



CALENDAR of EVENTS

December 16th

PAC Meeting—7:00 pm Library

December 20

Holiday Cabaret Fundraiser

December 21st

Last Day of School before Winter
Break

December 24th—January 4th

Winter Break

January 6th

School Back in Session

January 8th

After Grad meeting—7:00 pm library

January 16th

Grade 9 Immunization

January 16th

PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library

January 21st

EAL Testing

January 21st—25th

Semester Turnaround - please see
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January 28th

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January 29th

Grade 9 Immunization (2nd chance)



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COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Important Dates for Grade 8 Parents

January 7th Grade 8 online honours applications open

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

January 21st - Student online application for honours closes

January 25th- Honours Assessments @ Riverside 9:00am - 11:45 am

January 25th- Grade 8 tour 12:00-2:45pm

February 4th— 7th Honours acceptance letters emailed out

February 6th - Parent Info Evening re: Grade 8 Programming Information and 1:1 Technology Information Evening Meet in cafeteria/Theatre: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Post-Secondary Admission

Many universities have changed their admission deadline dates this year. Be sure to check out post-secondary institution websites for details. Students are encouraged to apply to BC schools on-line at: <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/> Please see Mrs. David in room 213 or your counsellors for assistance.

Grade 12 marks and Post-secondary Applications

Student Transcripts Service (STS)

Instructions for Grade 12 students

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

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 immediately.



Jon Bruneau, Principal
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SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2019 – END OF SEMESTER

The end of **Semester 1** at Riverside is fast approaching! In order to help students and parents navigate this busy time of year, please refer to the information bullets and schedule below.

- The last day of regular classes will be **Friday, January 18th**. The following week students will be involved in Assignment work time (if necessary), exams, Graduation Transitions interviews (Grade 12's) and/or Grade 9 interviews.
- The **Provincial Numeracy Exam** is mandatory for graduation **for grade 10 students presently registered in Math 10 (Semester 1)** who have not previously written a Math 10 Provincial exam. Please check the schedule below to find which day you will be writing the numeracy exam and in which classroom (organized by name). Students who missed writing the Numeracy assessment last year **NEED** to write it this year. Online calculators are provided on the electronic section of the numeracy exam.
- Students taking a Math 10 course in semester 2 will write the Numeracy exam in June.
- Students should bring picture ID to any provincial examination.
- Please note that students may not begin exams any later than 30 minutes after the official start time.
- Grade 12 Graduation Transitions exit Interviews (for all first semester English 12 students) and Grade 9 interviews (all) will be held in RAP classrooms.

Riverside Exam Schedule – Semester 1

DATE	TIME	EXAM	LOCATION
Monday January 21	9:00am – 12:00	Math 9 midterm	<i>Pahlevanlu, day 1 B blk Port 5 Pahlevanlu, day 2 B blk Port 3 Chee, day 1 C blk Port 4 Chee, day 1 D blk Rm 220 Chee, day 2 D blk Rm 218 Burton, day 1 B blk Rm 219 Della, day 1 A Blk Rm 215 Hubbard day 1 D blk Rm 216 Lundgren, day 1 A blk Rm 207 Lundgren, day 2 A blk Rm 208 Lundgren, day 2 C blk Rm 226 Thies, day 2 A blk Rm 221 Vanderkraan, day 2 D blk Port 2</i>
		Grade 9 Interviews (11:00-12:00)	RAP Classes
	1:00pm – 4:00	Chemistry 12	See your teacher for details
		Work/projection completion	See your teacher
		Work/projection completion	See your teacher
Tuesday January 22	9:00am – 12:00	Numeracy Assessment	Last name: Abdou – Cheng Room 101 Last name: Chernous – Dickson Room 221 Last name: Dimitrova – Gutierrez Room 225 Last name: Han - Kratschmer Room 125 Last name: Kumar – McNicol Room 112
		Law 12 Bk: B (9:30-10:30)	Room 124
		Law 12 Bk: C (10:45-11:45)	Room 124
		Law 12 Bk: B (12:00-1:00 PM)	Room 124
	1:00pm – 4:00	Work/projection completion	See your teacher
		Work/projection completion	See your teacher
		Work/projection completion	See your teacher

Riverside Exam Schedule – Semester 1 cont.

Wednesday January 23	9:00am – 12:00	Numeracy Assessment	Last name: Miao – Park (Jimin) Room 101 Last name: Park (Justin) - Si Room 221 Last name: Sison - Wakely Room 225 Last name: Wang - Zhou Room 125
	1:00pm – 4:00	Pre-Calc 12	See your teacher for details
Thursday January 24	9:00am – 12:00	English 12	Last name: Abdou – Cooper Room 101 Last name: Cornelius – Han Room 221 Last name: Hendriks – May Room 225 Last name: McCrady – Santos Room 125 Last name: Sato – Wahl Room 112 Last name: Wang – Zhou Library (laptops)
	1:00pm – 4:00	GT Interviews	RAP Classes
Friday January 25	9:00am – 12:00	Comm 12	LC
		Honors Exams (Grade 8's)	TBA
	1:00pm – 4:00	FRAL 12	Babich – Willems Room 221

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already heading into the winter break. We have had a truly amazing few months so far this year, filled with all the great work in classrooms and a long list of extracurricular and curricular events in the school. We appreciate all the support from our parent community. It's awesome that we can let one parent know where we can use some assistance and a team of parents comes through. Recently, our Winter Formal dance for Grade 11's and 12's was a great success in part with the help of parents who donated pot-luck food.

Students of Riverside should take pride in their contributions to the school. With the clubs, group assignments, school wide events, theatre productions like the festival of Short Shorts, musical evenings, math contests, Spoken Word, YPI, sports teams always making a presence in their respective leagues, and so many more as well. This continues to be an amazing school. Way to go, Riverside Community!

A particular source of pride is that our students are carrying on the tradition of giving by collecting food for the Christmas Share Food Hampers. Schools in the Tri-Cities play a significant role in helping to provide food to those in need. The food collected by schools this month will provide enough for families in need until June. Thank you for helping with the food donations to the daily RAP's in this last week of classes.

A few reminders:

- Our annual Holiday Cabaret Fundraiser evening is tomorrow night, December 20th. This is a wonderful evening to hear our choir, concert bands, and jazz ensembles perform.
- Please make sure your child's student fees account is up to date. Fees can be paid online or in person, and we rely on those fees to undertake activities in the school.
- If you pick up your child with a vehicle at the end of the day, PLEASE respect the rules of the road, signage, and above all... WATCH OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS. No one wants to be injured, so please drive slowly and carefully. The safety of our students is paramount.

On behalf of the staff at Riverside, I want to wish you and your family the very best this holiday season. I hope you get some time to relax, reconnect with family and friends, and enjoy some special moments with loved ones.

Riverside Admin Team: Mr. Bruneau, Ms. Buteau, Mr. Giles and Mr. Hyde

Season's Greetings 2018

The holiday season is here, and what a joy it is to celebrate this time of year in our school district and all that comes with it—the Christmas music, decorations, holiday treats, time with friends and family, and the spirit of giving.

Fall is a wonderful time for students' academic, emotional, social and physical growth and success thanks to the collaboration and involvement of the employees, parents, trustees, partner groups and the community.

We are proud of how our school district comes together in the true meaning of the season to share and give back to the community by collecting food and toys, making hampers, sponsoring families, and volunteering time to help those in need. Thank you all for your extra efforts.

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I wish you a peaceful and restful winter break, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Patricia Gartland
Superintendent of Schools



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 21st.

Thank you very much for your donations.

Grade 9 Immunization

Immunization Dates:
January 16
January 29—Second Chance



KEEP UP WITH RIVERSIDE THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



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RIVERSIDE AFTER-GRAD NEWS

The Riverside Winter Market, held on November 17th, 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 Grimbeck for their dedication, innovation and tireless efforts in executing this year's record fundraising event.

SAVE THE DATE: Our next fundraiser is a Pub Night tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2019. If you would like tickets, please come to the next After-Grad meeting in January, where blocks of tickets will be distributed for sale. If you can't attend the meeting but want to secure tickets for yourself and your friends and family, please contact Sydney Irvine at RiversidePubNight@gmail.com. We are also looking for donations for the silent auction at this event. Contact Sydney to help out.

If you are not yet on the Grade 12 Parents email list, send a quick email to Deborah McNicol at canyoufeelthelovet-onight@shaw.ca.

New campaign: Young Living Essential Oils - \$50 will be donated to After Grad from the sale of each premium starter kit. Each has a variety of uses to support overall health and well-being. Email Sylvia directly for more info at wasaby42002@yahoo.ca or visit her business page https://www.facebook.com/It-All-Makes-Scents-58006324242454/?modal=admin_todo_tour.

The next After-Grad meeting is Tuesday, January 8th at 7pm in the Riverside library. See you there!

Happy Holidays from your After-Grad Committee

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 snowfall.

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** 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.



Valedictorian

Potential candidates who are interested in valedictorian must have Honour Roll status and be in good behavioural standing. All candidates should enjoy public speaking, as their responsibilities lie in bringing the grad class together through community and personal achievements. They should also be interested in not just talking about how life has been to this point, but also adding perspective in guiding everyone to critically think about their future after high school. I always tell them they need to make the audience laugh and cry through the power of words.

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.
- 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 Mr. Hyde, Mr. Purdy and Mr. Barrington 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 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.
- At a staff meeting, teachers will then rank the candidates based on the profiles shown. Only the top 6, based on teacher's ranking will be able to create a persuasive video that will be shown in RAP. An alternative option for the potential candidate is for them to perform live in front of their peers. This would have to be on a specific day and not conflict with the regular schedule.

Students will vote on their valedictorian and salutatorian. Every two weeks, the two will check in with Mr. Barrington, Mr. Hyde and Mr. Purdy who will mentor them in terms of crafting their speech. This will all start in April and conclude in May.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) *International Baccalaureate Program*

Information Meeting for Grade 8 and 9 Students and Parents

Tuesday, January 8th or Thursday, January 10th, 2019

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary School

Students interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend this meeting to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask teachers and students questions about the IB Program. **All registration information will be available at these meetings.** Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at pmsblues.net and www.ibo.org.

International Education and EAL

On December 12 Ms. Gachallan's, Ms. Joon's and Ms. Lotter's EAL classes ventured downtown to explore the Vancouver Christmas Market. They sampled a variety of cuisines while browsing through the market stalls. Students alongside the trip chaperone's Mr. Thies, Ms. Johal, and Ms. Chittenden enjoyed an exhilarating 4D experience at FlyOver Canada. Students left with many unforgettable memories and a meaningful Canadian cultural Christmas experience.



NEWSIES

RIVER'S EDGE THEATRE SMASH HIT PRODUCTION



HOLIDAY CABARET

Thurs. Dec. 20
7:30pm

FUNDRAISER for River's Edge Theatre

Mocktail bar, Performances, Prizes

Cash ONLY \$5 to get in

Online tickets for our big school musical go on sale Dec. 17: our school community can give the gift of "Newsies" this holiday season!

This energized smash hit, based on the real life newsies strike in 1899, features a huge cast and the most technical dancing in a decade for Riverside's River's Edge Theatre. You'll love the lively toe-tapping and the inspiring songs are fun for the whole family. The show runs Feb. 21, 22, 23 and Feb. 27, 28, March 1. Don't miss it!

Go to www.brownpapertickets.com and search River's Edge Theatre Presents: Newsies and get your tickets.

But first: We are putting on the annual Holiday Cabaret on Dec. 20th at 7:30pm at River's Edge Theatre featuring the cast of "Newsies" and dancers from the growing Dance program. This fundraiser is a fun, heart-warming way to give back; tickets are \$5 cash at the door to get in and there's a mocktail bar, treats and raffle tickets for sale. See you there!

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Coming Soon! Our NEW & Improved Library Learning Commons. Construction is underway to support the future Wave of learning @Riverside