

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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OCTOBER 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

October 16-19 – Spirit Week

**** PAC meeting cancelled**

October 20 – Provincial Pro D Day (No Classes)

October 25 – Presentation “How to Talk to Your Youth about Substance Use”

October 28 – Meridian Farm Market Fundraiser

October 31 - Halloween

November 1 – Gr 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day (optional)

November 2 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 9 – Report cards available online

November 10 – School Not in Session

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 21 – Winter Music Concert

December 22 - Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

December 25 – January 5 – Winter Break

January 8 – School Re-Opens

A message from Riverside Office and Admin:

Hazel Trembath

Our thoughts are with the community of Hazel Trembath Elementary School, and all former students. Along with the sadness of this event, we are also thinking how the greater Port Coquitlam community can offer supports over the next days and months. We encourage you to read the [district message](#) found on the home page, and to stay tuned as we work within our Riverside community as to how we will be able to help. Thank you!

Halloween

Please remember the rules about Halloween season, including:

- Costumes must conform to our Code of Conduct including: No face-covering masks, and no cultural appropriation.
- No fireworks or firecrackers of any kind on school grounds. This is both a district rule and a law of the land. Serious consequences happen for students who choose to bring these items on-site or participate in their usage or distribution on school grounds.

PAC meeting

Please note, the regular PAC meeting has been postponed until November 15.

MyEd access for parents

Parents can access the “Portal” where student reports are posted. It is on a secure website called [MyEducation BC](#). If you have any issues accessing the portal, please email lcorcoran@sd43.bc.ca.

Warm regards,

-- Riverside Office and Admin Teams



SPIRIT WEEK!

MON OCT 16 - JERSEY DAY
MAKE SURE TO WEAR A JERSEY ON MONDAY OCT 16

TUES OCT 17- TEACHER DAY
DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER!

WED OCT 18- TWIN DAY
FIND A TWIN AND WEAR MATCHING OUTFITS

THURS OCT 19- SPIRIT COLOURS
GR 9'S- WEAR BLACK
GR 10'S- WEAR WHITE
GR 11'S- WEAR BLUE
GR 12'S- WEAR GREEN

2024 YEARBOOK SALES

The 2024 Yearbook is on sale **until Friday, February 9th**. This year's Yearbook features sports, clubs, portraits, grads and school events! To purchase the book (\$65), please use the School Cash Online link on the Riverside Website.

Please note: The Yearbook option on School Cash Online will only be available to students who have paid their student fees.

TERRY FOX RUN

Congratulations all students and staff who participated in the Terry Fox Run. Because of all their efforts, the school raised close to \$1,000. Its not too late to [donate](#) and make a difference in contributing to Terry's legacy. Anything is appreciated! Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer! #terryfoxschoolrun @theterryfoxfoundation

GRAD CLASS OF 2024

GRADE 12s:

Upcoming Post Secondary Institute Information Sessions:

University of Calgary – Oct. 18th at lunch in the Library

Simon Fraser University – Oct. 19th at lunch in the Library

Simon Fraser University Beedie School of Business – Nov. 6th at lunch in the Library

University of Guelph – Nov. 20th 8:30am in the Foyer

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

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

PSBC (Post Secondary BC):

Nov. 3rd 9:00am – 11:00am in the Theatre/Cafeteria

Recruiters from BC Post Secondary Institutes will have information booths set up for students in grades 11 and 12.

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.

Grad Shirts

Grad Shirts Order Form

Authentic T-Shirt Company Unisex Everyday Short Sleeve



100% Preshrunk Cotton

Front

Back

Price including tax: \$16.00

Name: _____

School Email: 132-_____

Size (circle one):

S M L XL 2XL 3XL

	Personalized shirts add \$8.00 = \$24.00
	Print name (in CAPITALS) max. 14 letters
*Paid: <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Office	
Hand-in Order Form and Pay by October 20th to R'Side Office	

G24 Fundraiser – COME SUPPORT OUR GRADS!



RIVERSIDE AFTER GRAD COMMITTEE



Riverside After Grad Committee is a committee run by parents, guardians, and volunteers of Riverside Secondary – we plan to fundraise and organize an amazing safe After Grad “dry grad” event for our grads. This After Grad event takes place right after the graduation dinner dance event in June – grads will be bussed back to the school from the hotel – more info to follow!

We gladly appreciate all the help we can get – if you would like to donate a prize, time, and/or money we need more volunteers for events and always can use the money and prizes for events and prizes for After Grad. We are a stand-alone committee that works with the school and

PAC. Many thanks to our supportive Principal Jon Bruneau, School Staff, and the entire PAC – without them this would not happen. **QUESTIONS?** Riversideaftergrad00@gmail.com

Again, you are welcome to attend the After Grad meetings. For updates on what is happening please **JOIN** and have your teens join our [Facebook group Riverside After Grad 2024](#) and [Instagram @rss_aftergrad2024](#) please like and share our events widely – the more people attending our events the more money we raise for our After Grad! **NEXT MEETING: November 8 at 7:00 PM RSS Library**

Mark Your Calendar - FUNDRAISERS!!



Saturday, November 18 - Riverside Senior Secondary – 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 the entire event and there will be lots of treats to buy on-site, so come hungry! Bring cash.

Meridian Farm Market

Meridian FARM MARKET

Riverside Secondary 2024
After-Grad Fundraiser

Maple Ridge • Mission • Tsawwassen • North Van • Pico • Langley • White

Coming October 28th!

online use only & never expire!
of sales go straight to after-grad

- Customers can choose delivery or pick up
- Buy giftcards at sd43.schoolcashonline.com or e-transfer to RiversideAfterGrad00@gmail.com

meridianfarmmarket.ca



TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY – November 1st



**TAKE
OUR KIDS
TO WORK**

Take our Kids to Work day is taking place on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. This is an annual event in Canada, originally launched in 1994, and has grown to have some 200,000 students visiting workplaces each year.

All of Riverside's Grade 9 students are given the opportunity to step into their future for a day and get a glance into the working world. On this day students will job-shadow a parent, relative, friend of the family, neighbor, or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

Many workplaces are aware of this day and plan activities for students to explore different areas within their organization – contact your HR department to inquire. With this being just a few weeks away, it's worth starting to ask around and help plan for this job shadowing placement for your son or daughter.

Grade 9 students will be emailed an assignment that involves interviewing the person they are job shadowing as well as reflecting on their day at the beginning of November. Responses to the questions will be handed in to the office and will contribute towards their HCE mark (Health and Career Education 9). Any student who is unable to find a job shadowing placement will be expected to be in school on that day and complete an alternate assignment that will be emailed out to them.

ART DEPARTMENT

Art and Textiles classes need your help by donating supplies. Sometimes homes have items laying around unused that are sorely needed in the studio. Specific supplies needed for this year are:

- Newspaper (urgent need)



Other helpful items:

- Scrapbooking Paper or Supplies
- Pencil Crayons
- Fabric Scraps or Quilting Supplies
- Plastic Containers with Lids (small and large) eg. 250 ml sour cream, all the way up to 4 litre ice cream pails
- Other (wondering if we will use it? Please ask Mx. Vittie at avittie@sd43.bc.ca)
- Blenders or Mixers (for paper making)
- Ribbon or Yarn
- Any Textile Supplies

FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

...and just like that, Field Hockey has come and gone! Congratulations to all the athletes and coaching staff.





Congratulations to the 2024 graduates of the Field Hockey team! You will be missed by all!

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The cross-country team competed in the Triple-C Invitational on Wednesday, October 4th at Mundy Park. The senior girls placed 1st, the senior boys placed 2nd, and the junior girls placed 3rd in team results.



OUTDOOR CLUB

Thanks to grade 11 student, Aidan Manojlovic, the Riverside Outdoor Club is once again up and hiking. Our first hike was to high knoll in Minnehada Park. We had 9 students; 2 parents and 3 dogs join our group. Our next hike is Oct 19th to Admiralty Point in Belcarra Regional Park. See Ms. McArthur in Room 219 to pick up a permission form. Future trips will include snowshoeing, skiing, more hiking, and indoor rock climbing.



Use the QR code to Join our TEAM, for more information.

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) 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 26th, 2023. The remaining \$450 will be due Jan 20th, 2024. Cheques can be made out to Riverside Secondary.

Dates: Saturday Feb 17th to Tuesday Feb 20th. 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.

SHARE SERVICES

SHARE's Youth Substance Use Services team would like to invite parents and caregivers to their virtual presentation "How to Talk to Your Youth About Substance Use."

Where?

Virtually on Zoom. Links will be sent out to those who register via links/QR code below.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

"HOW TO TALK TO YOUR YOUTH ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE"

SHARE
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Topics will include:

- Adolescent brain development
- Adolescence and substance use
- Adolescence and mental health
- Continuum of use and parenting at various stages
- Tips for your approach
 - Self-Care
 - Time for Q&A
- Resources for further support and learning

Join SHARE's Youth Substance Use Services Program in a virtual presentation around supporting youth on the topic of substances and substance use.

OCTOBER 25TH 6:30-8:00
VIRTUAL ON ZOOM

RSVP via link or QR code here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/RQGbsg37b2>

Visit our [website](#) for more resources

If you have any questions, please contact Jordyn at jordyn.sinkie@sharesociety.ca

erase – FAMILY SESSIONS 2023/2024



Questions regarding general *erase* training may be emailed to: erase@gov.bc.ca

Training Offering	Dates	Delivery	Registration Link
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/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.	November 8, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator
	November 28, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator
	November 30, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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](#)

BC DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public questionnaire is **available until Oct. 15** in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism> so, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.