



# RIVERSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The development of digital literacy skills has become increasingly important for an individual's success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. With that in mind, we have been working on integrating technology into our students' learning here at Riverside. In their classes, students will be required to demonstrate their ability to efficiently and effectively navigate digital technologies while behaving ethically and responsibly to ensure they are protecting their own personal security and privacy. Again this year, we are able to offer our grade 9's a course credit for their work in this area. The course is called Applications of Digital Literacy and students will receive a grade 10 credit as grade 9 students. This course will be delivered by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Barazzuol and will primarily be addressed through one project in Math 9, one project in PE, three projects in Science 9, and two projects in English 9.

As part of their digital learning, students will maintain a digital portfolio. At Riverside, this is done through Edublogs. Edublogs is a blogging site that enables users to publish their work that they have created, but also allows others to read and comment on it. Our intention is to use this site as a space for students to showcase some of the wonderful work that they have produced throughout their school year and demonstrate part of their learning here at Riverside. We hope to accomplish three things through this on-line repository/electronic portfolio:

1. Give students a stage that allows them to share what they are learning with other people and to collaborate with others.
2. Show the progression and growth of the student's learning over their four years at Riverside
3. Create a positive digital footprint that the student will be able to showcase during job interviews and future opportunities.

We would ask you to bookmark your child's blog and visit it throughout the year. This can be a great source of insight into their learning at Riverside.

We have attached a consent form which requires your permission for your child to have an Edublog account. This permission form is to inform you that while we are keeping your child's blog on a Canadian server, the content your child publishes is public. We will be working with students to teach them about the importance of protecting privacy, publishing ethically and responsibly, and conducting themselves in a safe manner on-line. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me at [aciolfitto@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aciolfitto@sd43.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Anthony Ciolfitto  
Principal

## How to Visit Our Blogs

- To visit our schools Edublogs please go to: <http://myriverside.sd43.bc.ca/>
- To visit a specific teachers blog simply add a backslash (/), followed by the teacher's first initial and full last name at the end of <http://myriverside.sd43.bc.ca/> For example, to visit Mr. Gee's blog, you would type in <http://myriverside.sd43.bc.ca/bgee>
- To visit your child's blog add a backslash (/), followed by the full first name of your child, the initial of their last name, and 2017. For example, to visit John Smith's blog, you would type in <http://myriverside.sd43.bc.ca/johns2017>
- \*The 2017 represents the year the student entered grade 9 at Riverside.