



RIVERSIDE NEWS

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

June 24th

Commencement Ceremony
SFU Convocation Mall - 2:00

June 28th

Last Day of School—Report Cards
handed out in RAP: 12:00—12:30
pm

Report cards that are not picked up
will not be mailed out. There is
someone working here all summer
so they can be picked up.

Next School Year:

August 27th & 28th

9:00 am registration for
International students only
10:00 School Tour

EAL assessments after tour.
Students will make appointments to
see their counsellor on Wed.,
August 29th and 30th to choose
courses after they have had an
assessment.

August 30th

Gr. 9 Preview Day 9:00-11:30 am

September 4th

School Opens
Gr. 9 Digital Boot Camp 9:15—
12:00
Gr.10 –12 RAP 1:00—2:00 pm

September 7th

School Photos



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Once again, another school year seems to have flown by. Our staff and students are busily completing end-of-semester tasks, including preparing for final exams. In the past few weeks, there have been ceremonies to acknowledge student achievements in Athletics, Mathematics and French Immersion, and coming soon are the school-wide Awards Ceremony (June 20) and Commencement Ceremony (June 24) for our Grads of 2018. As a staff, we are very proud of all of our students' accomplishments, and that we lead the way in this district in terms of how students publish their work online. I am constantly blown away by the outstanding quality of student blogging, as well as all the amazing showcasing of all other types of work. Well done, Riverside community, on a very successful year!

In this June newsletter, we also bid a sad farewell to our departing staff members. It's hard to imagine a teaching staff without Lori Leonard and Terry Bates. Each of these two teachers heads into retirement having contributed many years to the Riverside culture. Ms. Leonard taught at Riverside for 19 years. She has been a guiding light in our English department, and has also made an immense contribution as a leader, a Track and Field coach, an organizer of Commencement, and so many more roles. Thank you, Ms. Leonard, on behalf of the many students and staff whose lives you have touched. Ms. Bates leaves the Art Department following a career of supporting her students, growing our art programs, and also being a key person to keep our Yearbook crew going and ensuring to preserve the memories of our school life in the annual book. It takes a huge amount of commitment, and the whole Riverside community thanks her for that. We also say farewell to the following teachers and support staff members who are heading to new opportunities in the district. Best wishes to: Ms. Coulson & Ms. Matiets (caretakers), Ms. Lunoch (secretary) Ms. Atkinson (library assistant), Ms. Anderson and Ms. Anderson (educational assistants), and teachers: Mr. Kwok, Mr. Drysdale, Ms. Kim, Ms. Nezil, Ms. Riahi, Ms. Beckett, Mr. Bale, Mr. Ahmelich, Mr. Rosse, Mr. Ruditsch, Mr. Sundar and Ms. Hilliard. Thank you all for your work, and we hope to have you back at Riverside in the near future.



A special thank you for all the parent support this year. Just since arriving in February, I've been so impressed with the involvement of parents in PAC, District PAC, Dry AfterGrad Committee, Fundraising, and more. We are honoured to be entrusted with the education of your children, and are thankful for your involvement in our learning community. Also, thank you to the staff members who oversaw the process to renovate parts of our school. We have had our Gym Floor renewed, thanks to the careful management of our teachers, and also the library is soon to be renovated following a design process involving staff and students.

Finally, thank you to Mr. Ciofitto for his work as leader of Riverside up until the end of January. His legacy of a well-run school community lives on, nurtured by a wonderfully caring staff and student population. All the best to Anthony & Liege for a prosperous tenure at Centennial.

On behalf of our staff, we wish you a relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday.

Jon Bruneau



SCHEDULES FOR NEXT YEAR & GRAD INFORMATION

Schedules for 2017/2018

Grade 9 students will be given their schedules on August 30th at the Grade 9 Preview Day. All other students have already seen their schedules for next year. Grade 10-12 students have already had a chance to change courses for September so their timetables are now final. **No course changes will be permitted for grade 10-12 students in September.** Only grade 9 students will be able to make course change requests in September.

Grade 12 marks and Post-secondary Admissions

The Ministry sends official copies of student's final marks in July to post-secondary institutions in order to complete the admissions process. The Ministry can send marks information only if a student has given them permission to do so. Students are required to complete the "Student Transcripts Service" on-line on the Ministry website. Many students have done this already. For those who have not, counsellors can provide instructions to students and parents but instructions are also available on the career centre web site. Students must make sure that they have completed this process prior to June 30th. Only students applying for a September 2018 entry need to complete the on-line STS form.



After Graduation

Your Dogwood (Graduation) Certificate will be sent directly to the school in the first week of August. Once they are signed and verified, an email will be sent out to indicate that they are ready to be picked from the school. These do not get mailed out.

Transcripts: one copy is mailed to the school for retention with your records, and one directly to your home. You should keep your official copy for yourself; do not give it to any post-secondary institutions you are applying to, instead have them make a photocopy of it. As well, the school will provide an official copy on your request. Dogwoods and transcripts are issued in your "legal" name by the Ministry.

It is very important that your mailing address, contact, email and phone information is up-to-date at school as this information is archived in your Ministry history. It is particularly important for International Students and any students leaving the country or province to leave a forwarding address with the school office and/or International Education.



Congratulations to the 2018 Outdoor Education students for a semester of accomplishments. These students challenged themselves on canoe, camping and backpacking trips. In addition to the math, science, physical education and leadership curriculum, they learned survival skills, Leave No Trace Principles, avalanche awareness and companion rescue, as well as first aid for urban and wilderness settings. The 2019 program begins in February with Ms. McArthur and Ms. Blaxland as co-instructors.



International students at the Grad Dinner/dance. Kate Wang, Lindsay Yan, Daisy Chen, Kristina Liu, Sherry Xu, Nico Hung, Ashley Fang

It is with great pleasure that we crown this years Riverside Annual Crokinole Championship to 'Josh (the sniper) Miki'. Josh assassinated all completion at this years event. Please take the time to congratulate Josh when you see him.



Dear parent/guardian/student,

Grade 9 is the last year vaccines are offered in the school setting. Public Health encourages families to review their child's vaccine records to make sure all the provincially recommended vaccines have been received up to this age. Below is the list of recommended publicly funded 'school age' vaccines your child should have received by the end of Grade 9:

Vaccine	Complete series includes
Hepatitis B HealthLinkBCFile25a	2 doses (if 3 doses not received in infancy)
Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate ACYW-135 vaccine HealthLinkBCFile23b	1 dose (if received in Grade 7 or later)
Varicella * (chickenpox) HealthLinkBCFile44b	2 doses *
HPV (grade 6 girls **) (human papillomavirus) HealthLinkBCFile101b	2 doses **
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) HealthLinkBCFile14a	2 doses
Tdap *** (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) HealthLinkBCFile18c	1 dose ***

* If your child had lab confirmed chickenpox or shingles disease at 1 year of age or older they do not need varicella vaccine

** See [HealthLinkBCFile](#) for information on who can receive this vaccine for free

*** Your child should have received a series of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Polio containing vaccine prior to school entry

Because of changes to the immunization schedule and recommended number of doses for varicella, your child may not have received a second dose of varicella vaccine.

If your child is missing any of the recommended immunizations, please contact your doctor, pharmacy, or local health unit to make an appointment. These immunizations are provided for free.

After Grade 9, recommended routine adult immunizations include Td (tetanus, diphtheria) every 10 years and influenza immunization annually. For more information on immunizations, please visit: www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizations

Health Units					
Abbotsford 604-864-3400	Agassiz 604-793-7160	Burnaby 604-918-7605	Chilliwack 604-702-4900	Cloverdale 604-575-5100	Guildford 604-587-4750
Hope 604-860-7630	Langley 604-539-2900	Maple Ridge 604-476-7000	Mission 604-814-5500	New Westminster 604-777-6740	Tricities, Port Moody 604-949-7200
Newton 604-592-2000	North Delta 604-507-5400	North Surrey 604-587-7900	South Delta 604-952-3550	White Rock 604-542-4000	

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MULTI-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP

Our farewell event for international students hosted by the Multicultural leadership class on Friday June 1. We had around 100 students who enjoyed playing games, dressing in cosplay costumes, watching a slideshow of photos of all our Multicultural events this year, having henna designs drawn on their hands, and a lovely dinner of butter chicken and other delicious curries.



Summary of Math Contest Medal Winners 2017-2018

Grade 9's

Pascal Math Contest	Jeongyeol Justin Park
Fryer Math Contest	Ruomin Zhang

Grade 10's

Cayley Math Contest	Jeon Juyoung
Galois Math Contest	Jeon Juyoung

Open Grade 9's and 10's

Canadian Intermediate Math Contest	Jeongyeol Justin Park
American Mathematics Competition 10	Zheng Eva Lian

Grade 11's

Fermat Math Contest	Zian Zhou
Hypatia Math Contest	Tessa Burton

Open Grade 11's and 12's

Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge	Hyewon Hana Yang
Canadian Senior Mathematics Contest	Joshua Caldwell Yuyang Karen Gao
American Mathematics Competition 12	Hyewon Hana Yang
Euclid Math Contest	Yuyang Karen Gao
Canadian National Mathematics League	Hyewon Hana Yang



Music Notes!

The Music Department is headed for an exciting year. To all students that have chosen to be a part of our program next year, congratulations on entering into an exciting field of study. We will be heading to Whistler Cantando Music Festival next year, April 26-28th. Our main department concerts will be Thurs. Dec. 6th and June 6th. Please mark those dates in your calendar to ensure that everyone is be involved. We are looking forward to a Fall Joint Music Retreat in October and planning for our big Music Tour 2020!

Students on our Music Council will be greeting everyone in September and we welcome any parents that may wish to be involved in our planning next year to connect with Ms. Ottens at gottens@sd43.bc.ca.

New Music Members Welcome! Try it before you Graduate Grade 12! Even if you haven't played an instrument before, new members are welcome and since most performance ensembles practice outside of our regular schedule, it is easy to join. We have some instruments that you can borrow and we will help you get started. If you want to start an instrument over the summer, please e-mail Ms. Ottens and she will help you get started.

First Class Wed. Sept 5th at 8:00 am in the Choir Room. All music students, including those in Music Fusion and Show Choir (a 2nd semester course) need to attend this meeting time. We will be sharing some important highlights of the year ahead and there will be a good introduction to everyone in the Music Department. If you know someone that is not yet registered in a music course and may have an interest, please bring them along!

Music Orientation and Information Meeting: For any new or returning students and their parents/guardians. We will review our programs, assessment, expectations and planned events for the year. You are encouraged to attend this meeting that will be held on **Wed. Sept. 5th at 7:00 pm** in the Music Room. This is the first Wednesday that school starts and it is a great way to get introduced to each other and learn about the year ahead.

After Grad 2019

Attention All Parents of next year's Grade 11 and Grade 12 students:

The After grad committee is already in motion and initial plans are forming to make the 2019 After-Grad a huge success!

Within the week, students will be creating a Facebook group and inviting your Grade 12 student to join. This will be a private group for all of next year's Grade 12 students only, where ideas and information will be shared and discussed between peers. Please ask your student(s) to join this group as soon as it is available in order to stay up to date on important info involving Grad and After Grad.

The PAC After-Grad committee will be meeting in early September (exact date yet to be determined) and is looking for parent volunteers of both Grade 11 and Grade 12 students. We strongly recommend Grade 11 parents joining in on the planning process so you can learn and perfect the process for your own child's Grad the following year.

Whether you'd like to join us for the meetings or simply be kept informed via periodic email updates, we'll need your contact info, along with your student's name and grade, as the school is unable to provide it to us. Input from all parents and guardians is welcomed, so whether you want to be very involved or just kept in the know, please send your name and email address to Deborah McNicol at

canyoufeelthelovetonight@shaw.ca to be added to the After-Grad email list.

Thanks and have a great summer!



PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER OUR SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Our school is an important place in our neighbourhood. We all want to do everything we can to eliminate vandalism on school grounds this summer. Schools are most at risk during:

- Summer evenings and nights especially when the weather is hot
- The week before school opens on Tuesday September 5, 2017
Friday and Saturday evenings and nights during the month of September

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

***Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.
Do not wait for the damage to be done.***

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.

KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

