

# ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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## NOVEMBER 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 9** – Report cards available online

**November 10** – School Not in Session

**November 11** – Remembrance Day

**November 13** – School Closed in Lieu of  
Remembrance Day

**November 15** – PAC Meeting

**November 18** – Winter Market

**November 23 & 24** - PoCo Festival of Short  
Shorts

**December 5** – Winter Formal Gr 11/12 Dance

**December 14** – Rock Band Showcase

**December 15** – Trades Info Night (virtual)

**December 21** – Winter Music Concert

**December 22** - Last Day of Classes before  
Winter Break

**December 25 – January 5** – Winter Break

**January 8** – School Re-Opens

**Late January:** Yearbooks back on sale! \$65

A message from Riverside Office and Admin:

Greetings Riverside Community;

Today we had our annual Remembrance Day assembly. The ceremony included special invited guests from the Canadian Military, RCMP, and Cadets, as well as performances by our Music students. It was truly an awesome tribute to the sacrifices of soldiers in the pursuit of peace. Well done to all our students and staff who made it such a great assembly.

Coming soon at Riverside are numerous holiday events including a Spirit Week, Spirit Assembly, Food Donations for Hampers, Concerts and Drama presentations, as well as large number of other things in Athletics, Academics, and Extracurriculars. Keep up the great work, Riverside!

Parents, please remember to pay all required school fees online at School Cash Online.

Enjoy the fall season, and our next newsletter will publish just before the Winter Holiday.

Warm regards,

-- Riverside Office and Admin Teams



## GRAD CLASS OF 2024

### **GRADE 12s:**

#### **Upcoming Post Secondary Institute Information Sessions:**

University of Guelph – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am in the Foyer

University of Victoria Gustavson School of Business – Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at lunch in the Library

University of Alberta Campus St. Jean – Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at lunch in the Library

See Ms. David's website (Riverside homepage, programs and services, Career Centre) and IG account @riversidepostsecondaryadvising for more information about post-secondary, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, job opportunities and more.

#### **Valedictorian/Toastmaster – New Process**



Students who are interested in becoming a valedictorian or toastmaster will need to do the following:

1. Complete the valedictorian form. They will need to get three teachers and ten students to endorse them as a candidate. Teachers can encourage students who have expressed an interest in being a valedictorian as well.
2. Once the form is complete, a small committee meets to review the candidates.
3. If a candidate is approved, the students will have the go ahead to create a video that will be posted on Riverside's social media sites to introduce themselves to the student body and highlight why they would be a good candidate.
4. Students would then perform a 1.30 min. speech in front of their grad class. The speech will be a final pitch to convince the grad class that they will give the best speech at commencement. This allows the student body to see how that person can deliver a speech.

Criteria for selection prior to running as a valedictorian.

- Students must have Honour Roll status and are in good behavioral standing.
- They must demonstrate that they have been an active participant in the Riverside community.

Once those students are put forward, a committee of teachers will evaluate all the candidates to ensure that they meet the criteria.

After the selection of the valedictorian, all candidates will then meet with the administration and Mr. Barrington to ensure that they are aware of the expectations of being selected as the valedictorian and toastmaster. Students will then commit to either proceeding or not the next day after the meeting. Students will vote on their valedictorian and toastmaster.

#### Valedictorian

Once the valedictorian(s) are selected, then every two weeks, the valedictorian will check in and be mentored by Mr. Barrington, who will mentor them in terms of crafting their speech for commencement. If they do not check-in, then it will be assumed that they are not interested in being the valedictorian. Arrangements can be made for a new valedictorian if this happens. This will all start in April and conclude in May.

### Toastmaster

Once selected, they will be meeting with the grad committee and Ms. Chin. They will be crafting a speech that will address their peers at the grad dinner and dance. They will not be presenting their speech at Commencement. If they do not check-in, then it will be assumed that they are not interested in being the salutatorian. Arrangements can be made for a new toastmaster if this happens.

### **G24 Fundraiser – COME SUPPORT OUR GRADS!**



### AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISERS

#### **Winter Market - Saturday, November 18**

We are going to have a full gym of vendors – one stop shop for all your Christmas gifts and needs! The Jerk Shack food truck will be there during the entire event and there will be lots of treats to buy on-site, so come hungry! Bring cash.

A poster for a Winter Market. The text includes: "Winter Market - artisan &amp; craft fair", "Riverside Senior Secondary", "2215 Reeve St, PoCo - \$3 entry fee", "10-4 Saturday, November 18, 2023...", "120 + VENDORS - SOLD OUT!", "ARTISANS • CRAFTERS • FOOD TRUCKS • CONCESSION • BAKED GOODS • SNACKS • POTTERY • CARDS • JEWELLERY • GIFTS • RAFFLES &amp; MORE!". There is a logo for "Riverside Senior Secondary" with "Rapid" and "AFTER GRAD" text, and a small note "EST. 2008 FOR SEN &amp; STUDENT".

## Meridian Farm Market



Riverside Secondary 2024  
**After-Grad Fundraiser**

Maple Ridge • Mission • Tsawwassen • North Van • Poco • Langley • Whiterock

**\$20**  
Denominations  
**\$100**



- Gift cards for online use only & never expire!
- Customers can choose delivery or pick up
- 30% of sales go straight to after-grad
- Buy giftcards at [sd43.schoolcashonline.com](https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com) or e-transfer to [RiversideAfterGrad00@gmail.com](mailto:RiversideAfterGrad00@gmail.com) (please include your name, contact info & giftcard order)

[meridianfarmmarket.ca](https://meridianfarmmarket.ca)

## SR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Introducing the current Champions of the Red Serge Classic - first time in 12 Years!



## **CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

Congratulations to the Cross-Country team and coaches that wrapped up their season at Provincials this past weekend in South Surrey.

The senior girls team placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the AAA Division. Emily Perk was our top senior girl placing 51<sup>st</sup> and James Liao was our top senior boy placing 47<sup>th</sup>.

All of our runners had their personal best results at these Provincials – WELL DONE!!!!



## **SWIM TEAM**

Shout out to the Swim Team!! 14 of our swimmers made it to Provincials this year in Nanaimo, November 17 and 18. We wish them the BEST of LUCK!!!

**Please follow the Instagram handle [@cssaasd43](https://www.instagram.com/cssaasd43) for sporting photos, results and updates from across the various teams in the Coquitlam School District.**

## RIVER'S EDGE THEATRE

The PoCo Festival of Short Shorts returns to River's Edge Theatre at Riverside Secondary on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 with short plays from Archbishop Carney Secondary, Terry Fox Secondary and from Riverside's Theatre Company. See three shows in one night of entertainment! Curtain at 7pm nightly. Tickets are \$5 cash at the door. A concession will be available to raise funds for the theatre program. This is theatre for the modern attention span, featuring talented student casts and crews!

A promotional poster for the Festival of Short Shorts. The text is centered and surrounded by decorative elements like sunburst rays and a bunting banner. The sunburst rays are yellow and black, and the bunting banner has red, black, and yellow triangular flags.

***Festival***  
**OF SHORT SHORTS**  
**3 SHORT PLAYS REPPING**  
**ALL 3 POCO HIGH SCHOOLS**  
Fox ★ Carney ★ RSide

**Nov. 23 + Nov. 24**  
**7pm**  
\$5 cash at the door/from cast  
**River's Edge Theatre**  
Riverside Secondary School  
2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam

**SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**



**Stay Tuned  
for more Info!!!**

**The Riverside Ski  
& Snowboard Club  
has returned!!!**

Join us for an  
awesome day of  
riding at

  
**WHISTLER BLACKCOMB**

Dec 20  
Feb 7  
Mar 6

  
**Rapids Ride Again**

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**MARKETING AND PROMOTION**

Our Marketing and Promotion 11 class just completed blind taste testing research with the Entrepreneurship 12 class being the tasters.



## BAMFIELD TRIP 2024



### Riverside Bamfield Trip 2024

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.*



# Virtual Trades Info Session

## LEARN HOW TO:

- Get certified for **FREE** in one of 24+ SD43 Trades Programs
- Earn high school credits and a \$1000 award while working in trades

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



6PM - Wednesday November 15th

Visit: [www.43careers.com](http://www.43careers.com)



## **Parent Information Sessions**

### **Creating Effective Partnerships – November 7th**

School District 43 in partnership with Kinsight Family & Individual Support Program, invites parents and caregivers of children who have developmental delays, disabilities or diverse learning needs to join us for an information session highlighting the various district supports and services available. Meaningful inclusive practices, programming, collaborative IEP development, and the importance of building an effective partnership between school, and the home team will be reviewed.

### **Planning for the Future – November 16th**

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of high school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session intended to help families think about, and plan for the transition from high school to adult life. This presentation will include a panel of guest speakers representing school district 43 programs, inclusive post-secondary institutes, employment supports, government agencies, and community supports. Entering adulthood is an important milestone, therefore taking action early will help create a smooth and successful transition plan for the future.

### **Transition into Kindergarten – January 11th**

The Learning Services Zone Coordinators and other school personnel from School District # 43 invite parents and caregivers of children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session to discuss what to expect when your child enters kindergarten. We will also discuss how you can be involved to help make the transition successful for your child as they embark on their educational journey.

### **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.

### **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**

Questions? Please contact Colleen Lambert at [colambert@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:colambert@sd43.bc.ca)

Please note, registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register

Questions regarding general *erase* training may be emailed to: [erase@gov.bc.ca](mailto:erase@gov.bc.ca)

| Training Offering   | Dates                                | Delivery | Registration Link   |
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| Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed. | November 8, 2023<br>6:30pm – 7:30pm  | online   | <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator</a> |
|   | November 28, 2023<br>7:00pm – 8:00pm | online   | <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator</a> |
|   | November 30, 2023<br>6:30pm – 7:30pm | online   | <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator</a> |

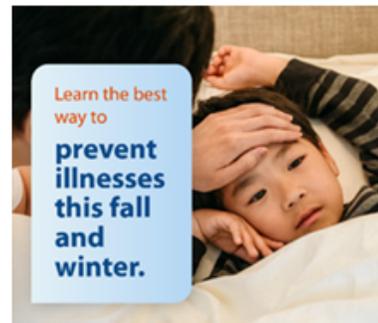
**HEALTHY SCHOOLS**

**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/gov/content/health/immunizations)**

## **Job Opportunity!**

**Riverside is looking people to join our team as a  
Noon Hour Assistant.**

**Benefits:**

- **Generous pay:  
\$24.85 + 16% in lieu of benefits**
- **Good hours:  
1 hr each school day**
- **Being part of a great team**

**If you're interested, please click on the link  
below and follow the application instructions.**

**[Casual Noon Hour Assistants Application](#)**