

# ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Sept 30

-Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)

### Oct 1

-Photo Retakes  
-Terry Fox Run

### Oct 6

-Altered schedule to make way for Grade 9 interviews in Stream

### Oct 11

-Thanksgiving Holiday

### Oct 14

-Interim Report Cards published to the Parent Portal

### Oct 22

-Pro-D Day (no school)

### Oct 29

Halloween Activities – see October Newsletter for more info/guidelines

## Admin Message:

*Greetings from the Riverside Office team. It's been a very busy September as we ramp up our programs and activities. There's a lot of energy in the building, which is good for our main goal this fall which is to re-connect people as the pandemic starts to end. While we may be close to the conclusion of the pandemic, we are not there yet, and so there are still protocols to follow to maintain as safe an environment as possible. Thank you to students and families for being so diligent with masks, avoiding school when sick, and keeping us informed. The protocols will continue until further notice, including in and around school events such as sports.*

*In this issue of the monthly newsletter and in all versions, we highlight big upcoming things in and around the school. The more up-to-the-minute details about goings on at Riverside can be seen in:*

- *The RapidRead Daily Bulletin (link on homepage)*
- *Emails from our office (typically sent from Ms. McKay's email)*
- *Website announcements (left side of homepage)*
- *Instagram and Twitter pages*
- *Directly from coaches, club sponsors, and teachers*

*Today, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we honour tomorrow's September 30<sup>th</sup> Truth and Reconciliation Day by wearing Orange Shirts or demonstrating care and compassion through other types of action. Thank you to all those who organized today's activities, and I encourage everyone to check page 3 of this newsletter for all the ways you can engage in the Truth and Reconciliation process.*

*Entering October, we encourage the students to continue to work hard and attend diligently. The feedback from staff is that there is a feeling of connectivity and commitment to learning that is exciting to see back in the building.*

*Please remember to keep informed about things coming soon at Riverside, and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. The guidebook has lots of answers, but we are also an email or phone call away.*

*--Riverside Admin Team*



Hello Grade 12 Parents & G22 students!

Welcome to the 2021-22 All Things GRAD Newsletter, edition #1. Our Riverside Grad Committee (G22) has been meeting every Tuesday to coordinate and plan grad activities to make this year memorable while respecting the COVID-19 protocols.

- Look for the upcoming G22 Instagram site to communicate grade 12 events.
- G22 will reveal a week full of FUN **theme days** for grads to dress up at school during October and November
- Mark November 8-14th, **All Things Grad Week**, on your calendar as it is full of many important grad events.
- **G22 Grad Shirts** will be on sale during the All Things Grad Week. Order forms will be available in the office. Grads can pay online or in the office and order forms are **due Nov. 15** in the office.
- Grads will be able to book their **grad photos** through Mountain West soon. This year photos will take place between Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- During our All Things Grad Week, grade 12's must go to our R'Side "**Grade 12 Central**" (student access is through the intranet site off the school's website) to submit:
  - a **yearbook comment**
  - a **commencement comment** (this is a draft, students can edit later)
  - **grad gown size** (based on student height)
  - upload a **baby photo** and a **selfie** (this will be used in the 2021-22 yearbook)

–Sincerely, G22

### **AfterGrad 2022**

- AfterGrad is a Grade 12 event that occurs all night, immediately following the Grad Dinner/Dance on June 4th (pandemic-permitting). It's a **parent-run event** that gives grads a place to continue to celebrate in a safe environment. Very memorable and fun for parents too who come to volunteer before and during the event.
- Hey parents! If you missed your chance to indicate an interest in this year's AfterGrad committee, they are meeting for the first time this year during the week of October 4-8th. If you would like to receive a link to that meeting, please email the Riverside office and we will email you your link.
- We are planning to prepare for AfterGrad in hopeful anticipation of a better pandemic year in 2022, and make the day special for the Grads no matter what happens.
- Last year, we coordinated some very successful fundraisers which were relatively easy to do.
- Looking forward to high participation this year.

## What Can You Do on Truth and Reconciliation Day?

### September 30 Events for Families and Community



#### **Review the 94 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action:**

-Discover what the calls to action are and commit yourself to one to help create change

([https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls\\_to\\_action\\_english2.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf))

-Explore online exhibits about residential schools and their lasting effects at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) (<https://nctr.ca/exhibits/>)

#### **Participate in Online and Local Events:**

##### *Online:*

-Enroll your class (grade 5-12) in a 5 day **Truth and Reconciliation Event** from Sept 27-Oct 1

(<https://dev.nctr.ca/education/truth-and-reconciliation-week/>)

-**Drum for the Children Event** for all ages hosted by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation on Sept 30 at 215 pm (<https://tkemlups.ca/drum/>)

-**Discussion panel and film screening** of "My Mother My Rock" and "Sometimes She Smiles" by Kelly Roulette for older teens and adults on Sept 30 from 630-730 pm

(<https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/6137c2a565250e2800af84d5>)

##### *In the community:*

-**Orange Shirt Day: Honouring the Children Event** on Sept 30 from 130-3 pm at Noons Creek Hatchery in Port Moody. It includes singing, arts and crafts (<https://fb.me/e/1UqHRFztA>)

- **The Ballantyne Project: Day for Truth and Reconciliation** Riverside Community Church, Port Coquitlam on September 30, from 4:00-8:30pm. Tickets and more details at [www.theballantyneproject.com](http://www.theballantyneproject.com)

-**Intergenerational March** with activities, bannock and tea on Sept 30 from 1130-2 pm at UBC

(<https://apsc.ubc.ca/event/2021/save-date-national-day-truth-and-reconciliation>)

-**Museum of Anthropology (MOA) at UBC Orange Shirt Day Lantern Workshop and Indigenous Stories Event** for children ages 6-12 on Sept 25 from 1030-12 pm (<https://moa.ubc.ca/event/honour-with-orange-lantern-workshop-and-indigenous-stories/>)

-**MOA at UBC Soundhouse Event** on Sept 30 from 7-9 pm which includes a lantern procession followed by poetry, hip hop and spoken word by Indigenous artists

(<https://moa.ubc.ca/event/sound-house-never-forgotten/>)

More events are being added daily.

Please check local media for updated information.

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Today we participated in a school wide activity during student STREAM classes. The focus of this STREAM is improving student awareness about the origin of wearing orange shirts, and together work on a communal symbol that shows student unity as a STREAM, school, and community in support of reconciliation and honour for Indigenous people. Senior STREAM students will share the background of Phyllis Webstad, who originated Orange Shirt Day, students will watch a video on the importance of Cedar to coastal First Nations (see attached video). The session will end with a hands-on activity using cedar, collected traditionally by our students, to complete a school wide project. (see attached photos showing the cedar collection)

## Importance of Cedar to Coastal First Nations

We continue to support the Ministry curriculum to teach and learn about Truth and Reconciliation moving towards the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thursday September 30.

The district Indigenous Education department has produced a video we share with you below along with an attachment that lists a number of events that are occurring Thursday September 30 in our local community. More events are being added daily. Please check local media for updated information.

## National TRC Day PSA

We encourage families to engage in conversation and use the supporting video and document as Canada honours all Indigenous peoples on September 30.



We are pleased to share with you, The Survivor's Flag, that was released this week and will be highlighted in ceremonies in Ottawa tomorrow. Expect to see more of this flag in the future as it becomes a visible part of National TRC Day. If you click on the link you will see an explanation of each aspect of the flag.

[The Survivors' Flag - NCTR](#)



# Grade 12 Information

We will be using "All Things Grad" on the intranet page to inform Grads about the year.

We also use the daily bulletin and this newsletter for events big and small.

If you still have questions, feel free to ask staff.



# Scholarships

Scholarship Session #1- September 27th in the library at 11:45am (See Mrs. David or Mrs. Luddu if you've missed the meeting)

## Biggest myth?

"You must have straight A's to win scholarships"

## Criteria

Different for each scholarship

Marks, citizenship, service, and/or leadership, financial need, excellent achievement in non-"academic" areas



## 3 scholarship sessions at Riverside

### September

- Getting started, accessing information, early scholarships
- Private Organization Sponsored Scholarships
- Check Career Centre Website Weekly
- Riverside Website → CareerCenter → Scholarships \*this site is update weekly with many scholarship opportunities
  
- Check with place of work and.....
- [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
- <https://scholartree.ca/>

## Scholarship Information Sessions cont.

### November/December

- Entrance Scholarships
- Some automatic based on admission average
- Must apply for major scholarships --many requiring school nomination (see Mrs. David & Mrs. Luddu) and many based on financial need

### March/April

- Local Scholarships & Bursaries, District Scholarships (non -academic)
- Must apply in April
- Range in value from \$100-\$10,000 Includes District/Dogwood Scholarships

## Post-Secondary Information

- Check post-secondary requirements for any program you are pursuing. **IMPORTANT-** graduation requirements are not the same as post-secondary admission requirements.

Check institution websites for specific deadlines

Apply on-line for BC schools:

[www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca) self-report marks online

No paper transcript necessary

## Support for Admission Process

- Apply to all BC schools at: [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca)
- Post-Secondary Institution Websites
- Riverside Career Resource Center  
information about programs and entrance requirements, help with application, scholarships  
Mrs. David works Mon-Fr (counselling area)
- School Counsellor  
matching information about programs and requirements to your child



# Getting School Records

Visit the Student Transcript Service (STS) at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

To create an account they will need their PEN number



All things grad 2022 can be found here:

Grade 12 Central Website

Home Collaboration Resources Classes Pro-D International & ESL My43 Intranet Help Public Riverside App Grade 12 Central

Grad Documents  
Pick your Grad Gown Size  
Yearbook Comments  
Commencement Comments  
Grad Baby Photos  
Grad Photos  
GT Completion Semester 1  
GT Completion Semester 2  
Site Contents

Grad 2019 Timeline

GRAD 2019—TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Orientation Session 20	September 20-21		St. Charles (Vancouver and West)
Book Order Meeting or Information	Oct 7, 2019		St. Charles (Vancouver and West)
Registration Session	Oct 28, 2019 Nov 1-3		St. Charles
Final Commencement Session (Finalized Commencement)	Nov 20, 2019	1:00pm	St. Charles (Vancouver and West) (Vancouver and West)
Graduation Ceremony (Finalized Graduation)	Nov 21		St. Charles
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## Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, & Literacy 12 Assessments

Provincial Assessment in November will only be written by grade 11 & 12 students who have yet to write the Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessment(s) *or* Grade 12 students who are on the early graduation program writing the **NEW** Literacy 12 assessment.

Assessments are scheduled **Monday November 1 (Literacy 10 & Literacy 12)** and **Tuesday, November 2 (Numeracy 10)**. Students who need to write these graduation assessments will be notified via school email prior to the writing dates of the location and time of their assessment.

Please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment#about> or <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment> or <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment#about> to find helpful videos, assessment instructions, and practice questions that help students prepare for the assessment.

**REWRITES:** Any student who has already written the Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessment(s) and would like to attempt a rewrite **MUST** contact Ms. McKay by **12 noon Friday, October 15** to register. Each student is allowed *2 rewrites* after their initial attempt of any assessment.

Questions about assessment writing can be directed to Ms. McKay, Vice Principal. [shmckay@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:shmckay@sd43.bc.ca)

## Sports

Our sports information can be found on our website under Athletics. Take a peek!  
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/ProgramsServices/Sports/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

### **Congratulations go to ...**

- ... Rapids Sr Girls win Saturday against Notre Dame. GO RAPIDS!
- ... Rapids Jr Girls take down in their 2<sup>nd</sup> match of the Douglas Royals Jr. Classic. Also, congrats on their first place finish in pool play.
- ... Jr. Girls Volleyball who won their first match of the year against Burnaby South Rebels at the Royals Jr. Classic.



## Terry Fox Foundation

Riverside Secondary is on board with over 9,000 schools coast to coast to coast to help continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation needs our support. Please donate to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/RiversideSecondary>. Together, we can all make a difference!

Reminder that the Terry Fox Run happens during the second half of Period 3, which is a double block on Friday, Oct 1

# HEALTH & SAFETY - Riverside Covid Protocols

As a community we continue to follow the K-12 Guidelines COVID Protocols put in place by the PHO and School District. This will help us maintain the safety of our Students and Staff within the building and on school property. Please be reminded of the following:

- complete the Daily Health Check prior to coming to school
- masks are mandatory on school property
- physical distancing in classrooms and common areas of the school
- enter building at appropriate door according to your classroom number (map posted at all entrances)
- hand sanitize upon entering the building
- no crowding - please talk with friends outside of building while maintaining physical distance
- Maximum of 3 persons in a bathroom at any time

We thank you for your continued diligence in keeping our community safe and healthy.



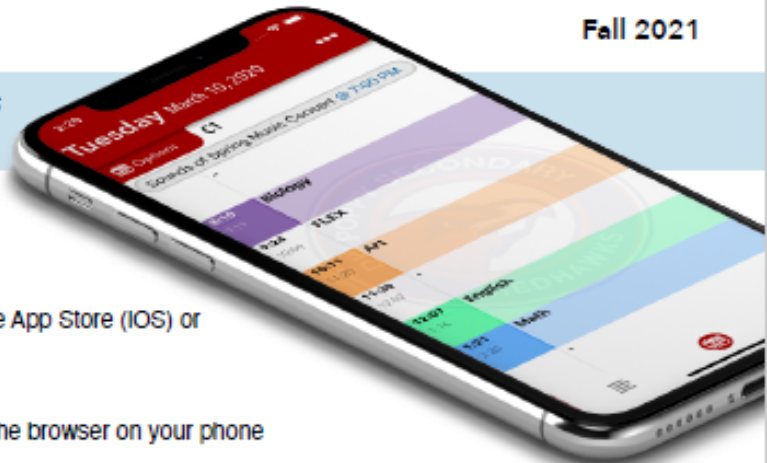
Please refer to Page 1 **My School Day App** for further information.



# My School Day

Quick Start for Students  
and Parents

Fall 2021



## 1. Download the app

You can find the app - *it's free to download!* - on the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) on your phone by

- Searching in the store for "My School Day"
- Going to <https://myschoolday.app/download> in the browser on your phone
- Using the QR or snap codes below



Make sure to allow it to receive notifications when asked - the school will use them to send out important reminders, information and alerts.

## 2. Select your school

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*

## 3. Follow channels.

Channels let the school administration and teachers send out information specific to your classes and activities, so you get only those notifications for your classes and those of interest to the entire school. To subscribe to channels:

- Tap the menu icon ●●● at the top right
- Tap "Follow Channels" in the menu
- Tap the checkbox for the channels you are interested in
- Tap on the "Done" button.

**Remember to check back regularly for new channels** that your teachers may have added.

## 4. Enter your classes

Tap on the classes icon 📅 in the tab bar. Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.

## 5. Access school and class links and files

The school and teachers will add links and files that provide resources to the school community such as course materials for remote learning, health advisories, and other school, district, and provincial information. To access these school-wide and channel-specific resources:

- Tap the menu icon ●●● at the top right
- Select "Files and Links" from the menu.

Remember to check back regularly for new resources that your teachers may have added.

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