

# ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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## FEBRUARY 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb 15** – PAC Meeting – 7pm  
Grad Portrait retakes  
Last day to purchase Yearbook

**Feb 20** – Family Day (no classes)

**Feb 22** – Pink Shirt Day

**Feb 24** – Pro D (no classes)

**Mar 8** – Me-n-Eds Pizza Night  
Fundraiser

**Mar 9** – Spring Music Concert – 7pm

**Mar 10** – Last Day of Classes

**Mar 13 – Mar 24** – Spring Break

**Mar 29** – Grade 9 Immunizations

**Apr 7** – Good Friday – no classes

**Apr 10** – Easter Monday – no classes

### *Greetings from the Office & Admin:*

Semester 2 is well-underway, and students and staff are working hard to get a good start in their classes. Let's make this the best semester ever! So far, in the last two weeks, we have seen an improved work ethic in the students, and this spring has great potential to be full of school spirit.

Our Musical "Little Women" has wrapped up, and congratulations to the cast, crew, Ms. Roberge and Ms. Spicer for a job well done!

Some reminders:

Our daily bulletin (Rapid Read) continues to be a great source of daily information for students and parents alike. Check it out on our homepage.

Please support our Cafeteria. We offer healthy options at very reasonable prices, and it supports our Culinary Arts program and students.

Course Selections for the 2023/2024 school year have been extended to Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

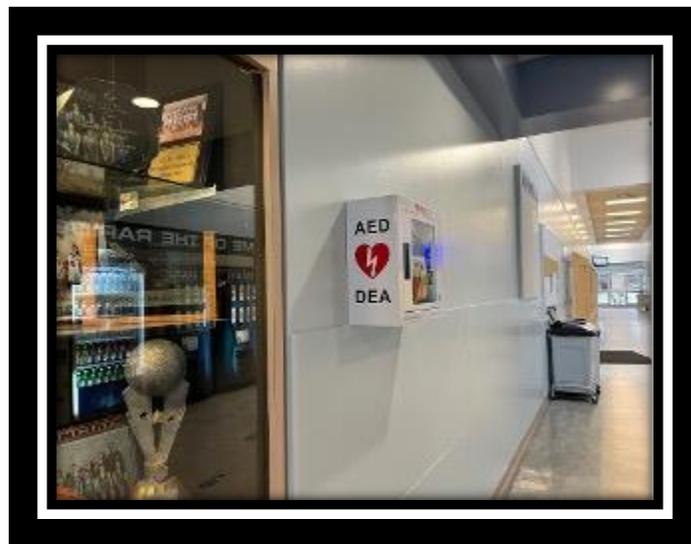
*-- Riverside Office and Admin*

## STUDENT COURSE REQUESTS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

All course requests **must be input** by students into MyEd by **Friday, February 17**. Applications to speciality programs have already closed. Please make sure students choose their courses carefully. It is very difficult to change selections once the school schedule has been completed. Please see counsellors, Ms. David, or Ms. McKay if students are having difficulty with the selection process or need assistance with specific course selection.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Riverside Secondary is pleased to announce that they now have purchased and installed a second AED (automated external defibrillator) to assist with any student, staff, parent or spectator situated on the north side of the school, who experiences cardiac arrest. The AED will be accessible during sporting events, school performances, and regular classroom instruction. The item was purchased as a proactive measure to ensure further safety for all while using the building.



## G23 AFTER-GRAD FUNDRAISING

### **January to April Fundraising**

Our next AfterGrad meeting for fundraising purposes during February to April is Thursday, February 16 at 7pm – Library.

I know the process is a lot different this year, but don't worry... things are progressing well. We are on-track to afford AfterGrad. Prior fundraisers, as well as some grant money, have put us in a very good financial position with one main parent-run fundraiser to go: the Online Auction. We will organize that on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, and also discuss prizes for the kids on the night of – which is another area of need. Much more information to be provided at the meeting. See you there!

Three school-run fundraisers are upcoming, and your help will be needed in the case of one of them: Spring Plant Sale.

The AfterGrad **event** planning is already well underway and is being completely handled by the school. A callout for volunteers will happen after Spring Break, but will also be outlined on Feb 16.

## Me-n-Ed's Fundraiser



**PORT  
COQUITLAM  
LOCATION:  
604-942-1200**



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 8,  
2023**

**RIVERSIDE  
SECONDARY**

**PIZZA  
FUNDRAISER**

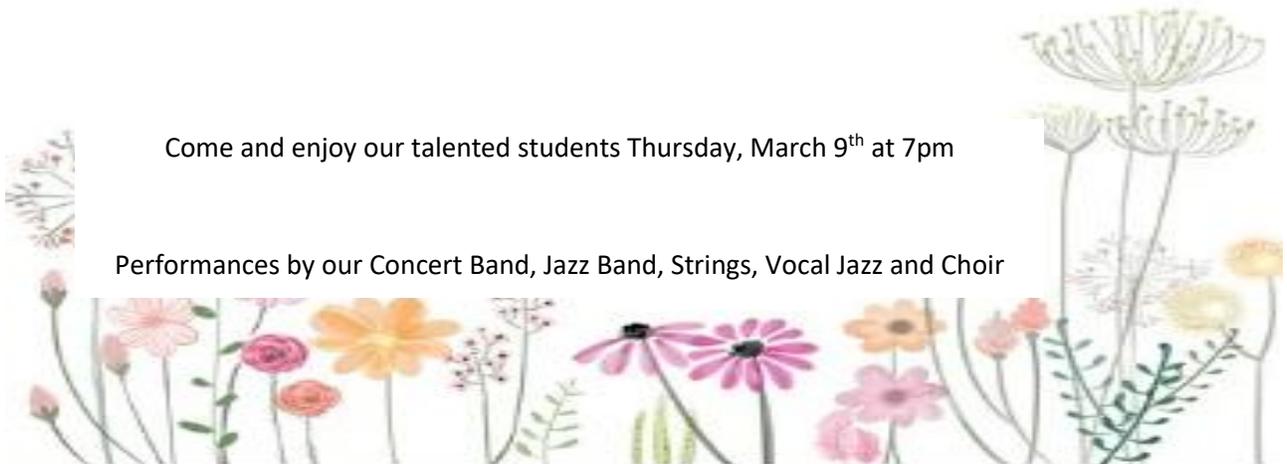
**MENTION  
"RIVERSIDE"  
WHEN YOU  
ORDER**

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget to grab your favorite sizzling hot pizza!

Phone-in/online/dine-in options all work towards getting us 20% of total sales for the day back to our school. You must **mention RIVERSIDE** when ordering.

## SPRING MUSIC CONCERT



Come and enjoy our talented students Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Performances by our Concert Band, Jazz Band, Strings, Vocal Jazz and Choir

## WALL OF EXCELLENCE

The purpose of the Wall of Excellence is to recognize staff and students, individuals and or groups, for their outstanding achievements and or contributions to our school and community.

All Wall of Excellence alumni are displayed on the TV screen by the entrance.

At the year-end award ceremony, these exceptional examples will be celebrated for their accomplishments and efforts and will serve to inspire future Riverside staff and students. These exceptional examples will be celebrated for their accomplishments and efforts and will serve to inspire future Riverside staff and students.

We hope you can nominate past Riverside students that you believe would make a strong candidate.

The application criteria and process can be found in the Riverside Website, under the “Quick Links” to the Wall of Excellence or go here: [Wall of Excellence - École Riverside Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/wall-of-excellence). **Applications are due on the April 1, 2023**, feel free to read the website for further information.

## GRADUATION

### **Valedictorian**

Students who are interested in valedictorian must 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 student’ names 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 salutarian. 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 student 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 salutarian. 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 salutarian 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 place during the second week of May. **Please refer to the Grade 12 calendar for specific valedictorian deadline dates.**

**Grade 12's - are you the next valedictorian or salutatorian?** If interested, please attend the Nominee meeting in Portable 1 at lunch on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Forms are due April 6<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Barrington in Portable 1.

## KidSport EQUIPMENT SALE

Every year Riverside hosts the KidSport Equipment Sale. This is a massive undertaking for a worthy cause - to allow kids to play sports who otherwise could not afford to. Last year the sale at Riverside raised over \$32,000 and provided a new use of used sport equipment.

We need your help!! If you can volunteer a couple of hours (or more) on Friday, March 3 and/or Saturday, March 4 it would be appreciated. A bonus of helping set up is, you can purchase items that you see at highly reduced prices.

For students, those hours can be logged for PE, Leadership or Graduation, if needed.

Please signup using link below:

<https://signup.com/go/SSDDLyV>



## 2023 STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



### 2023 Student Opportunities!

We are excited to announce our **Spring 2023 High School Field Trips** schedule as well as our **2023 Student Essay Contest with \$12,000 in prizes to be won!** This spring we will be bringing our High School Field Trips to **Vancouver (UBC and Burnaby)** and **Victoria!** Learn more about these exciting programs below and register today!

# Upcoming High School Seminars

**Victoria, BC**  
Location: Hotel  
Grand Pacific,  
463 Belleville St

**13**  
March

**Vancouver, BC**  
Location: UBC,  
6133 University  
Blvd

**26**  
April

**Burnaby, BC**  
Location: Hilton  
Metrotown,  
6083 McKay  
Ave

**27**  
April

**Burnaby, BC**  
Location: Hilton  
Metrotown,  
6083 McKay  
Ave

**28**  
April



## High School Field Trips

Our spring high school field trips are soon approaching, so be sure to reserve your spot today!

These **free one-day field trips** are a great way to get students to engage with the **economic concepts** they learn in class through hands on activities, while also encouraging students to consider **how economic concepts are reflected in their own thinking and daily interactions**, while also motivating students to answer the question of "why economies function as they do?".

*Sample Topics and Questions Covered:*

### **Economic Systems & Opportunity Cost**

What are the trade-offs for each of the economic systems (e.g. Traditional, Market and Mixed)?

### **Incentives & Marginal Decision-making**

Why do people choose to litter more in public parks than in private parks? How do governments allocate money?

We would love to have you and your students join us for these engaging fun-filled field trips, register today!

**Limited spots are available. Learn more and register by clicking the button below:**

**Register Today**

## 2023 Student Essay Contest

Our **2023 Student Essay Contest** is open to **all Canadian high school, undergraduate and graduate students**.

This year's question is, "**What would our essential scholars say about the world today?**". Our world has continuously been described as unprecedented, whether that's with regards to high inflation, the war in Ukraine, the Canadian healthcare system, etc. We want students to choose a current topic and *examine how our essential scholars might respond to, rebuttal or explain their chosen topic*.

We would love to have your students join the conversation! Learn more about the contest by clicking [here](#)! Visit [www.essentialscholars.org](http://www.essentialscholars.org) to learn more about history's great economic thinkers! We are accepting essay **submissions until June 1, 2023**.

### **Example Questions:**

- What would one of the Essential Scholars say about Canada's current housing and rent situation?

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**JOIN THE  
CONVERSATION!**

**\$12,000 in  
Prizes!**

Learn more  
at [fraserinstitute.org](http://fraserinstitute.org)



- How does James Buchanan's thoughts on public choice theory apply to the economic sanctions imposed on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine?

Good Luck!



[Learn More](#)

## Tri-City Minor Ball Hockey Association



**Tri-City  
Minor Ball Hockey  
Association**

## Online Registration

**Now Open for Returning & New Players**  
**TCMBHA.com**

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**[Registration Link](#) – Closes March 1st**

Online Registration is Now Open for the 2023 Season.

We also have a contest if you're able to send that out as well.

TCMBHA Contest: \$50 off your Registration Fee, how to participate:

1. Like & Subscribe to our Social Media accounts - YouTube, Facebook, Instagram & Twitter
2. Like our Registration Post & Tag a Friend (extra entries for additional tags)
3. Share our Registration Post, Tag Us & don't forget to use #TCMBHA & #TriCityBallHockey

One Entry per Social Media Platform, links are below. Winner will be picked before the season starts!