

# ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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## DECEMBER 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

- December 14** – Rock Band Showcase
- December 20** – French Immersion Celebration Night
- December 20** – PAC Meeting 7 pm Library
- December 21** – Winter Music Concert
- December 22** - Last Day of Classes before Winter Break. Dismissal at 1:30 pm
- December 25 – January 5** – Winter Break
- January 8** – School Re-Opens
- January 16** – Dance Recital
- January 9 – 18** – Grad Photo Sessions
- Late January: Yearbooks back on sale! \$65**
- January 17** – Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- January 22** – Hockey Academy Presentation (virtual)
- January 22 – 26** – Semester turnaround week
- January 29** – Pro D Day – no school
- January 30** – Start of Semester 2
- February 1–3 & 7-9** – Freaky Friday Musical River's Edge Theatre
- February 7** – Gr 9 Immunizations
- February 13** – Teams & Late Arrival Student Photos
- February 13** – Grades 9-11 Parent Night
- February 19** – BC Family Day – school closed
- February 20** – Grad Photo Retakes
- February 21** – Pink Shirt Day
- February 23** – Pro D Day – no school



### ***A message from the Riverside Office and Administration***

Greetings Riverside Community,

It has been a busy fall season at Riverside! Lots to celebrate and a great deal to look forward to in the coming weeks and months. As we approach the winter break, we hope you will take some time to thoroughly read this newsletter. Please pay close attention to important dates and upcoming events.

Thank you for all of your donations to our annual Holiday Hampers that support families in our community. We are on the final push to fill our hampers with non-perishable foods, toiletries, and other gift (unwrapped) items. Please give if you are able in your period 2 class by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can package and deliver hampers the last week before the break.

Wishing everyone a restful, relaxing two-week break. Have a wonderful holiday!

--The Riverside Office and Admin Teams

### **Reminders:**

**Grade 12's** – remember to book your [Grad Photo](#) sitting. Visit 'Grade 12 Central' for more info. Don't forget to get your Yearbook comment in ASAP!

**Parents of Grade 8's** – if you have a child who will be a future grade 9 at Riverside), Riverside is hosting a Grade 8 Parent Information Open House and Evening on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – starting at 5:30 pm. More info will follow on our website in January.

**Winter Concerts** – We would love to fill up the Riverside Café Auditorium with big audiences to show support for students in the performing arts as they showcase all their hard work at concerts on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> - 7 pm start. See page 3 for details.



## Student Schedule for Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Semester Turnaround

Semester 1 ends on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a shortened day schedule. We will have a Locker Clean-out by STREAM class between periods 3 + 4 on that day.

**From TUESDAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to THURSDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup>, regular classes are not scheduled for students. Instead, important tasks are scheduled for each day by grade level.** These days are also available for students who have fallen behind to catch upon their work under the direction of their teachers. Students who need to attend an incomplete workday will be contacted by their teacher (Customized Learning Days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday – students may be required to come in for one or more days). Where this is no scheduled activity, your child is not expected to be to school.

**Please refer to the calendar below to find out what activities are scheduled for students in each grade.** Locations of activities will be communicated to students closer to the week. Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> is reserved for the Grade 8 Walkabout Tour and Honours Testing.

### Grade 9:

Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
Regular school day	9am – 12 pm Digital Literacy 10 Meeting Cafeteria	Customized Learning Day	Customized Learning Day	No classes  Grade 8s only

### Grade 10:

Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
Regular school day	9 am – 12pm Numeracy 10 Assessment	9 am – 12 pm Literacy 10 Assessment	Customized Learning Day	No classes  Grade 8s only

### Grade 11:

Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
Regular school day	Customized Learning Day	1 – 2:30 pm YDI Survey and CLC/Capstone Session for ALL Gr11s	Customized Learning Day	No classes  Grade 8s only

### Grade 12:

Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
Regular school day	9 am – 12 pm Pre-Calculus 12 Final  Afternoon (time TBA) Biology 12 Final	9 am – 12 pm* French Immersion Literacy Oral Exams  *time will be individually scheduled	9 am – 12 pm Literacy 12 Assessment  1 – 3 pm Capstone Presentations for Early Grads	No classes  Grade 8s only

## JANUARY ASSESSMENTS SCHEDULE

As part of the graduation requirements, students in the [B.C. Graduation Program](#) will complete three provincial assessments. These assessments focus on the demonstration and application of **numeracy** and **literacy**.

- All students in Grade 10 will need to write the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments.
- All students in Grade 12 will need to write the Literacy 12 Assessment.

Semester one French Immersion 12 students will need to write the French Immersion 12 Literacy Assessment. There are two parts: a written exam that is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and an oral exam on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the schedule below. Student and room assignments will be posted **January 15<sup>th</sup>** in the front foyer and on the website:

<b>Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Numeracy 10</b> <b>9 am – 12 pm</b>	<b>Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Literacy 10 &amp; Final 12 Literacy</b> <b>9 am – 12 pm</b>	<b>Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Literacy 12</b> <b>9 am – 12 pm</b>
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For helpful information to prepare for the Numeracy 10 assessment visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

For Literacy 10: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

For Literacy 12: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

For French Immersion 12 Literacy please see Mr. Tao or email him at [ktao@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ktao@sd43.bc.ca)

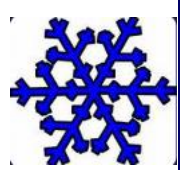
Any questions can be directed to Mr. Jones, Vice Principal at [djones@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:djones@sd43.bc.ca)



## UPCOMING MUSIC AND DRAMA PERFORMANCES

**Rock Band Showcase** – Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm – Riverside Café Auditorium (by donation)  
Featuring eight Rock Bands

**Winter Concert** – Thursday, December 21 at 7 pm – Riverside Café Auditorium (by donation)  
Featuring Strings, Jr and Sr Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, and Choir



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The **Riverside Art Club** will be selling mugs, plates, ornaments and more

at the Winter Concert on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

CASH ONLY

Pick up your last-minute gifts for everyone!



**COMING IN 2024:**

**Dance Recital** – Tuesday, January 16, from 8 – 9 pm - Riverside Café Auditorium (by donation)

**Riversides 2024 Musical Production:**

**RIVER'S EDGE THEATRE PRESENTS:**



**FREAKY  
FRIDAY**

A **Disney** MUSICAL

**FEB. 1, 2, 3 + FEB. 7, 8, 9  
7PM SHOWS**

**STAY TUNED FOR  
ONLINE TICKET SALES!**

**YEARBOOK**

The 2024 Yearbook will be back on sale in January. This year's Yearbook features sports, clubs, portraits, and school events! To purchase the book (\$65), please use the School Cash Online link on the Riverside Website. **Students must have already paid for their school fees to see the Yearbook optional purchase tab on School Cash Online** (Note: the Yearbook tab will not be visible until later in January).

## **GRAD CLASS OF 2024 – Grade 12s:**

See Ms. David's website (Riverside homepage > Programs and Services > Career Centre: [Welcome to the Riverside Career Centre! - École Riverside Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](#)) and IG account @riversidepostsecondaryadvising for more information about post-secondary, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, job opportunities and more.

### **Valedictorian and Toastmaster Process**



Students who are interested in becoming a valedictorian or toastmaster will need to do the following:

1. Complete the valedictorian form. They will need to get three teachers and ten students to endorse them as a candidate. Teachers can encourage students who have expressed an interest in being a valedictorian as well.
2. Once the form is complete, a small committee meets to review the candidates.
3. If a candidate is approved, the students will have the go ahead to create a video that will be posted on Riverside's social media sites to introduce themselves to the student body and highlight why they would be a good candidate.
4. Students would then perform a very short campaign speech (1 minute, 30 seconds max) in front of their grad class. The speech will be a final pitch to convince the grad class that they will give the best speech at commencement. This allows the student body to see how that person can deliver a speech.

Criteria for selection prior to running as a valedictorian:

- Students must have Honour Roll status and are in good behavioral standing.
- They must demonstrate that they have been an active participant in the Riverside community.

Once those students are put forward, a committee of teachers will evaluate all the candidates to ensure that they meet the criteria.

After the selection of the valedictorian, all candidates will then meet with the administration and Mr. Barrington to ensure that they are aware of the expectations of being selected as the valedictorian and toastmaster. Students will then commit to either proceeding or not the next day after the meeting. Students will vote on their valedictorian and toastmaster.

#### **Valedictorian**

Once the valedictorian(s) are selected, then every two weeks, the valedictorian will check in and be mentored by Mr. Barrington, who will mentor them in terms of crafting their speech for commencement. If they do not check-in, then it will be assumed that they are not interested in being the valedictorian. Arrangements can be made for a new valedictorian if this happens. This will all start in April and conclude in May.

#### **Toastmaster**

Once selected, they will be meeting with the grad committee and Ms. Chin. They will be crafting a speech that will address their peers at the grad dinner and dance. They will not be presenting their speech at Commencement. If they do not check-in, then it will be assumed that they are not interested in being the salutatorian. Arrangements can be made for a new toastmaster if this happens.

## COURSE SELECTION AND PROGRAMMING 2024-2025

Course selection and programming for next school year will get underway early in the new year – even before semester 1 finishes! Students are encouraged to start looking at the Riverside Course Calendar in preparation for the course selection process for next school year:

[Riverside Course Information – 2024 – 2025 \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://sd43.bc.ca)

### **Important dates**

Cross Catchment applications open Friday, February 9 (at 9 am) and close Wednesday, February 14 (at 4 pm).

Consult [CROSS CATCHMENT - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\) \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://sd43.bc.ca) for details.

### Grade 8s:

- Honours Applications (English, Math, and/or Science) open Tuesday, January 9 – Tuesday, January 23, 2024
- Grade 8 Parent Night at Riverside – Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 5:30 pm start
- Hockey Academy Presentation (virtual)
- Riverside Counsellors visit Middle Schools for Course Selection Presentations – Wednesday, January 24 or Thursday, January 25, 2024
- Grade 8 Tour of Riverside – Friday, January 26, 2024 – 9 am (lunch provided)
- Honours Exams (English, Math and/or Science) – Friday, January 26, 2024 – following morning tour and lunch.
- Riverside Counsellors visit Middle Schools for Course Selection Entry into MyEd – Monday, February 5 or Tuesday, February 6, 2024
- Grade 8 Course Selection Process opens Monday, January 29 and closes Monday, February 12, 2024

### Grades 9-11:

- For all programs that require application\* > online applications open on Monday, February 12 and must be submitted by Friday, February 16, 2024
- Grades 9-11 Parent Night – Monday, February 12 – 6:30 pm start
- Grades 9-11 Course Selection Process opens Monday, February 12 and closes Wednesday, February 21, 2024

*\*Programs at Riverside requiring application include Honours (9, 10, 11, 12), Outdoor Education 10, Science Co-op 11, Hockey Academy (9, 10, 11, 12), and Professional Cook Program (11, 12). See the Riverside Course Calendar for more information.*

## **BAMFIELD TRIP 2024 - A few spots left!**



### **Riverside Bamfield Trip 2024**

This spring (Feb 2024) Riverside Secondary and the Science Department are fortunate to be able to offer students an amazing opportunity to participate in a truly memorable and worthwhile multi-day field trip to the Bamfield Marine Science Centre (BMSC) ([www.bms.bc.ca](http://www.bms.bc.ca)) located on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The BMSC is a world class facility funded by a consortium of Western Canadian universities and dedicated to the study and conservation of marine life. The students will be exposed to hands on marine biology, guided by marine biologists in a part of the west coast of BC renowned for its pristine ocean shore and tidal pools. Students will also experience a two hour boat excursion to the Deer Group Islands on the MV Alta, which also includes sampling from the sub tidal environment and marine mammal and bird observation. The trip is a truly once in a lifetime opportunity. Accommodation will be in the dormitories at BMSC, and all meals are provided in the cafeteria which overlooks Barkley Sound. If Interested please see Ms. Mireau to get your name on our list! There are only 22 spots for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Only school groups and university students in specific courses can use this facility as it is not open to the public.

**The cost of this trip is approximately \$900.00 for 4 days.**

**This deposit cheque of \$450 is due by Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The remaining \$450 will be due Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Cheques can be made out to Riverside Secondary.**

**Dates: Saturday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. You will miss 1 day of school as Monday is a**

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| ➤ Charter coach to Bamfield and back to Nanaimo | ➤ Accommodation (3nights)              |
| ➤ Ferry ticket (x2)                             | ➤ All Meals (the food is really good!) |
| ➤ Field excursions                              | ➤ Program fees/lab fees                |
|   | ➤ Ocean boat trips                     |

**This trip is directed for grade 11/12 students who have taken a biological science course (Life Sc 11 or Anatomy and Physiology 12) or who will be taking Life Sc 11 this year thus those students will have priority.**

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Contact Ms. Bree Mireau at [bmireau@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bmireau@sd43.bc.ca) if you are interested in joining Riverside's Bamfield 2023 trip!

## FALL ATHLETIC REVIEW

Congratulations to the Sr Girls Volleyball team who finished second in the AAAA Girls Volleyball Provincials!

This is an amazing accomplishment. The team was ranked number 1 in the province for most of the season and came up against a very strong and focused Kelowna Secondary team in the final.

On the road to the Provincial Finals, the girls and their coaches, Mr. Gee and Mr. Thies, finished first in the Coquitlam League and Fraser North Regional Championships and won or medaled in many tournaments including Riverside's prestigious Red Serge Classic in early November.





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## **Parent Information Sessions**



### **Transition into Kindergarten – January 11th**

The Learning Services Zone Coordinators and other school personnel from School District # 43 invite parents and caregivers of children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session to discuss what to expect when your child enters kindergarten. We will also discuss how you can be involved to help make the transition successful for your child as they embark on their educational journey.

### **Stepping Up to Secondary School – February 6th**

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of middle school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session focusing on how Secondary School can provide meaningful educational opportunities that support the student's development, maturity and progress towards future goals. A successful transition to Secondary School means that students have access to classes and school experiences that prepare them for what comes after high school – post-secondary education, employment, and full participation in all aspects of community life.

### **Time to Talk About Middle School – March 5th**

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of elementary school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session discussing the differences between Elementary and Middle School. We will focus on the transition process, Middle School culture and routines, structures to support student success, and the benefits of meaningful collaboration to develop the student's program.

**When: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**

**Location: Education Learning Center - Room B103/B104  
1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam**

**Registration for all sessions required – Click [HERE](#) to register**

For more information contact Colleen Lambert, SD43 Transitions Teacher: [colambert@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:colambert@sd43.bc.ca)

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

### Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth, or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home, and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.

### Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWWe50PYIYC>

For more information on Immunizations in BC consult: [Immunizations - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/immunizations)



*Happy Holidays!*