



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- September 25**  
Pro D Day—School not in session
- October 12**  
Thanksgiving—School not in session
- October 21**  
Interim Report Cards distribution
- October 23**  
Pro D Day—School not in session
- November 4**  
Take Our Kid To Work Day (TOKTW)
- November 11**  
Remembrance Day—School not in session
- November 17**  
Semester 1—Quarter 1 ends
- November 18**  
Semester 1—Quarter 2 starts
- December 18**  
Last day before Winter Break
- December 21—January 1**  
Winter Break
- January 4**  
School Re-Opens
- January 29**  
Semester 1—Quarter 2 ends
- February 1**  
Pro D Day—School not in session
- February 2**  
Semester 2—Quarter 3 starts
- February 15**  
BC Family Day—School not in session
- February 26**  
Pro D Day—School not in session
- March 19**  
Last day before Spring Break
- March 22—April 1**  
Spring Break
- April 2**  
Good Friday
- April 5**  
Easter Monday
- April 6**  
School re-opens
- April 23**  
Pro D Day—School not in session



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## COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Counselling Team would like to say a big WELCOME BACK!! We would love to meet with students and are available by appointment (booked my email or phone).

This year, Riverside's counselling team has been reduced to three counsellors. The counselling loads are currently distributed as follows:

Counsellor	Last Names
Mrs. Chittenden	D - L
Mrs. Luddu	C, M - R
Mrs. Johal	A,B, S -Z

### Scholarship Application Preparation

Ms. David and Ms. Luddu will be hosting a digital scholarship meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm. To join the meeting via TEAMS, enter the code: **jk2ezcz** to access the Post Secondary and Career Advising Team. This meeting will be the first of three scholarship sessions held throughout the year. The purpose of this first meeting will be to explain the scholarship application process and provide deadlines for some of our fall scholarships. Students are responsible for doing their own research with the guidance of Ms. Luddu and Ms. David (Post-Secondary and Career Advisor). At this time of year, it is a good idea for students to begin their research and to request reference letters. More information can be found on the Riverside Website; check out the Career Resource Center link and also the Counselling Department web page. Stay tuned for Scholarship Session #2: Entrance Scholarships in December and Session #3: Local Scholarships in April

### Peer Tutor Support

Tutors will soon be available for support in all academic areas and can meet with students outside of class time in a supervised location. Tutor Request Forms are available on the school website and require both a student and parent email addresses. For the benefit of all, we ask that students commit to a minimum of 5 hours (over a number of days) before requesting a tutor. Contact your counsellor or Mr. Ford for more information.

### Post-Secondary School Applications

Students should begin checking out application deadlines for the schools of their choice. Douglas College will begin accepting on-line applications as of October 15<sup>th</sup>. University application dates vary so please check the website for your school; the SFU application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup> and the UBC deadline is Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Students wishing to be considered for Major Entrance Scholarships at UBC must apply by December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> for SFU. Eastern universities have earlier deadlines, generally before Christmas, so it is important to start researching now.

Apply on-line to any BC post-secondary institution at:  
<https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/>

University information sessions will be posted on Riverside's announcement page.





# My School Day

Quick Start for Students  
and Parents

Fall 2020



## 1. Download the app

You can find the app - *it's free to download!* - on the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) on your phone by

- Searching in the store for "My School Day"
- Going to <https://myschoolday.app/download> in the browser on your phone
- Using the QR or snap codes below



**Make sure to allow it to receive notifications when asked - the school will use them to send out important reminders, information and alerts.**

## 2. Select your school

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*

## 3. Subscribe to channels.

Channels let the school administration and teachers send out information specific to your classes and activities, so you get only those notifications for your classes and those of interest to the entire school. To subscribe to channels:

- Tap the menu icon ☰ at the bottom left
- Select "Select Channels" from the menu
- Tap the checkbox for the channels you are interested in
- Tap on the "Done" button.

**Remember to check back regularly for new channels that your teachers may have added.**

## 4. Enter your classes

Tap on the classes icon 📅 in the bottom right corner. Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.

## 5. Access school and class links and files

The school and teachers will add links and files that provide resources to the school community such as course materials for remote learning, health advisories, and other school, district, and provincial information. To access these school-wide and channel-specific resources:

- Tap the menu icon at the bottom left
- Select "Files and Links" from the menu.

**Remember to check back regularly for new resources that your teachers may have added.**

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# **REMINDER TO PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)**

Fees and e-forms can be paid/filled out on School Cash Online. Please check your students account to see if there are fees associated with courses.

**If you have not submitted the following forms, please click on the link or QR code and submit as soon as possible.**

## **Parents—Forms**

- \* School Polices (On-Line)
- \* Daily Health Check (On-Line)
- \* Student Emergency Release (fillable PDF—print and return to the office)
- \* Edublog (On-Line)
- \* Volunteer applications (**OPTIONAL**)

## **To Access School Cash Online:**

Scan the QR code or follow the link below:



<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>

### **Medical alert form (only if applicable)**

**Medical Alert forms must be completed every year for students with any medical alerts. Request for the administration of medication form is to be completed every year and be signed by a physician.**

## **FAMILY AND STUDENT PORTAL:**

Any changes to be made to the **STUDENT VERIFICATION AND CONTACTS FORM**, please email [132-records@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:132-records@sd43.bc.ca)

For example:

- \* Address, email or phone numbers
- \* Emergency Contacts

## Health & Safety Student Acknowledgement

By filling out this form you acknowledge that you have gone through Riverside's Health and Safety Protocol and you will abide by the safety rules while learning in the building.

Please click the following link to submit the form.

[\*\*Student Health and Safety Form\*\*](#)

**ALL students must complete this form.**

# ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

We ask that parents take an active role in assisting us in monitoring student attendance. Please contact the school as soon as possible whenever your student is going to be late or absent from school.

You can report absences any of the following ways by providing your child's name and/or time they will be absent from school and the reason for the absence.

Option #1 – the most secure

Call Riverside at 604-941-6053 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to speak directly to an office staff member.

Option #2

Go to our website and click the [Absence Report](#)

Please enter as much information as possible such as time they will be returning or leaving for an appointment.

Option #3

After 4:00 p.m. you may leave an absence message at the school phone number.

We only monitor Options #1, #2 and #3 for attendance.

We ask staff to make contact with home regarding repeated lates and absenteeism. Please expect their phone calls.

We have an auto-dialer system which emails homes daily to verify unexcused absenteeism of all students.

All students, if leaving early for any reason, must check out at the office with parent permission. Report to the office to sign back in when returning from appointments, etc.

## Reminder that the block times are as follows:

Period 1: 7:30—8:45

Period 2: 9:00—11:00

Period 4: 12:00—2:00

The screenshot shows the 'Absence Report' form for School District 43. The form has a green header with the district logo and the text 'Absence Report' and 'Fill in all required fields and click on Submit'. Below the header, there is a dropdown menu for 'Select School: \* Select...'. A callout arrow points to this field with the text 'All info filled out'. Below the dropdown, there is a note: '\*Please make sure you select the correct school.' The form then has fields for 'Student Last Name: \*', 'Student First Name: \*', 'Parent Email: \*', and 'Grade: \* Select Grade'. Below these is a field for 'If known, please provide your child's Division Number and/or Teacher's Name:'. The 'Absence:' section has radio buttons for 'Illness/Medical', 'Family Vacation', 'Early Dismissal', 'Late', and 'Other'. Below this are 'From: \*' and 'To: \*' date pickers with instructions '(Enter first day of absence above)' and '(Enter last day of absence above)'. A callout arrow points to these fields with the text 'Reason and dates'. Below the date pickers is a text area for 'Reason and/or time where applicable:'. A callout arrow points to this area with the text 'IF not full day: specific periods and/or times leaving or returning'. At the bottom, there is a link 'Click here to add another absence' and a 'Submit' button.



## Every Child Matters: Reconciliation Through Education

An unprecedented online event open to all Canadian schools

Join thousands of Canadian youth on September 30 to honour Residential School Survivors, their families and communities at a unique virtual event to support and encourage meaningful Reconciliation across Canada.

Designed for students in grades 5 through 12, this virtual event provides an opportunity to learn first hand from Residential School Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, artists and leaders from nations and cultures across the country. Educators can select the events they wish to livestream for their students and download free educational resources.

This national gathering is hosted by the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation and will bring together a diverse and inspiring program of Truth and Reconciliation activities to coincide with Orange Shirt Day. As Canadians, we are called upon to take action to learn, share and celebrate, and to build a better country together!

Join us for this national online event **Sept. 30, 2020 from 10am to 2pm CST**

Please click on the link to register.

[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)



To order an Orange T-shirt for your student, please go to [School Cash on line](#) and choose a size. It will be distributed before September 30th.

Cost: \$15.00

ADULT General Sizing Guide							
Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest	34"-36"	38"-40"	42"-44"	46"-48"	50"-52"	54"-55"	56"-57"
Waist	29"-32"	32"-35"	35"-38"	38"-41"	41"-44"	44"-47"	47"-50"
Sleeve Length-CB	32"-33 1/2"	34"-35"	35"-36"	36"-37"	37"-38"	38"-39"	38 1/2"-39"

# Peer Tutor Support

Tutors have been assigned to most grade 9 and 10 Math classes and will be working through classroom teachers. Students and/or parents should talk to their classroom teachers to arrange extra support from tutors. Support can be during Flex or other instructional time.

Contact Mr. Shane Ford for more information [sford@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sford@sd43.bc.ca).



## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

VIRTUAL



### Riverside Math Department to Coordinate “Take Our Kids To “Virtual” Work Day 2020

On Wednesday, November 4th, the Riverside Math Department will coordinate Take Our Kids To Work (TOKTW) program. Take Our Kids to Work™ is The Learning Partnership’s signature program, now in its 26th year, that provides Grade nine students with the opportunity to experience and learn about the world of work as they begin to explore possible career paths. Research suggests that today’s students will have multiple careers over the span of their working years. They will need to master both new technologies and complex social and organizational systems. They will also need to be prepared with the educational tools and experiences that will be necessary to succeed in tomorrow’s workplace. All grade 9 students will spend a day at work with their parent, relative or friend of the family. Students will then be asked to complete a reflection sheet based on their experience that day. Grade 9 math teachers will be responsible for distributing and collecting permission forms. TOKTW link: [Take Our Kids To “VIRTUAL” Work Day](#)

# KEEP UP WITH RIVERSIDE THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



**RAPID NATION**

-  /rapideventupdater
-  @rside43  
@rapidevent
-  @rapidevent
-  @riversiderapidstube

#rapidnation      #rapidpride



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# RIVERSIDE CAFETERIA IS OPEN!

Support the Cafeteria. Easy take out items for breakfast and lunch.

## Breakfast:



- \*Egg sandwiches
- \*Hash browns
- \*Banana Bread

## Lunch:

- \*Daily Soup
- \*Fries/Poutine
- \*Cheeseburgers and Beyond Meat Burgers
- \*Chicken Strips
- \*Pizza

