

# ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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## JANUARY 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

**January 22** – Hockey Academy Presentation (virtual) 7pm-8pm

**January 22 – 26** – Semester turnaround week

**January 24** – Grade 8 Parent Information Night 5:30pm

**January 26** – Gr 8 Tour (AM) and Honours Exams (PM) at Riverside

**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** – Photos: Teams & Late Arrival Students

**February 13** – Grades 9-11 Parent Night 6:30pm

**February 19** – BC Family Day – school closed

**February 20** – Grad Photo Retakes

**February 21** – Pink Shirt Day

**February 23** – Pro D Day – no school

**March 7** – Scholarship Meeting at lunch (Library)

**March 14** – Spring Concert

**March 18 – 28** – Spring Break – school closed

**March 29 – April 1** – Easter – school closed



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

First off, thank you to parents and guardians for all your support as we navigate the Snow Day, power outage, and other occasional adjustments. It's often complicated, and we appreciate your understanding. Now is a great time to load that app we use to help you track the goings on here at school, including whether there is an altered timetable for assemblies, STREAM class, etc. Check the app store for "My School Day". Also, it's a perfect time to get in the habit of checking the Rapid Read DAILY newsletter found on our homepage.

Secondly, thank you to our staff for their dedication to teaching, and also for the things happening outside work hours. The winter athletics programs and clubs are all up and running, thanks to VOLUNTEER time spent by teachers, students, and other members of our community. We appreciate your time and effort in the interest of our school community!

#### CAFETERIA MENU PRICES

Every family has noticed the price of groceries go higher and higher. Here at the school we feel the pinch as well. We are required to raise our food prices heading into Semester 2. Please understand that our cafeteria has to be cost-neutral, and price hikes are inevitable when the prices of ingredients go up. Our daily special is still a very popular and nutritious choice for students and is cost-effective compared to preparing food at home. We encourage all families to take a moment and consider their plans for lunches this Semester. It's important that the kids eat at that time in the day, and we will always do our utmost to keep prices as low as possible. Our cafeteria produces amazing quality food, so we would love it if families supported us by continuing to buy food here.

#### NEW VP

Coming soon is a change in our admin team. Effective Semester 2, Mr. Giles is heading to a different school, and Ms. Dissegna is starting here as our new Vice-Principal. She is currently the Vice-Principal at Gleneagle Secondary. Welcome, Ms. Dissegna! Students with last names Go to Ne will now have her as their administrative Vice-Principal. Farewell, Mr. Giles, and good luck in your new endeavours at Coquitlam Open Learning.

#### BUSY MONTH AHEAD

Please read up on the upcoming events at Riverside. The kids appreciate it when we guide them to prepare for important deadlines. Course selections for next year are going to begin soon after Semester 2 starts. A parent night has been scheduled for Feb 13 to assist you in the process. Hope to see you there, parents of Gr 9-11!

--Riverside Admin

## STUDENT SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Semester Turnaround

\*Please check carefully – changes have been made since this schedule was previously published in the December 2023 Newsletter\*

Last day of regular semester 1 classes is Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a shortened day schedule. 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. Where there is no scheduled activity, your child is not expected to be at 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.

- **Provincial Assessments (Grades 10 and 12)** - Students in Grade 10 will write the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments; Students in Grade 12 will write the Literacy 12 Assessment and complete the Literacy Oral Exam, if they are in French Immersion
- **Grade 9 Students** - attend a 45-minute session for their Digital Literacy 10 Course
- **Grade 11 Students** - attend a 45-minute session to learn about the CLC 12 course requirements
- **Customized Learning Days** - Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday - students may be required to come in for one or more days. These days are also available for students who have fallen behind to catch up on their work under the direction of their teachers. Students who need to attend school to complete work for any of their courses will be contacted by their teacher and the days/times will be arranged directly with the teacher.

### Grade 9:

Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
Regular school day Shortened Day schedule	<b>Digital Literacy 10 Meeting</b> Cafeteria Last name A-G: 12-12:45 pm Last Name H-O: 1-1:45 pm Last Name P-Z: 2-2:45 pm	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 Shortened Day schedule	9 am – 12pm <b>Numeracy 10 Assessment</b>	9 am – 12 pm <b>Literacy 10 Assessment</b>	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 Shortened Day schedule	Customized Learning Day	1 – 1:45 pm <b>CLC/Capstone Session for ALL Grade 11s</b> Cafeteria	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 Shortened Day schedule	10 – 11:30 am <b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology Final</b> (optional)  9 am – 12 pm <b>Pre-Calculus 12 Final</b> <i>arranged through teachers</i>	9 am – 12 pm* French Immersion Literacy Oral Exams  <i>*time will be individually scheduled</i>	9 am – 12 pm <b>Literacy 12 Assessment</b>  1 – 3 pm Capstone Presentations for Early Grads (arranged through CLC teacher)	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 1 French Immersion 12 students will need to write the French Immersion 12 Literacy Assessment. There are two parts: a written exam (completed on 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 have been posted in the front foyer and on the Riverside 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)

## Grade 8 Parent Information Evening & Innovation Open House for Future Grade 9 Students

Grade 8 families are invited to attend a parent information evening for students who will join the Riverside Learning Community in September 2024. Join us to learn more about Riverside's culture and program options as well as important information about how to navigate the months ahead and assist your child with the transition to high school.



**NEW DATE**

The evening begins with a 5:30-6:15pm Open House in our Main Entrance/Foyer followed by a formal presentation in our Cafeteria from 6:15-7:15pm. A session specific to Riverside's French Immersion Program will follow at 7:15 pm.

No registration is required. Students are not required to attend but may choose to accompany their parent. Students will have the chance to visit Riverside for the Grade 8 Walkabout on the morning of Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **HOCKEY ACADEMY PRESENTATION**

Join the teachers of the Riverside Hockey Academy on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 – 8 pm for a virtual presentation on the program.

Join Zoom Meeting – click on link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85812880778?pwd=NsdEwEJNkTj50GQ8LhmctZsvDMVHE.1>

Meeting ID: 858 1288 0778

Passcode: 719689

## **COURSE SELECTION AND PROGRAMMING 2024-2025**

Online course selection for next year begins on January 29<sup>th</sup> for grade 8s and on February 12<sup>th</sup> for grades 9-11s. Visit the [Riverside Course Information link](#) for more information.

### *Important dates by current grade level*

#### 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)
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- Grade 8 Tour of Riverside – Friday, January 26, 2024 – 9 am (lunch provided)
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#### 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 – Tuesday, February 13 – 6:30 pm start
- Grades 9-11 Course Selection Process opens Monday, February 12 and closes Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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## **YEARBOOK**

The 2024 Yearbook is on sale until February 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's Yearbook features sports, clubs, portraits, grads and school events! To purchase the book (\$65), please use the School Cash Online link on the Riverside Website.

**RIVER'S EDGE THEATRE**  
**PRESENTS**

  
**FREAKY  
FRIDAY**  
*A Disney MUSICAL*

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**FEB: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9**


**Don't miss this year's big Broadway-style musical, Disney's "Freaky Friday"!**

Running Feb. 1, 2, 3 and Feb. 7, 8, 9 at 7pm with an added matinee on Saturday Feb. 3 at 2pm.

This show has it all: great songs, talented triple-threat performers, and a dash of magic.

Directed by Ms. Roberge, supported by a crackerjack crew, "Freaky Friday" is for each of you.

Join us at River's Edge Theatre (at Riverside Secondary) and bring the whole family.

Tickets available in advance: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6198084> or \$15 cash, at the door. Sales open 45 minutes before each show.

## 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:**

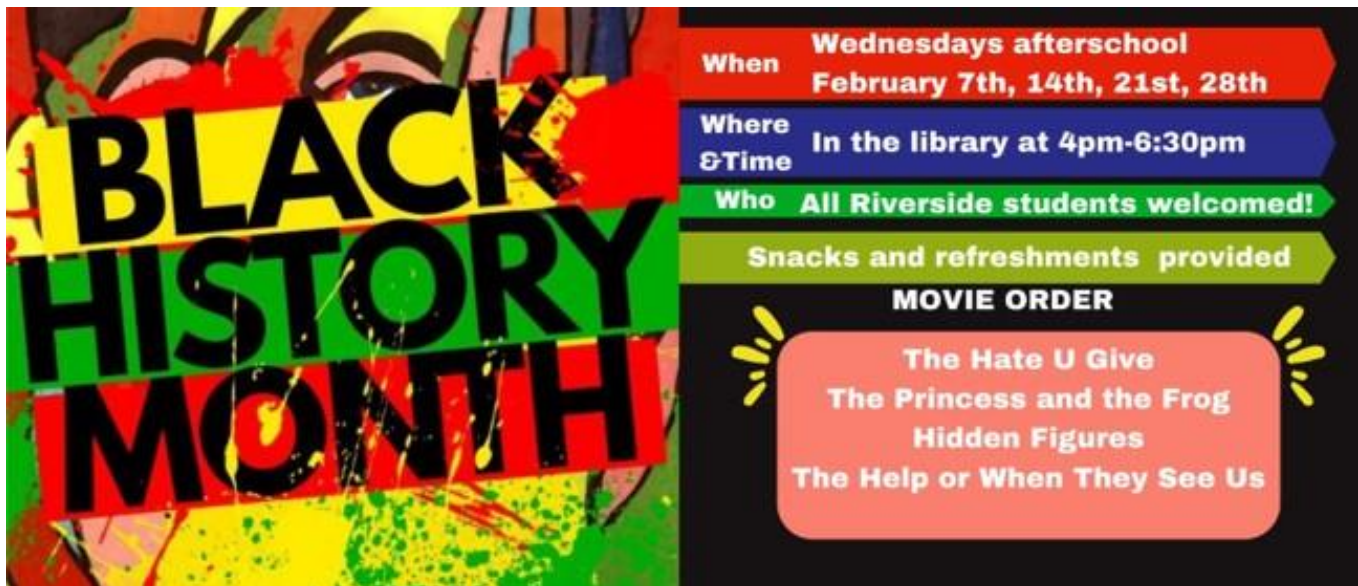
- Cross Country Running: **1157131372**
- Field Hockey- Girls: **2103005475**
- Grade 9 Girls Volleyball: **1915573660**
- Jr Boys Soccer: **1860904661**
- Jr Boys Volleyball: **1089725421**
- Jr Girls Volleyball: **1127939072**
- Sr Boys Soccer: **1210237843**
- Sr Boys Volleyball: **1642016765**
-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

Questions?

Please email [orders@gradsbc.com](mailto:orders@gradsbc.com) or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm."

## 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.



The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with splashes of red, yellow, and green. The words "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" are written in large, bold, black letters across the center. To the right, there is a black box containing event details in colored arrows and a movie order list.

<b>When</b>	<b>Wednesdays afterschool</b> <b>February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th</b>
<b>Where &amp; Time</b>	<b>In the library at 4pm-6:30pm</b>
<b>Who</b>	<b>All Riverside students welcomed!</b>
	<b>Snacks and refreshments provided</b>
	<b>MOVIE ORDER</b>
	<b>The Hate U Give</b> <b>The Princess and the Frog</b> <b>Hidden Figures</b> <b>The Help or When They See Us</b>

## SPOKEN WORD – Semester 1 Competition Results

Congratulations to the winners of the Fall 2023 Spoken Word competition! These students represented their English or EFP 11 class and showed off their writing and presenting talent.

### **Grade 9**

2<sup>nd</sup>- Charlotte Davies

1<sup>st</sup>- Selina Lalaj and Kajal Zarei

### **Grade 10**

2<sup>nd</sup>- Vienna Cipparrone

1<sup>st</sup>- Mythili Garikiparthi

### **Grade 12**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Divine Edosomwan

1<sup>st</sup> - Scarlett Stratton

### **Grade 11**

2<sup>nd</sup>- Gui Costa

1<sup>st</sup>- Angeli Angustura

### **People's Choice Awards**

Warren Boone    Avery Hunt-Smyth

Divine Edosomwan    Colt MacLean and Tyler Nadalin

## GRAD CLASS OF 2024:



### Grade 12 students:

Reminder to do the Student Transcript Service **by January 31<sup>st</sup>**. List all the post-secondary institutions that you have or will be applying to. [www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca)

### **Scholarship Meeting #3** (Local Scholarship Package)

March 7<sup>th</sup> 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 \(sd43.bc.ca\)](http://Welcome%20to%20the%20Riverside%20Career%20Centre!%20-%20%C3%89cole%20Riverside%20Secondary%20School%20(sd43.bc.ca))) and IG account @riversidepostsecondaryadvising for more information about post-secondary, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, job opportunities and more.

## Valedictorian and Toastmaster Timeline

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

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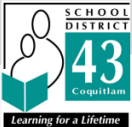

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## SD43 LEARNING SERVICES/Kinsight - PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



### **Parent Information Sessions**

#### **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.

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#### **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)



## **BAMFIELD TRIP 2024**

*\*Note: January 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Meeting will be rescheduled due to the school closure. The school website calendar will be updated with a new date asap.*



## **Riverside Bamfield Trip 2024 – Parent Night**

**January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in room 202**

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**

- Charter coach to Bamfield and back to Nanaimo
- Ferry ticket (x2)
- Field excursions
- Accommodation (3nights)
- All Meals (the food is really good!)
- 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.**

**\*\*\* 5 spots left! Now open to Gr 10 students interested in Marine Biology. \*\*\***

Contact Ms. Bree Mireau at [bmireau@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bmireau@sd43.bc.ca) if you are interested in joining Riverside's Bamfield 2024 trip!

## 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 (Monica Brochu) at your local high school, or drop off at CABE, Terry Fox or Pinetree Secondary (attention EP/Youth Worker).

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

## 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

### Kindergarten



**2024-2025  
STUDENT REGISTRATION  
SCHEDULE**

JANUARY <b>11</b>	FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) <b>KINDERGARTEN &amp; LATE POC APPLICATION OPENS AT 9 AM</b>
JANUARY <b>17</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN &amp; LATE POC APPLICATION CLOSES AT 4 PM</b>
FEBRUARY <b>6-8</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION</b>

**KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OF CHOICE  
(FOR STUDENTS 5 YEARS OLD BY DEC 2024)**

- FRENCH IMMERSION
- MANDARIN BILINGUAL
- MONTESSORI
- REGGIO INFLUENCED

**LATE PROGRAMS OF CHOICE  
(FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6 IN SEPT 2024)**

- FRENCH IMMERSION
- MONTESSORI

REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON THE  
MAIN SD43.BC.CA WEBSITE

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### Cross Catchment



**2024-2025  
STUDENT REGISTRATION  
SCHEDULE**

FEBRUARY <b>9</b>	<b>CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION OPENS AT 9 AM</b>
FEBRUARY <b>14</b>	<b>CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION CLOSES AT 4 PM</b>

**CROSS CATCHMENT**

FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO  
ATTEND ANOTHER SCHOOL  
OUTSIDE THEIR CATCHMENT AREA

LEARN MORE:  
SD43.BC.CA/CROSSCATCHMENT

REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON THE  
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## 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)**

