



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- December 3rd**  
After Grad Meeting—7:00 Library
- December 10th**  
Winter Ball (Gr. 11 & 12)
- December 11th**  
Holiday Music Concert
- December 18th**  
PAC Meeting 7:00 pm, Library
- December 19th**  
Cozy Cabaret (Theatre)
- December 23rd—January 3rd**  
Winter Vacation
- January 6th**  
School Re-Opens—DAY 2
- January 7th**  
After Grad Meeting—7:00 Library
- January 13th**  
PAC Meeting 7:00 pm, Library
- January 14th—16th**  
Grade 9 Immunizations
- January 17th**  
Last day of classes—Semester 1
- January 20th—23rd**  
Exam sessions (Times TBD)
- January 24th**  
Grade 8 Tour Day  
Grade 8 Honours Exam
- January 27th**  
Pro-D Day
- January 28th**  
First day of Semester 2—Day 2
- January 29th**  
Report card distribution (RAP Class)
- February 4th**  
After Grad Meeting—7:00 Library
- February 5th**  
American Math Competition 10/12B
- February 7th**  
Last day to order Yearbooks
- February 14th**  
School not in session
- February 17th**  
BC Family day (School closed)
- February 25th**  
Pascal/Cayle/Fermat Math Contest
- February 20-22, 26-28**  
"CHICAGO" musical



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## COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

### Important Dates for Grade 8 Parents

January 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 online honours applications open

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** Parent Info Evening re: High Performance Sport Conditioning/Hockey Academy/Honours/Outdoor Education and FRIM programs at Riverside. Meet in cafeteria/theatre. 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

January 20<sup>th</sup> - Student online application for honours closes

January 24<sup>th</sup>- Honours Assessments @ Riverside 9:00am - 11:45 am

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**- Grade 8 tour for feeder school students only 12:00-2:45pm

February 4<sup>th</sup>— 7<sup>th</sup> Honours acceptance letters emailed out \*\*\*Acceptance into Honours does not guarantee placement for cross enrollment students.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Info Evening re: Grade 8 Programming Information, Grade 10/11 Programming Presentations, 1:1 Technology Information Evening, Grade 8 Elective Tour, Outdoor Education Information Night.

Grade 8 parents – Meet in Cafeteria—6:00

Grade 10/11 parents- Meet in Cafeteria—7:00

### Post-Secondary Admission

Be sure to check University websites for specific deadline dates. If you have any questions about Post Secondary please see Ms. David in the Career Centre.

### Grade 12 marks and Post-secondary Applications

#### Student Transcripts Service (STS)

Students who are graduating this year and are applying to post-secondary schools for a September entry must submit STS information to the Ministry on-line. Students should complete this as soon as possible. If the process is not completed students are responsible for getting their final marks to post-secondary institutions on their own.

Access the Ministry website [www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca)

1. Students must register for a BC Government account, a **BCeID**. Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using the BCeID.
2. From a student's STS Dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send transcripts.



# Riverside Exam Schedule – Semester 1

<b>Monday January 20</b>			
<b>9:00-11:30am</b>	Burton – C2	Room 219	Burton
<b>Math 9</b>	Chee – A2	Portable 4	Chee
<b>Midterm</b>	Hubbard – D1	Room 216	Hubbard
	Della – A1	Room 215	Della
	McArthur – B1	Portable 3	McArthur
	McArthur – C1	Room 220	Muro
	McArthur – C2	Room 218	Burton
	Ramsay – C2	Portable 5	Ramsay
	Thies – B2	Room 222	Thies
	VanderKraan – A1	Portable 2	Jackson
	VanderKraan – A2	Room 226	Lundgren
	VanderKraan – D2	Room 200	VanderKraan
<b>SS 10</b>			
<b>CHIN</b>	B Block	9:00-10:00	Room 124
<b>CHIN</b>	C Block	10:15-11:15	Room 124
<b>CHIN</b>	D Block	11:30-12:30	Room 124
<b>HISTORY 12</b>	Written Response	10:00 AM	Room 123
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Grade 9 RAP INTERVIEWS		
<b>1:00-2:00 PM</b>	LAW 12	ROOM 124	

<b>Tuesday January 21</b>		
9:30 ELL ORIENTATION	Room 214	
10:00-11:30 ELL ASSESSMENTS		
<b>CHEMISTRY 12</b>	10:00-12:30	see teacher for details
<b>SS 10 CHIN</b>		
B Block	9:00-10:00	Room 124
C Block	10:15-11:15	Room 124
D Block	11:30-12:30	Room 124

<b>Tuesday January 21</b>	
<b>LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENT</b>	
12:30-3:30	Room 101
	Room 112
	Room 125
	Room 221
	Room 225

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<b>Wed Jan 22</b>	
9:00-12:00	
PRECALCULUS 12	see teacher for details
<b>LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENT</b>	
9:00-12:00PM	Room 101 Room 112 Room 125 Room 221 Room 225

<b>Thurs Jan 23</b>
<b>MORNING:</b>
CAPSTONE
PRESENTATIONS
By appointment with RAP teacher

<b>Friday Jan 24</b>	
HONOURS TESTING	9:00am

GRADE 8 TOUR	12:00pm
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<b>AFTERNOON:</b>
CAPSTONE
PRESENTATIONS
By appointment with RAP teacher

<b>LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENT</b>	
12:30-3:30	Room 101 Room 112 Room 125 Room 221 Room 225

## *Principal's Message*

Once again it's that time of year with the seasonal festivities upon us. Our calendar of events is busy over the next few weeks as we head towards the two-week break. The upcoming music concerts will be a great opportunity to visit the school and enjoy the fruits of the students' hard work in preparing a Christmas-themed evening. Parents are always welcome, and we are lucky to have such a supportive community here.

Recently, we had our annual Winter Market. With a large number of volunteers it turned out to be a smashing success with one of the best turnouts ever. Well done to the organizing team, and we look forward to next year! We should also take great pride in the Short Shorts theatre festival, as well as last weekend's Wake-a-thon that raised funds for BC Children's Hospital, and so many more things that thank goodness we have Instagram to keep track of it all. Coming soon is our tradition to create and deliver Christmas Share Food Hampers. Thank you for helping by donating food that the students can drop off in their RAP during the week of December 16.

A huge congratulations to our athletic teams for an outstanding year so far. With the support of many of our staff members behind the scenes, our teams made a great showing in every league. Banners will be raised very soon, including the blue banner for the BC champion Junior Girls Volleyball team. Congratulations! If you enjoy finding out about our athletics teams' results, check out [twitter.com/rsideathletics](https://twitter.com/rsideathletics). As always, much more news is shared all the time via our website, along with our Instagram feed @rapidevent

Wishing you all the best this holiday season on behalf of the Riverside staff. I hope you get some time to relax, reconnect with family and friends, and enjoy some special moments with loved ones.

--Mr. Bruneau, Ms. Buteau, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Hyde



## WINTER CONCERT

Wednesday, December 11  
at 7:00pm

Performances by  
Concert Band, Concert Choir, Guitar ensemble, Jazz Band & Vocal Jazz  
Admission by donation.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VAPING

A few weeks ago, Health Canada provided an electronic brochure on “Talking to Teens about Vaping”. An updated version can be found at this link from SD43 website:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Documents/34-19-2321-Vaping-Teacher\\_EN06.pdf](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Documents/34-19-2321-Vaping-Teacher_EN06.pdf)

Furthermore, many vaping resources and other parent resources can be found on the SD43 public website.

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

## WINTER WEATHER AHEAD



Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snow-fall.

Some of our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for select closings within the district. If there is a partial closure of schools within the district, these individual schools will be identified.

On occasion, full district or partial district closure is required.

Extreme weather can also impact transit bussing. Bus schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit bus schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

Any district-wide or partial closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced via **School District 43: website [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)** and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30 a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements, should schools be closed. Please do not call the school just to find out if they are open. While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather changes quickly and therefore decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.



Immunization Dates:  
January 14-16

## Valedictorian



Kids who are interested in valedictorian have to have Honour Roll status and be in good behavioural standing. All candidates should enjoy public speaking. They should be able to bring the grad class together by sharing their unity and achievements, and not just focusing on the obvious. They should also be interested in not just talking about how life has been to this point, but also in adding perspective in guiding everyone forward into thinking about their future after high school. I always tell them they need to make the audience laugh and make the audience cry through the power of their words.

## Valedictorian Selection Process

Students interested in being a valedictorian should indicate their interest to a teacher that they trust to nominate them for the valedictorian process. Teachers will put forward students who have expressed an interest in being a valedictorian as well. Students must have Honour Roll status and are in good behavioural standing. They also must be a positive role model in the eyes of their peers and teachers. Once those students are put forward, a committee of teachers will evaluate all the candidates to ensure that they meet the criteria. All candidates will then meet with the vice principal and the sponsor teacher to ensure that they are aware of the expectations of being selected as the valedictorian and salutatorian. Students will then commit to either proceeding or not the next day after the meeting. If they do not check-in then it will be assumed that they are not interested in being the valedictorian.

If a student expresses interest in being a valedictorian then the students will create a profile that highlights their 4 or 5 best achievements at Riverside Secondary. Depending on the level of interest, a committee of English department teachers will then rank the candidates based on the profiles shown. Only the top 10, will be able to create a video that would be performed live in front of their peers. This is done for potential candidates to try to convince the grade 12 class that they should be the valedictorian.

Students will vote on their valedictorian and salutatorian. The top student based on votes will be voted as the valedictorian and the student with the second highest number of votes will be the salutatorian at the commencement ceremony and will also give a speech at the Grad Dinner Dance. Every two weeks, the two will check in with the sponsor teachers who will mentor them in terms of crafting their speech. They must present a copy of their speech to the sponsor teacher and the vice principal. This speech is the one that they will present at the grad dinner dance or commencement. This selection process will start in March. The video profile will take place at the end of April and will be part of the valedictorian candidate's introduction at the live performance. The vote for valedictorian will take during the second week of May. Please refer to the grade 12 calendar for specific valedictorian deadline dates.

## HOLIDAY HAMPER TIME



Throughout the month of December, Riverside advisories will be collecting non-perishable food for the SHARE hamper program.

Advisories will be supporting families in our community.

Donations will be collected every Wednesday in advisory.

During the last week of classes, advisories will meet briefly every

day to make sure everyone is focused on bringing in

their donations. On the final Friday, students bring perishables (potatoes, carrots, apples, milk, cheese, bread, etc.).

Students and teachers will deliver the hampers to families on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you very much for your donations.



# RIVERSIDE AFTER-GRAD NEWS

The Riverside Winter Market, held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, was a fantastic day for shoppers and vendors alike. Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and guardians who gave their time to help out. The Winter Market is an annual fundraiser put on by the After Grad committee to raise funds for the Grade 12 dry grad in June. A special note of appreciation goes out to Mary DeSousa and Tanya Grimbeek for their dedication, innovation and tireless efforts in executing this year's record fundraising event.

This is the last year for Tanya and Mary to oversee the highly successful After Grad fundraiser. The After Grad committee will be looking for volunteers for next years Winter Market. Please contact Laura Code [lauracode@shaw.ca](mailto:lauracode@shaw.ca) for more information.

The next After-Grad meeting is Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Riverside library. We are formalizing the grad night and all you want to be involved with the decision making regarding After Grad, please be at the meeting at 7:00 pm.

See you there!

Also, if you haven't already requested to be on the After-Grad email list, please send a quick email to Janine Grant at [janine.grant@woodhavenkitchens.net](mailto:janine.grant@woodhavenkitchens.net) to request your contact info be added. Being on this list will keep you in the know leading up to Grad 2020.

Happy Holidays from your After-Grad Committee

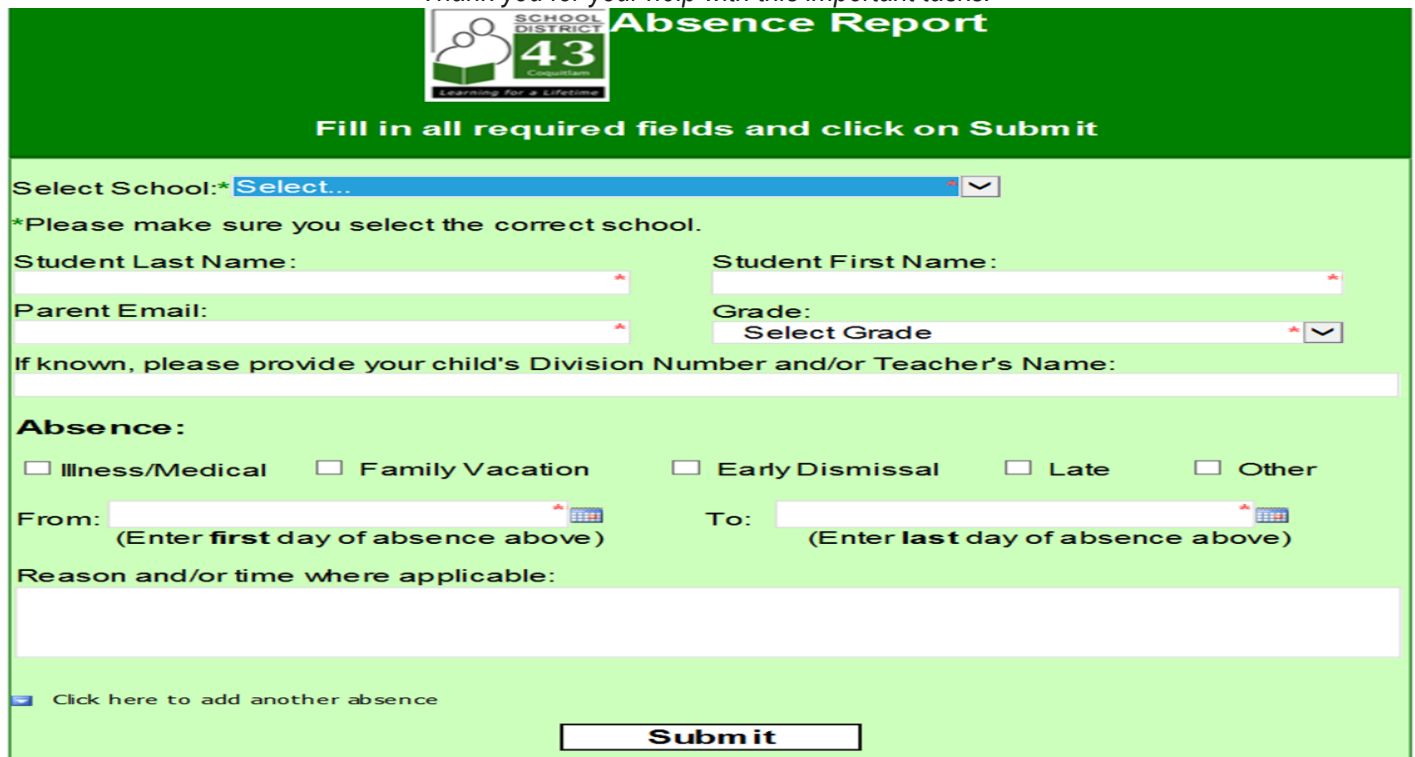
## Reporting Student Absences

A reminder to either call in to the office directly at [604-941-6053](tel:604-941-6053) or do an [on line](#) absence report for on our Riverside home page and click on the absence report tab under quick links if your student is going to be away. Please include the specific blocks in the "reason box" if they will not be away all day.

**PLEASE USE THE ABOVE 2 METHODS TO REPORT YOUR STUDENT'S ABSENCE ONLY**

If your student will be needing early dismissal or will be late to school, please let us know the time they will need to leave or will arrive and remind them to sign out/in at the office.

*Thank you for your help with this important tasks.*



The form is titled "Absence Report" and features the School District 43 logo with the tagline "Learning for a Lifetime". It includes a green header with the instruction "Fill in all required fields and click on Submit". The form fields are as follows:

- Select School: \*  (dropdown menu)
- \*Please make sure you select the correct school.
- Student Last Name:
- Student First Name:
- Parent Email:
- Grade:  (dropdown menu)
- If known, please provide your child's Division Number and/or Teacher's Name:
- Absence:**
  - Illness/Medical
  - Family Vacation
  - Early Dismissal
  - Late
  - Other
- From:  (Enter first day of absence above)
- To:  (Enter last day of absence above)
- Reason and/or time where applicable:
- Click here to add another absence
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## “Riverside’s Move 4 Mana challenge 2019 was a success!”



Riverside’s Move 4 Mana Challenge had a very successful launch for the 2019/2020 school year. The Riverside community and UBC's Human Kinetics Program saved 527 children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition. By being active and increasing their physical activity, students and staff succeeded in making a difference for these children in Somalia.

The Move 4 Mana assembly inspired many students and staff at the school to become more active and help save the lives of these severely malnourished children. Guest speakers such as Maria Martini, Mark Moore, Troy Hickerson, and Stacia Vong-Hogeterp shared personal stories and the importance of participating in this challenge. A special performance by the 14-year-old singer, Tyson Venegas, touched the hearts of many individuals in the audience. This assembly encouraged students and staff to put all their effort into this 30-day challenge and become invested in this cause.

In the following weeks, Move 4 Mana activities were being held at lunch to encourage students and staff to increase their physical activity. These events included a lacrosse shoot-out with team members from the Vancouver Warriors, a personal soccer trainer from the Vancouver White Caps and a hockey shoot-out with Riverside alumni Tyler Lange. Students had the opportunity to earn more Good Points and donate more RUTF packages.

Teachers such as Ms. Trisha Hubbard, Ms. Michelle Burton, Mr. Robert Mackenzie, and Ms. Melissa Jackson found ways to incorporate physical activity into their student’s learning. Hubbard, Jackson and Burton taught their students “parabola aerobics” to help them understand graphing and to promote being active in a classroom setting. Jackson also had her students do simple exercises when they completed a math problem on the whiteboards. Additionally, Mackenzie took his students for short walks around the school and did short physical activities to increase their amount of Good points.

The Move 4 Mana challenge ended on November 15 and resulted in saving the lives of 527 children. The Rapid community and UBC’s Human Kinetics Program worked together to exceed their goal of saving 300 lives. Way to go Riverside!



On November 18, the Move 4 Mana team hosted an awards assembly at lunch in the cafeteria, for students and teachers who participated in the challenge. Awards such as “Top Class”, “Most Improve Class”, “Most Inspirational Student”, “Top Student” and “Top Teacher” were presented to Mr. Jeremy Neufeld’s B-block class, Ms. Brenda Yorke’s B-block class, Riverside grade 11 student Jason Son, Riverside grade 12 student Scott Helmhold, and Neufeld. Many students also received prizes such as a flat screen tv, a Nintendo switch, and gift cards.

Special thanks to Ms. Claudia Durand, Mr. Mike Schoenhals, Mr. Cary Brett, and the Move 4 Mana Team for making this accomplishment possible! Riverside would also like to thank the sponsors and friends/family that contributed to this success!

<b>15,930,200</b> Good Points	<b>Challenge Finished</b> Oct 16 - Nov 15, 2019
<b>79,159</b> Life-saving Packets	
<b>527</b> Lives Saved	



River's Edge Theatre Presents:

# CHICAGO

The Hit Broadway Musical | Feb. 20, 21, 22 + Feb. 26, 27, 28 | All That Jazz

One of the longest running shows in Broadway history, featuring iconic choreography inspired by Bob Fosse and centred around the still-relevant issue of fake news and the fickleness of fame, **CHICAGO** (the high school edition) will scintillate the stage in February 2020.

**Don't miss out!**



Thank you for supporting our recent Festival of Short Shorts!

Our one act festival of plays was a big success including our first ever dinner theatre event. Thanks to Top Notch Catering! Student casts/crews and alumni directors, shared some unique stories and characters onstage. Onward!

Next event: ***THE COZY CABARET***

THURSDAY DEC. 19th 7:30PM

*Kick off the holidays with our musical + dance performances.*

Tickets only \$5 at the door with a cash only treats table + mocktail bar.

# KEEP UP WITH RIVERSIDE THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



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