

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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DECEMBER 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 14 – French Immersion
Celebration Night

Dec 15 - Winter Concert

Dec 15 – Last day to bring in food
hamper donations

Dec 16 – Last Day of Classes
before Winter Break

Dec 19 – Jan 2 – Winter Break

Jan 3 – School Re-Opens

Jan 5-12 – Grad Portrait Sessions

Jan 23 – Last Day of Semester 1

Jan 24-26 – Customized Learning
Schedule – see Page 2

Jan 30 – Pro D (no classes)

Jan 31 – Semester 2 begins

Feb 1 – Parent Info Night (Gr 9-11)
Course Programming



Greetings Riverside Community;

It's almost that time of year again... time to recharge and reconnect with friends and family over that long-awaited two-week break. We hope you have a wonderful holiday. We have a LOT happening in the school in December and January, so we highly recommend that you give this newsletter a thorough read, as well as the daily Rapid Read bulletins.

See you in 2023!

Warm regards,

-- Riverside Office and Admin Teams

Reminders:

Grade 12's – remember to book your **Grad Photo** sitting – visit Grade 12 Central for more info; plus, get your Yearbook comment in A.S.A.P.

Parents of Grade 8's (in case you are reading this, and your child is a future Grade 9 here) – a big parent info night is coming on January 11th at 6pm. More info to follow on our website.

Winter Concert on Dec 15. We would love to fill up our cafeteria/theatre and give the kids a big audience as they showcase all their hard work. See you there!

Hampers – we're on the final push to get our hampers filled with food for families. Please give what you can, and students please remember to drop off in Stream first thing all this week. Thank you!



JANUARY ASSESSMENTS SCHEDULE

As part of the graduation requirements, students in the [B.C. Graduation Program](#) will complete three provincial assessments. These assessments focus on the demonstration and application of **numeracy** and **literacy**.

All students in grade 10 will need to write the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments.

All students in Grade 12 will need to write the Literacy 12 Assessment

Semester one French Immersion 12 students will need to write the French Immersion 12 Literacy Assessment.

Please see the schedule below. Student and room assignments will be posted **January 16th** in the front foyer and on the website.

Tuesday January 24th Numeracy 10 9 am – 12 pm	Wednesday January 25th Literacy 10 & Fra 12 Literacy 9 am – 12 pm	Thursday January 26th Literacy 12 9 am – 12 pm
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For helpful information to prepare for the Numeracy 10 assessment visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

For Literacy 10

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

For Literacy 12

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

For Francais 12 Literacy please see Mr. Tao or email him at ktao@sd43.bc.ca

Any questions can be directed to Mr. Jones, Vice Principal. djones@sd43.bc.ca

WINTER MARKET

The Winter Market Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, whether they gave us their time or baked goods. Also, a big thanks to Mr. Bruneau and all the Riverside staff that helped with organizing, set up and clean up. We couldn't have made it such a success without all our community's help and we are so grateful!

Thank you so much! – Susan MacCormack

WINTER CONCERT – December 15 at 7pm



MUSICAL THEATRE SHOW

Louisa May Alcott's evergreen novel "Little Women" was first published in 1868 in Boston, sold an estimated 10 million copies worldwide, and was translated into over 40 languages over many generations. It is a powerful story that continues to resonate, asserting that women can be heroes of their own stories. The original book spawned two sequels, stage plays, films, TV adaptations, an opera and... a Broadway musical!



The talented Musical Theatre cast and dedicated Performing Arts Leadership crew can't wait to welcome you to our beautiful show in early 2023.

Filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope and love, the original production starred the unparalleled Sutton Foster and the show follows the adventures of the March sisters over 4 years during America's civil war. We are committed to keeping this iconic literary piece alive by pushing it into the present, and into the future.

River's Edge Theatre, at Riverside Secondary, presents "Little Women: The Musical"

February 2, 3, 4 + 9, 10, 11 at 7:30pm Afternoon matinees at 2pm on Saturday, Feb. 4 + Saturday, Feb. 11

Tickets will be sold online and at the door: stay connected via our school website and @rapidevents or riversedgetheatre (Instagram) or River's Edge Theatre (Facebook)

YEARBOOK

The 2023 Yearbook is on sale until February 10th. This year's Yearbook features sports, clubs, portraits and school events! To purchase the book (\$60), please use the School Cash Online link on the Riverside Website. The Yearbook price will go up to \$65 after February and only a very limited quantity will be available at that time.

Please note: Students must have already paid for their school fees to see the Yearbook optional purchase tab on School Cash Online.

GRAD CLASS OF 2023

Attention ALL Grade 12's!

It's time to submit your baby photos and grad yearbook comment. Go to our Riverside website, click on intranet, and click on the Grade 12 Central tab. You will find both links to upload your baby photo and your yearbook comments.

Deadline is Friday, January 6, 2023.

G23 AFTER-GRAD FUNDRAISING

January to April Fundraising

Coming in January is our next AfterGrad meeting for Fundraising purposes January to April. The date is yet to be determined so stay tuned.

So far, our fundraisers like Winter Market have been organized by different sets of parents, with the school providing the underlying organization. For the Winter/Spring fundraisers, we need AfterGrad Fundraising to operate through PAC, as it will involve things that the school doesn't usually directly sponsor. The funds will all still end up paying for the same thing, which is the event itself. So.... when you receive the email to volunteer for one of the fundraisers, please select one and help out.

One of the most important jobs will be the 'financial verification person'... someone who can ensure that each fundraiser has accounting practices appropriately set up for PAC purposes.

The AfterGrad event planning is already well underway and is being completely handled by the school in these early stages.

Purdy's Chocolate

It's that time of year again... Support G23 and buy your Purdy's chocolate (milk/dark) bar for only \$2 in Room 124.

Fundscrip

Hey Riverside Shoppers!

Did you miss the G23 Fundscrip Fundraiser but still want to support or still have some shopping to do? We have created an online option! The online option has additional shopping options; **1)** Direct Shipping to your home or to another address **2)** E-Cards **3)** Reloadable cards! **4)** Anyone, anywhere in Canada, can become a Riverside supporter. So pass this on to family and friends. Here is how it works:

1. Follow this link: <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/TR87MP>
2. Fill in your information, create a password and agree to terms. Then press SUPPORT A GROUP button.
3. Enter in your address.
4. Set up your payment method. We ask you to use EFT or Online Bill Payment. Either way the payments will come from your bank account. ***If you choose to use the credit card option, Fundscrip/Fundstream will take 1.9% from your donation.
5. Go Shopping! Press SHOP

TIPS:

1. If you order 4 cards adding up to under \$500, you will be charged approximately \$1.05 in shipping. If the total of the 4 cards is \$500 or more the shipping is free. <https://www.fundscrip.com/directshipping>
2. If ordering more than 4 cards at a time, the shipping will go up significantly. I tried ordering 23 cards, and it would cost \$24 in shipping. But, if I broke that order into 6 shipments of 3-4 cards it would cost \$6.30 in shipping.
3. Physical cards will take about a week to arrive. E-cards will take about 1 business day to arrive in your email.
4. Here is some information on e-cards and reloadable gift cards. <https://www.fundscrip.com/news/how-to-use-electronic-reloadable-gift-cards-in-fundscrip-wallet>
5. E-cards can be shared. <https://www.fundscrip.com/news/how-to-share-egift-cards>
6. There is no shipping charge for e-card orders.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Ilana Hoegler, at riversidesecundaryaftergrad@gmail.com

GRADUATION

Valedictorian

Students who are interested in valedictorian have to have Honour Roll status and be in good behavioural standing. All candidates should enjoy public speaking. They should be able to bring the grad class together by sharing their unity and achievements, and not just focusing on the obvious. They should also be interested in not just talking about how life has been to this point, but also in adding perspective in guiding everyone forward into thinking about their future after high school. I always tell them they need to make the audience laugh and make the audience cry through the power of their words.

Valedictorian Selection 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. They also must be a positive role model in the eyes of their peers and teachers. Once those student' names 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 the Vice Principal and the Sponsor Teacher 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 the valedictorian.

If a student expresses interest in being a valedictorian, then the student will create a profile that highlights their 4 or 5 best achievements at Riverside Secondary. Depending on the level of interest, a committee of English department teachers will then rank the candidates based on the profiles shown. Only the top 10, will be able to create a video that would be performed live in front of their peers. This is done for potential candidates to try to convince the Grade 12 class that they should be the valedictorian.

Valedictorian Selection Process – cont.

Students will vote on their valedictorian and salutatorian. The top student based on votes will be voted as the valedictorian and the student with the second highest number of votes will be the salutatorian at the commencement ceremony and will also give a speech at the Grad Dinner Dance. Every two weeks, the two will check in with the sponsor teachers who will mentor them in terms of crafting their speech. They must present a copy of their speech to the sponsor teacher and the vice principal. This speech is the one that they will present at the Grad Dinner Dance or commencement. This selection process will start in March. The video profile will take place at the end of April and will be part of the valedictorian candidate's introduction at the live performance. The vote for valedictorian will take place during the second week of May. **Please refer to the Grade 12 calendar for specific valedictorian deadline dates.**

Grade 12's - are you the next valedictorian or salutatorian? If interested, please attend the Nominee meeting in Portable 1 at lunch on March 28st, 2023. Forms are due April 6th to Mr. Barrington in Portable 1.

WALL OF EXCELLENCE

The purpose of the Wall of Excellence is to recognize staff and students, individuals and or groups, for their outstanding achievements and or contributions to our school and community.

All Wall of Excellence alumni are displayed on the TV screen by the entrance.

At the year-end award ceremony, these exceptional examples will be celebrated for their accomplishments and efforts and will serve to inspire future Riverside staff and students. These exceptional examples will be celebrated for their accomplishments and efforts and will serve to inspire future Riverside staff and students.

We hope you can nominate past Riverside students that you believe would make a strong candidate.

The application criteria and process can be found in the Riverside Website, under the "Quick Links" to the Wall of Excellence or go here: [Wall of Excellence - École Riverside Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/wall-of-excellence). **Applications are due on the April 1, 2023**, feel free to read the website for further information.