

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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APRIL/MAY 2024

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

For the latest calendar updates
check out Riverside's [online calendar](#)

May 13-17 – Spirit Week

May 20 – Victoria Day – school closed

May 30 – Rock Band Showcase (7-9pm)

June 1 – Grad Dinner Dance & After Grad

June 5 – Math Contest Celebration Night
(5-8pm)

June 6 – Year End Music Concert (7-10pm)

June 10 – Awards Night

June 12 – Athletic Banquet

June 13 – EAL-Int'l Grad Closing Celebration

June 21 – Last Day of Semester 2 classes
Yearbook distribution

June 21 – Grade 12 events:
○ BBQ (12-12:50pm)
○ Cap and Gown Distribution
○ Commencement
Rehearsal (12-3pm)
Attendance Mandatory

June 23 – Commencement Ceremony - SFU
(11am – 1:30pm; students arrive at
10 am)

June 24 – FRIM Gr. 12 Grad Celebration

A message from the Riverside Office and Administration

PAC Executive Callout for Next Year:

Attention all parents/guardians of Riverside. We would like to extend an invitation to our PAC meetings that occur once a month, usually on a Wednesday. We stay informed about the school and help decide how to spend money given to the PAC by BC Gaming, in order to support extracurriculars at Riverside. It's vital that we have a bit of help to run meetings, and all the jobs are quite easy. Please consider coming out and participating as one of the Exec members. **See Page 8** for more info.

Grade 11 parents/guardians:

Your child's grad year starts in just over 4 months, but the journey to get involved starts now. We invite all parents of next year's grad class to participate in the organization of "AfterGrad 2025", a traditional all-night celebration on the same evening as the Dinner/Dance. A few parents have already started by organizing a Mother's Day plant sale... see page 2 in this newsletter and support AG2025!

Plant Sale for Everyone – Surprise someone special!

GRAD 2025 FUNDRAISER
SPRING FLOWERS

ORDER ONLINE AT:
Surprise mom with a beautiful plant and support our After Grad!
<https://riversidesecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
ONLINE STORE OPEN UNTIL APRIL 26TH

PLANT PICKUP DATE: MAY 11TH
10AM – 12PM Riverside parking lot

Growing Smiles
FUNDRAISING

Link: <https://riversidesecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

RED DRESS DAY – MAY 5

During the week of April 29th – May 5th we will be observing **Red Dress day**. This is a project done to promote awareness of the ongoing Canadian crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous women and girls. The dresses represent a person who has gone missing and are hung in their memory. The colour red is important, as in many Indigenous cultures it is believed to be the only colour seen by the spirit world. The Red Dresses are to call the spirits of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women home. The display will be outside for the week. Please be mindful of the display when in the neighborhood. If you want to know more, please ask students with 'ask me about the **Red Dresses**' buttons.



ATHLETICS

Coquitlam Secondary School Athletic Association

For updates on sporting events, team results and upcoming games/matches occurring around SD43, please follow the Coquitlam Secondary School Athletic Association on Instagram [@cssaasd3](#).

GOLF TEAM

Thank you to  for sponsoring

Riverside Rapids 2024 Golf Team



with golf gear and prizes for the team!

MOUNTAIN BIKING TEAM

Riverside Mountain Bikers will be heading to Squamish to ride at the BC High School Mountain Biking Provincials on May 23-24th. This annual event brings riders from all over the Province for the XC and Enduro events. Best of luck to everyone!

SENIOR BOYS RUGY TEAM

A special thanks to Gold & Rose Jewellery for sponsoring our 2024 Senior Boys Rugby Team!



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RIVERSIDE SCIENCE EDVENTURE 2024

A group of 30 “edventurous” grade 10 and 11 students will be spending April 17 – 23rd in Orlando, Florida. Participating students will do science-based education programs each morning and then have free time to enjoy the parks. This year we are visiting:

- NASA Kennedy Space Center
- Disney Parks: Magic Kingdom, Hollywood, Animal Kingdom, EPCOT
- Universal Parks: Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure

We learn about NASA missions past & present, roller coaster physics, animatronics and much more!

This action-packed trip has been offered at Riverside since 2007, and we are excited to be reviving it for students this year. Students who are currently in Grades 9 and 10 and are interested in participating in next year’s trip can find out more information at an upcoming *Orlando 2025* meeting. Stay tuned to the school announcements or ask your Science Teacher for details.



NEW YORK CITY TRIP 2024



In March, during Spring Break, 27 Riverside students travelled with Ms. Roberge, Mr. Schoenhals and Monica Brochu (youth worker) to New York City for an action-packed 6-day adventure including Broadway shows, iconic landmarks, workshops with theatre/film professionals, art, history and lots of pizza. We walked 15,000+ steps per day immersed in the very busy "City That Never Sleeps" and learned to navigate the subway while staying just south of Times Square at the Four Points Sheraton. The student-funded trip was so memorable and will be planned again for Spring Break 2026!



OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM - GRADE 10

The Outdoor Ed class spent a beautiful day practicing canoe skills on Sasamat Lake as part of the canoe unit.



With Ms. Erika McArthur and Ms. Alaina Brandsma as teachers, this Grade 10 Program integrates the Science 10, Math 10, PE 10 and Leadership 10 curriculums. It is a cohort of 24 students running the second semester of the Grade 10 year. Students learn First Aid, Survival Skills, Principles of Leave No Trace, and Mapping Skills. Many educational field trips and guest speakers join the class for engaging, hands-on learning activities. Students have the opportunity to go winter camping, cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and backpacking.

TRADES PROGRAM

The Trades program is looking for donations for its plumbing unit. We are interested in:

- All kinds of piping
- Shower heads
- Sink with faucet
- Toilets

Any support that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Please contact dromani@sd43.bc.ca should you support this cause or just require further clarification.

MAKERSPACE – Looking for donations

Do you have any wool laying around your house not being used? Any kind of wool, cotton, acrylic or natural wool will all be helpful for a weaving activity we'd like to do in the Makerspace. Please drop off your donations at the office or library.

GRAD CLASS OF 2024:

Grade 12 students:

See Ms. David's website (Riverside homepage > Programs and Services > Career Centre:

[Welcome to the Riverside Career Centre! - École Riverside Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd43.bc.ca)

and IG account @riversidepostsecondaryadvising for more information about post-secondary, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, job opportunities and more.

VALEDICTORIAN AND TOASTMASTER

Your 2024 Valedictorians:

Jimmy Sam



Martin Zylka



Your 2024 Toastmaster:

Harry Lee



CAREER CENTRE

SD43 Trades Program

Interested in learning about the Skilled Trades Training available to SD43 students? Check out the [SD43 Career and Trades website](#) for more information.

Camp Ignite – An introductory firefighting camp for girls in Grade 11 and 12

The poster features a large background image of firefighters in full gear. Overlaid on this are three circular inset photos: one showing a firefighter in a helmet, another showing a group of people in a field, and a third showing a fire truck. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a purple and white color scheme. Logos for 'CAMP IGNITE' and the 'PORT COQUITLAM FIRE DEPARTMENT' are prominently displayed.

**2024
CAMP IGNITE**

Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. The camp is open to girls in grades 11-12 (ages 15-18) living in Port Coquitlam and going to school in Port Coquitlam

How to Apply:

- Deadline to apply is **MAY 1st**
- Applications at: **campignite.com**
- For any questions, contact Camp Ignite or **Chad Evans** of the Port Coquitlam Fire Department at: **evansc@portcoquitlam.ca**

**AUGUST
8-11 2024**

The camp will be held August 8th-11th at the Maple Ridge Justice Institute campus and at various fire departments across the lower mainland. The camp is a three-night, three-day overnight camp that aims to not only give female students a look into what a career in the fire service is like but also aims to build team work skills, learn about nutrition and fitness and give them an opportunity to meet new friends.

Interested students can apply by going to: <https://campignite.com/join-us> and fill out the application form.
Deadline for applicants is May 1st, 2024.

More information about the camp can be found to here: <https://campignite.com/>

RIVERSIDE PAC

MAY 15, 7PM AGM VOTE FOR NEW EXECUTIVE Come out and volunteer for your Riverside PAC

Every organization needs good leadership. Your council's leaders will facilitate the membership in setting the course for your organization and achieving its goals. The executive's role is:

- to provide leadership
- to take initiative
- to carry on the council's day-to-day business

President/Chair

Speak on behalf of the council.
Preside at meetings.
Ensure that an agenda is prepared.

Vice-President

Support the president.
Assume the duties of the president in the president's absence or upon request.
Assist the president in the performance of their duties.

Secretary

Ensure that members are notified of meetings.
Record and file minutes of all meetings.
Keep an accurate copy of the constitution and bylaws.
Issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the council.

Treasurer

Ensure all funds are disbursed properly.
Ensure that proper financial records are maintained.
Report on all receipts and disbursements.
With the assistance of the executive, draft an annual budget.

DPAC Representative

Attend all DPAC meetings and represent, speak, and vote on behalf of the PAC.
Receive, circulate, and post DPAC information.

Members at Large

Serve in a capacity to be determined by the council at the time of election, and at other times as the council requires.

AFTER GRAD 2025

Calling all parents of children graduating in 2025. Anyone that's interested in being in the After Grad 2025 Committee, please contact the school and we will form a list. We will send out an email with our first meeting time and location.

Now is your time to be part of a great event for our graduating kids of 2025!!!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Hazel Trembath Elementary School is looking for student volunteers. Their Fun Fair will take place at Castle Park Elementary School on Friday, June 14th. If interested, please complete the volunteer form included in the link below.

Google Forms for Volunteers:

<https://forms.gle/1WX4Duf6UtcTP9vq8>

SUMMER LEARNING 2024

Deadlines are fast approaching...

- Middle and Secondary Skill Building: **Friday, May 3**
- Secondary Full Credit: **Monday, May 8**

SD43
Learning for a Lifetime

COQUITLAM
Summer
LEARNING

Summer Learning 2024

Elementary
Eight locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!
Free to all BC residents*.

Middle
Three locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Secondary Skill Building
Two locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Full Credit
Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track
Two locations, Wednesday July 3 - Thursday August 8 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11,12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11.

To Register
Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!
Registration begins at 8:00am for ...
- Elementary: Tuesday April 30
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 3
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 8
Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change



Did your child receive the MMR vaccine?

Measles cases are being reported in many places internationally, in Canada and in B.C. We would like to remind you to check your child's vaccination records before travelling during Spring Break to ensure they are protected.

Measles is a serious illness caused by the measles virus. It is very contagious. It can spread easily through air.

Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose, and inflamed eyes that are often sensitive to light. These symptoms are followed by a rash, which starts on the face and neck and spreads to the chest, arms and legs.

Measles can cause complications like inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), which can lead to seizures, deafness or brain damage. Other complications can include ear infection, diarrhea, pneumonia and death. This is why protection by vaccination is so important.

Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect them from this preventable infection. The MMR vaccine is recommended for all children and is provided free in B.C.

In B.C., measles vaccine is given as a series of 2 doses.

- First dose is given as the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine on a child's first birthday.
- Second dose is given around the time of starting school (at 4 to 6 years) as the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine.

All school-age children and teens who have not been vaccinated should get 2 doses.

If you plan on travelling internationally:

- Babies between 6 months and 1 year should get vaccinated against measles before travelling internationally. This dose is not included in the routine two doses but will add to protection against measles while travelling.
- Children between 1 and 4 years can also get their second dose early if they are travelling internationally before they are due at age 4.

Make sure your child's immunization records are up-to-date

Check your child's immunization records by

- Scanning the QR code to Health Gateway
- Going online to healthgateway.gov.bc.ca
- Using the Health Gateway app



* Records for children under 12 years old are included on their parent's account.

If your child's online record shows their vaccines are not up-to-date but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health, please:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online by either scanning this QR code or going online to fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform. This will prevent children from missing school in the event of a measles case.



If your child has not yet had their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor or nurse practitioner. Children 4 years or older, as well as adults, can also be vaccinated in pharmacies. Not all family doctors, nurse practitioners, or pharmacies offer vaccines, so make sure to call ahead and check.

To make an immunization appointment at a public health unit, call:

- 604-702-4906 (residents of Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz and Hope)
- 604-476-7087 (residents in all other areas of Fraser Health)

For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at: fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.