

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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FEBRUARY 2024

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Always use our online calendar for the latest Updates.

February 19 – BC Family Day – school closed

February 20 – Grad Photo Retakes

February 16 – Specialty Program Applications due by 11:55pm

February 21 – 2024-2025 Course selections for current grade 9-11 students due

February 23 – Pro D Day – no school

February 28 – Pink Shirt Day

March 4 – Gr 9 Immunization

March 7 – Early Dismissal at 1:05 pm
Parent Teacher Interviews
2:30pm – 6:00pm

March 7 – Scholarship Meeting at lunch
(Library) – Grade 12s

March 14 – Spring Concert (7pm – 9pm)

March 18 – 28 – Spring Break – school closed

March 29 – April 1 – Easter – school closed

April 4 – Spring Team Photos

April 19 – Pro D Day – no school

May 2 – Red Dress Day

May 3 – Pro D Day – no school

A message from the Riverside Office and Administration

Dear Riverside Community,

First off: welcome Ms. Tanya Dissegna, newest Vice-Principal to Riverside!

Recently we have engaged the students in opinion polling about life at Riverside, overall satisfaction, and our school spirit activities. The results were full of excellent suggestions from the students that we are working with to improve a few things at the school. Along with many positive comments about our climate of inclusivity and good feeling of belonging, students shared their thoughts some of the challenges with peer behaviours and ease of access to hallway and bathroom facilities. For some, this is the biggest annoyance, and problems are often rooted in the choices of a few that affect the many.

Our approach to the issues of bathroom and hallway safety are:

- Repair any damage and clean washrooms as quickly as possible. Fixes do take time as there is a system wide delay in parts deliveries.
- Minimize the number of people in the hallways during class time by enforcing a sign-out procedure. This also increases safety as we will also be aware of where everyone is located in case of an unexpected power outage (we've had a few!) or an evacuation.
- Enforcing our phone policy stringently. Students are expected to keep their phone (and ear buds) silenced and, in a bag, or pocket during class times, and not brought along on bathroom breaks (leave with teacher or in safe place).
- Enforcing our rule: no 'hanging out' in the washrooms.
- Maintaining a school-wide awareness of good hallway etiquette.
- Encouraging our senior students to demonstrate the type of Rapid we want all students to become.

We encourage families to discuss with their child the importance of getting the most out of high school, and to avoid distractions and dramas if at all possible. We want students to succeed in every way while attending Riverside. Students should take pride in our school and their individual achievements. Finally, it's important that students respect the physical environment of the school, and to take care of their fellow students.

Our belief in hearing the voice of students on various issues is fundamental. We strive to continue to engage students as we work to keep Riverside a great place to go to school.

Warm regards,
-- The Riverside Admin

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SURVEY FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 10 and 12

During the months of January to April, School District #43 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the Online Anonymous Student Learning Survey **any time before 11:59 pm April 30th, 2024**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2024:

- **Students in Grades 10 and 12 complete the survey,**
- **Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 10 and 12 Students complete the survey, and**
- **all Staff associated with a School complete the survey.**

To complete the survey:

1. Use any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to [Student Learning Survey](#)
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: SD43 Coquitlam
 - School: Ecole Riverside Secondary
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. For more information please follow the link [Survey Information](#) .

COURSE SELECTION AND PROGRAMMING 2024-2025

Current Grade 9 - 10 - 11 Students

Students are in the process of completing their course selections in the MyEd portal for the 2024-2025 school year.

Course selection will be open until 11:55 pm on Wednesday, February 21st. You can go in and make changes/edits until the portal closes. Make sure you always click on 'Post' to save any changes you make.

Reminders to ensure that you have our course selection completed correctly and on time:

OPTIONAL In-person Course Selection Support - Counsellors will be available in the Library to support the MyEd course selection process. Students in need of support to enter their course selections in MyEd are encouraged to drop-in on:

- FRIDAY, February 16th - during LUNCH

Specialized Program Applications - you have until 11:55 pm TOMORROW - Friday, February 16th - to complete the online application forms for (CLICK on links to access forms):

- [Outdoor Education 10](#)
- [Other Specialized Programs](#) - use this link for any of Competitive Robotics 10-11-12, Math 10 Honours, English 10 Honours, Math 11 Honours, English First Peoples 11 Honours, Science 10 Honours, Peer Tutoring 11 and 12, Green Shirts-IDS Leadership 10-11-12, or Science Co-op 11

Reminder: Only SD43 STUDENT MyEd accounts can be used to access the course selection portal and specialty program applications. For issues with STUDENT MyEd accounts contact Mr. Brown at jbrown@sd43.bc.ca . Reach out to your counsellor with any questions about course selection.

YEARBOOK

Sales of the 2024 Yearbook has been extended to March 10th. To purchase the book (\$65), please use the School Cash Online link on the Riverside school website.

ATHLETICS

Hello Riverside Athletes!

Thank you for participating in the recent Sport Team Group photos this past Fall and Winter.

Below is a link to view your proofs:

Visit Gallery Link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>

Your Online Codes are the numbers listed below that are beside the team name that you are on:

- Cross Country Running: **1157131372**
- Field Hockey- Girls: **2103005475**
- Grade 9 Girls Volleyball: **1915573660**
- Jr Boys Soccer: **1860904661**
- Jr Boys Volleyball: **1089725421**
- Jr Girls Volleyball: **1127939072**
- Sr Boys Soccer: **1210237843**
- Sr Boys Volleyball: **1642016765**
- Sr Girls Volleyball: **2051569669**

Questions?

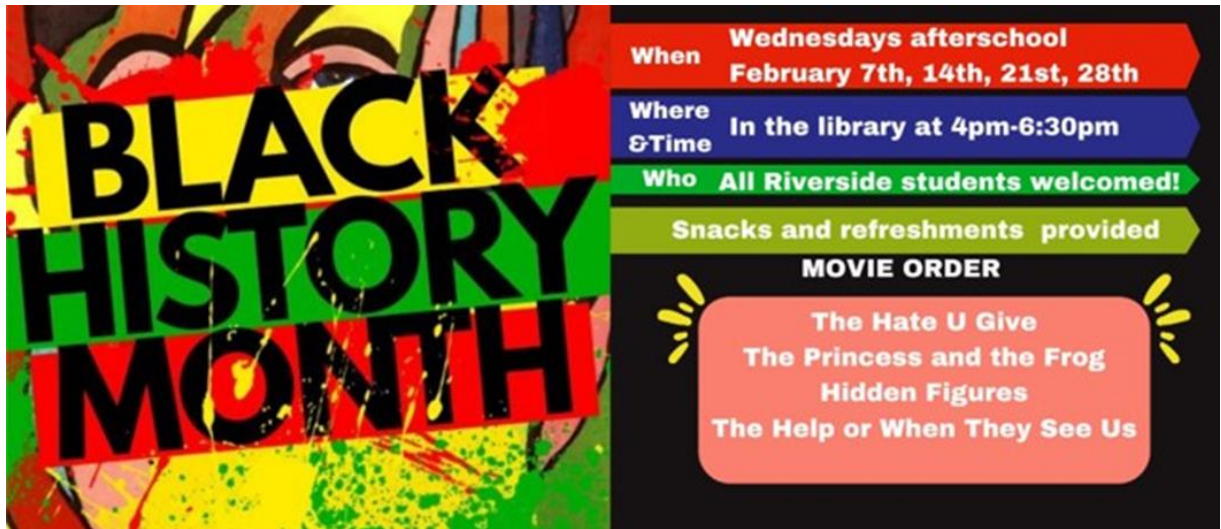
Please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Coquitlam Secondary School Athletic Association

For updates on sporting events, team results and upcoming games/matches occurring around SD43, please follow the Coquitlam Secondary School Athletic Association on Instagram **@cssaasd3**.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This 4-part movie series event is an opportunity for Riverside students to acknowledge, educate, and discuss social and cultural topics throughout the month of February.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

When Wednesdays afterschool
February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Where & Time In the library at 4pm-6:30pm

Who All Riverside students welcomed!

Snacks and refreshments provided

MOVIE ORDER

- The Hate U Give
- The Princess and the Frog
- Hidden Figures
- The Help or When They See Us

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Neufeld Farms – Proceeds to AFTER GRAD 2024

Email link to friends and family to order online:

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-riverside-secondary-after-grad-2024/ref/em>



View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below
All of your favorites are just a click away...



Riverside Secondary After Grad 2024
NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

Orders In By: February 26 2024, end of day
Pick up: March 4th 2024, 3:30 pm



<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-riverside-secondary-after-grad-2024>

GRAD CLASS OF 2024:



Grade 12 students:

Scholarship Meeting #3 (Local Scholarship Package)

March 7th at lunch in the library

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

Valedictorian and Toastmaster Timeline

- Monday, March 4th, 2024- Valedictorian/Toastmaster Meeting for Grade 12 students
When: Lunch
Where: Library Commons
- Thursday, March 14th, 2024 - Valedictorian/Toastmaster Deadline
(This is the day that interested students hand in their form.)
- Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 - Valedictorian Nomination Videos are due
Process: 1 minute video must be sent to Mr. Schoenhals. The videos will be posted on Instagram
- Wednesday, April 17th, 2024- Valedictorian/Toastmaster Speeches
Process: Students present their 1:30 minute speech to their peers
Where: Cafeteria
When: During Stream (Extended Stream)
- Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 - Vote conducted on Microsoft Forms.
The vote will be announced in the afternoon.

SD43 Trades Programs

Interested in learning about the Skilled Trades Training available to SD43 students? Check out the [SD43 Career and Trades website](#) for more information.

Parents as Education and Career Coaches

We're pleased to offer the [virtual](#) workshop for **SD 43- Coquitlam on EducationPlannerBC - Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC)** virtual workshop on **Tuesday March 12th from 6:30pm – 8pm.**

For details and to register:



BCIT Big Info Night


Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's your chance to find out about all our programs – from business and media, computing and IT, engineering, health sciences, trades and apprenticeships, and applied and natural sciences.

It's free. It's lively. It's a night of possibilities.

Join us in person on **Wednesday, February 21 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm Burnaby at the Burnaby BCIT Campus.**

See [Riverside Career Website](#) or visit the [BCIT website to register](#).

SD43 LEARNING SERVICES/Kinsight - PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



Parent Information Sessions

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

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE INFORMATION - PARENT SESSION ON YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

We are pleased to share the following information with you. The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

Please share within your community and email educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca with any questions.

THE TRI-CITIES ENCHANTMENT PROJECT – Dress Donations Request

All students should have the opportunity to attend their grad celebration feeling confident, beautiful, and excited about their special night regardless of their family finances or circumstances. In School District 43, the Enchantment Project provides an opportunity for any student who requires financial support to find a dress.

Our program accepts gently used grad gowns, and we are currently in need of dress sizes between 12-22+. If you are interested in donating to the Tri-Cities Enchantment Project, please contact the Youth Worker at your local high school, or drop off at CAFE, Terry Fox or Pinetree Secondary (attention EP/Youth Worker).

The Tri-Cities Enchantment Project committee thanks you for your generosity.

Riverside Youth Worker – Monica Brochu mbrochu@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/5WWe50PYIYC>

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