the research but can get assistance from Mrs. Chittenden or Mrs. David in the Career Resource Center. Students who wish to be considered for **Major Entrance Scholarships at UBC must apply to UBC before December 1<sup>st</sup>. For SFU Major Entrance Scholarships, students must apply before December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### Check University Websites for Application Deadlines

All BC students are considered "early admission" students because the Ministry transfers marks in late April (after students complete their on-line STS form by March). This means that BC students are offered a post-secondary seat before all other students in Canada. Students can apply to almost all post-secondary institutions in BC at <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/>. For admission, universities will be looking at semester one final marks and the April report card marks. Note: UBC is now considering grade 11 marks for conditional acceptance.

### PEER TUTORS AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Students needing extra support in their academic classes can request a trained peer tutor. This service can be requested on Riverside's website using the quick link button "Peer Tutoring". Tutors will be assigned based on availability by Mr. Ford (room 225). We would expect that students commit to a minimum of 5 hours of tutoring at the school with times to be agreed upon by the student and their tutor.

### Semester Two Schedules

Another copy of student schedules will be handed out before semester 2 in advisory. Unfortunately, course changes are not possible for semester 2. All course changes were completed in June.



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 21st from 2:30 until 6:00 p.m. Report cards will be handed out at the interviews. Students will be dismissed at 1:05 on that day. Teachers will be available in the gymnasium on a first come first served basis. We look forward to seeing you there.

Report cards that are not picked up at the conference will be distributed the following morning in RAP.

## Early Dismissal Bell Schedule for November 21st

Block	
1	8:00—8:55
2	9:00—9:50
3	9:55—10:45
Lunch	10:45—11:15
4	11:20—12:10
5	12:15—1:05

## SENDING TRANSCRIPTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

### Student Transcripts Service (STS)

### Instructions for Grade 12 students

Students who are graduating this year and are applying to post-secondary schools for a September entry must submit STS information to the Ministry on-line. In order for the Ministry to report interim marks this process must be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If the process is not completed students are responsible for getting their final marks to post-secondary institutions on their own.

1. Access the Ministry website [www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca)
2. Students must register for a BC Government account, a **BCeID**. Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using the BCeID.
3. From a student's STS Dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send mid-term and final marks when available(2nd option).

### SD43 RCMP & Firefighting Academy

Any grade 10-12 students interested in joining the Coquitlam School District RCMP or Firefighting Academy should see their counsellor or Mrs. David in 213 for an application. Deadline: December 7<sup>th</sup> (forms returned to Mrs. David)

- ◇ RCMP Youth Academy- April 15 - 23, 2019
- ◇ Coquitlam Firefighting Academy- March 15 - 22, 2019

### SHARE Holiday Hampers

Throughout the end of November and the month of December, Riverside advisories will be collecting non-perishable food for the SHARE hamper program. Donations will be collected every Wednesday in advisory. During the last week of classes, advisories will meet briefly every day to make sure everyone is focused on bringing in their donations. On the final Friday, perishables (potatoes, carrots, apples, milk, cheese, bread, etc.) can be brought in. Students and teachers will deliver the hampers to families on Friday, December 21st.



## Winter Ball

Winter Ball goes glam this year with its HOLLYWOOD theme. On December 11, Riverside's grade 11 and 12's will be able to celebrate our annual winter semi-formal dance event from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Doors open at 6:00 pm and close at 7:00 pm. Students must bring their id with them and it is a closed campus, meaning there are no guests or in and out privileges.

More importantly this is a school sanctioned event and there is zero tolerance to the use of any alcohol or drugs on SD #43 property.



Riverside Secondary Music is fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas! We are raising funds for our music tour that will represent Port Coquitlam in areas throughout BC this year.

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

[www.purdysgpp.com/408725-58617](http://www.purdysgpp.com/408725-58617)

If there are any challenges in placing your order, please feel free to call Purdy's at 604-301-4495 and we are customer number 32918.



Other options is dropping off your order in person to the school or contacting Ms. Ottens via email at [gottens@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:gottens@sd43.bc.ca).

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you so much for your support!

## ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING

### STUDENT ABSENCES

Students are expected to attend all classes on time.

We ask that parents take an active role in assisting us in monitoring student attendance. Please contact the school as soon as possible whenever your son/daughter is going to be late or absent from school.

You can report absences any of the following ways by providing your child's name and/or time he or she will be absent from school and the reason for the absence.

**Option #1** – the most secure

Call Riverside at 604-941-6053 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to speak directly to an office staff member.

**Option #2**

Go to our website and click the [Absence Report](#)

Please enter as much information as possible such as time (eg: 9am—11am) or blocks (eg: B and C) that the student will be leaving or returning.

**Option #3**

After 4:00 p.m. you may leave an absence message but our phone system is an older system and may not store your message.

We only monitor Options #1, #2 and #3 for attendance.

We ask staff to make contact with home regarding repeated lates and absenteeism. Please expect their phone calls.

We have an auto-dialer system which emails homes daily to verify unexcused absenteeism of all students.

All students, if leaving early for any reason, must check out at the office with parent permission. Report to the office to sign back in when you are returning from appointments, etc.

### Reminder that the block times are as follow:

Period 1 starts at 7:40 a.m.

Period 2 starts at 9:00 a.m.

Period 3 starts at 10:25 a.m.

Period 4 starts at 12:25 p.m.

Period 5 starts at 1:50 p.m.



## Message From Your Admin Team

Greetings Riverside Community. As we enter the holiday season, I'd like to extend a thank you to all the staff, students and parents who contribute to the teams and events that make Riverside so amazing. Our athletic fall season is coming to an end, and in a future newsletter we will publish the results, which are already incredibly successful. Way to go Rapids teams and their phenomenal coaches!

Also, we have big events happening almost every week in November and December. Our Winter Market is on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> which is always a great event. Please come and support our hard-working parent group and student volunteers by doing your holiday shopping here. The proceeds assist with our AfterGrad event. On our calendar, you can also find our upcoming Music, Theatre and Musical Theatre dates. Our students are excited to present their pieces to the public, so please come and support!

Finally, a reminder that our Parent/Teacher conference session is coming up on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We are continuing with our system where no appointment is necessary. Our doors are open to parents to meet with their children's teachers. Hope to see you there.

Mr. Bruneau, Ms. Buteau, Mr. Giles & Mr. Hyde

### REMINDER TO PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

*If you have not completed the list of important forms below that were handed out to students on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 please complete the forms and return them to the office in the next few days.*

- ⇒ Individual student fees statement (Fees to be submitted on line, refer to our August newsletter for details)  
Student Activity Fees - \$45.00 (*yearbook and/or workbook fees if applicable*)
- ⇒ Individual Personal Information Verification forms - *please check that all information is current and accurate, make any necessary changes, and return to the school.*
- ⇒ Riverside Secondary Daily Physical Activity Intent form

See [www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/) **Parents—Forms for the electronic forms**

School Policies and Permission Forms (eForms)

- \* District and School Code of Conduct
- \* Internet Use – Informed Consent form and Photographs/Names publication permission
- \* School Notices Consent

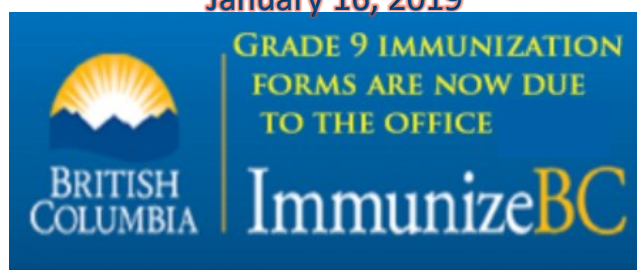
Emergency Release Form (eForms) printed and returned to office

Medical alert form (**only if applicable**) (eForms)

**Medical Alert forms must be completed every year for students with any Medical Alert(s). Also a request for the administration of medication form is to be completed every year and be signed by a physician.**

*Thank you for your help with these important tasks.*

**Grade 9 Immunization  
January 16, 2019**



## WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!



Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

Some of our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for select closings within the district. If there is a partial closure of schools within the district, these individual schools will be identified.

On occasion, full district or partial district closure is required.

Extreme weather can also impact transit bussing. Bus schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking

information on transit bus schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

Any district-wide or partial closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced via **School District 43: website [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)** and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30 a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements, should schools be closed. Please do not call the school just to find out if they are open. While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather changes quickly and therefore decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

## “We Scare Hunger”



On Halloween night, while many students were out collecting candy or spending time with friends, members of Rapid Change were in the community collecting non-perishable food donations. It was a very successful We Scare Hunger event, with MANY boxes and bags of food collected that will go to families in our local community who are in need. Rapid Change remains focused on the ways we can create a positive impact in the community and world we live in.

## **Resiliency for Student Success**



We had a fantastic parent turn out for our Resiliency for Student Success night on October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be continuing the tradition next year. In the meantime, Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl has graciously made her PowerPoint available to the Riverside community. To access it, go to our school website and click on the “Resiliency for Student Success Night” flyer on the left side of the page.

## **Amendment to the 2019/20 School Calendar**

The school district would like to inform students, parents and SD43 staff that the 2019/20 school calendar has changed the date of the October Professional Development Day. The date of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 has been moved to October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to align with Provincial Specialist Association conferences. For more information on SD43 Calendars, please visit the school district website at [www.SD43.bc.ca](http://www.SD43.bc.ca).



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## INTERNATIONAL AND MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP STUDENTS



On October 30, 2018 our Multicultural Club invited our EAL and International students to join in on a Halloween Scavenger Hunt around Riverside. Participants worked in teams to solve riddles and raced around the school to crack the secret code to win local and international treats and prizes. On October 31, 2018 a pumpkin carving event was held at lunch to get into the Halloween spirit! Congratulations to all the students that came out to participate and the Multicultural club for promoting, decorating, and participating in the event!



**DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S ONE ACT FESTIVAL OF SHORT SHORTS!**

**Featuring 4 captivating shows**

The Acting 11/12 Ensemble in "No Sweeter Thing"...a ghost story  
"Wake Up Call" a strange, dark comedy directed by alumni Ryan Bowles  
"H.R." a farce directed by alumni Maraya Franca and Abbey Macey  
And from Archbishop Carney Secondary's Drama Department: "The Audition"

**Join us for Opening Night: Riverside's shows only on Thursday Nov. 22 - 7pm!**

River's Edge Theatre

# One Act Festival Of Short Shorts

4 Short, sharp shows in rotation  
All tickets only \$5 at the door

Riverside Secondary School  
November 22, 23, 24 – 2018  
Doors at 6:30pm – Curtain at 7:00pm  
2215 Reeve Street, PoCo

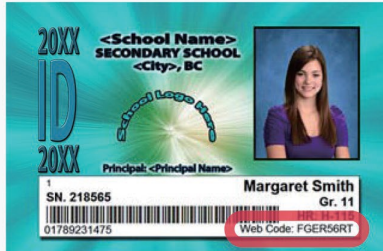
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RIVERSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

# *Annual Winter Market*

Please join us on **Saturday November 17th 10 am—4 pm.**

We have over 140 crafters and vendors that put all their effort into creating some unique gifts and products, an event not to be missed. Come have lunch at our concession, treat yourself at the bake sale, take part in the raffle draw, silent auction or just enjoy all the beautiful things too see.

Please help make the community aware of our event by sharing our event link on your Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/274766583141323/>

This is the biggest fundraising effort for the after grad committee. We are raising funds to pay for the event after the dinner dance to keep our kids safe.

## **Volunteers**

We still need more parent and student volunteers to help out on the day. Please email Deborah McNicol at [canyoufeelthelovetonight@shaw.ca](mailto:canyoufeelthelovetonight@shaw.ca)

Students will get volunteer hours for their Grad Transitions.



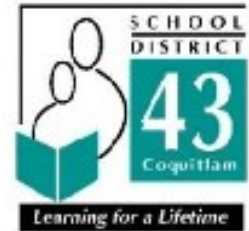
## ***Exciting announcement***

Our online fundraiser this year is Tupperware. They *donate 40% of all sales straight back to our Riverside Secondary After Grad 2019 fundraiser.* What an awesome opportunity with a wonderful quality product shipped straight to your door.

Please support us at <http://www.tupperware.ca/?fundraiser=5bda06de4b66c5fd6d8bd274>

# Advance Your Career at SD43

**School District 43 (Coquitlam) is hosting a Career Fair and you're invited to explore the exceptional career opportunities at one of BC's leading school districts.**



Talk with HR staff, meet other employees, ask questions and explore the following career opportunities:

- Educational Assistants
- School and district-level clerical positions
- Teachers and TTOCs
- Tradespeople, Caretakers, and other positions.

**Thursday November 29, 2018 from 6 – 8pm**

Winslow Centre Gym at 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam



**To learn more visit: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)**



# Navigating the Landscape of Gifted Support



**Free Parent Info Session**  
for all parents of District 43 students  
online registration is required for everyone attending

**So, you found out, or you suspect, your child might be gifted:**

- ◊ *What does 'giftedness' look like?*
- ◊ *What is the big picture regarding policy, the new BC curriculum, funding?*
- ◊ *How can teachers and schools respond and support these learners?*
- ◊ *Where can you get help?*

**You are invited to join us in an evening of information sharing and conversation. Bring your questions, concerns & aspirations for your gifted learner.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Maureen McDermid (BEd. MEd, Quest Consulting)

**DATE:** Thursday November 22, 2018

**TIME:** 7:00—8:30pm (doors open 6:30pm)

**LOCATION:** Gallery Room—Winslow Centre  
1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

**ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED** (for everyone attending):

<https://dpac43giftedsupport2018.eventbrite.ca>

## QUESTIONS?

District 43 Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

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Website: [www.dpac43.ca](http://www.dpac43.ca)

