

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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JANUARY 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 13 – Black Excellence Day

Jan 13 – Buddies Photos

Jan 18 – PAC Meeting, 7pm

Jan 20 – Honours Application closes

Jan 23 – Last Day of Semester 1

Jan 25 – Parent Info Night (Gr 9-11)
Course Programming

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

Jan 30 – Pro D (no classes)

Jan 31 – Semester 2 begins

Feb 3 – Winter Team Photos and
Late arrival students

Feb 20 – Family Day (no classes)

Feb 24 – Pro D (no classes)

Reminders from the Office & Admin:

PAC Meeting January 18th, 7pm, Riverside Library

GRADE 8 WELCOME NIGHT last Wednesday

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who came out to make our evening such a great success. We got to showcase the things that matter most about our school.

YEARBOOK: If you wish to buy a yearbook, please ensure that you have paid all outstanding school fees, and this week you will be able to purchase the Yearbook via School Cash Online. If Yearbook is not yet visible, please double check that fees are paid. We are extending the deadline until Jan. 31, 2023.

GRAD 2023 Fee: If you are a graduating student, the \$50 fee for your Commencement Ceremony Cap and Gown is required as soon as possible. We must use that fee to be able to reserve SFU as our venue for the graduation ceremony. Thank you for your attention to this.

-- Riverside Office and Admin Teams

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

GRADE 9 COL SESSION

All Grade 9 students must attend Tuesday, January 24th in the Cafeteria

TIMES:

- Students Last Name A-G: 9:00-9:45am
- Students Last Name H-O: 10:00-10:45am
- Students Last Name P-Z: 11:00-11:45am

SPOKEN WORD

A big congratulations to all students who participated in the English Department Spoken Word finals for Semester 1 on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. It was a tough competition but the students listed below were judged to have the best slams/rants/stories based on creative writing and oral presentation skills. If you would like to watch the event, it has been posted on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qCA7O3T72A&ab_channel=RiversideRapids

Grade 9

1st Place- Hassan Aziz

2nd Place- Sylas Austin and Sharon Yu

Grade 10

1st Place- Zhia Zangana

2nd Place- Manuela Odonez and Gentil Palma

Runner up- Madison Overbye

Grade 11

1st Place- Sophia Park

2nd Place- Divine Edosomwan

Grade 12

1st Place- George Plesu

2nd Place- Cat Weisner

MUSICAL THEATRE SHOW – “*Little Women: The Musical*” - Opens February 2

Filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope and love, the iconic story of Jo March and her sisters comes alive onstage at River’s Edge Theatre this February. Featuring two full casts of talented, committed actors who have been rehearsing since October, this emotionally engaging and thought-provoking Broadway show is a School District #43 premier. From our family, for yours: Don’t miss it!

Get your tickets here: <https://www.simpletix.com/e/little-women-the-musical-tickets-121551>

Cast on Feb 2,4 & 10 evening shows and Feb. 11 matinee:

Scarlett Stratton, Serin Cheun, Priya Alexander, Cavell Parsons, Emma Schultz, Colby Podmaroff, Isabel Perkins, Kiera Lee, Kenya Anand, Emmaly Dooks, Claire Southwell, Mista Nemcovsky, Narin Ferho, Kai Vandersluys

Cast on Feb. 3, 9 & 11 evening shows and Feb 4 matinee:

Sophia Dato, Claire Bernat, Aurora Wenzel, Julie Einarson, Lindsey Webster, Tarek Diabmarzouk, Lena Sigrist, Audrey Giles, Andrew Vazquez, Tessa Loy, Ranya Al-Zuhair, Camdyn McLaughlin, Sienna Russell, Zoe Marshall

Please note:

Madison Overbye will perform in the role of Amy March on Feb 2, 3 & 4

Jaime Le Roy will perform in the role of Amy March on Feb 9, 10 & 11

River's Edge Theatre
Presents

Little Women

The Musical

Feb. 2, 3, 4 + Feb. 9, 10, 11
7:30pm (doors 7pm) \$10/\$13

Tickets online/rush seats cash only
Riverside Secondary, PoCo

From our family, for yours.

Music by Jason Howland
Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein
Book by Allan Knee

Based on the literary classic
by Louisa May Alcott

G23 AFTER-GRAD FUNDRAISING

January to April Fundraising

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.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE



Dear Riverside Community,

We are starting the blood donation initiative again at Riverside and hope you can join us in donating. Since COVID-19 started, the donation rate has dropped significantly, and donations are at a record low. However, the need for blood transfusions has done the opposite. If this continues, many ill people will not receive proper treatment. If you are able and/or know anyone able, we ask you to consider donating. You must be 17+ to participate. To further check your eligibility, follow [this link](#).



- Donors will be entered in a draw to win different prizes.
- The first donation organized will be at Riverside Community Church on Monday February 13th, 2023, at 3:45pm. Transportation to and from Riverside Secondary will be provided.
- To sign up for our email list, use [this link](#).
- Blood Services Canada will be holding an information session on Monday February 6th 2023, at lunch in the library. All are welcome.

If you are unable to donate on February 13th, you can still donate any time! Follow [this link](#) and sign up for an account. Once you have verified your account via email, join our team. It should appear for you automatically. If not, the code is **RIVE012591**. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask; fill out this quick [form](#).

Thank you for your interest,

IDS Leadership Class

YOLO (Youth Offering Listening Opportunities)

We're excited to let you know you about an upcoming virtual SHARE event for parents and caregivers of adolescent youth. YOLO (Youth Offering Listening Opportunities) is an event where adults listen to youth speak about their life experiences in order to support parents/caregivers understanding of their own youth as well as youth in general. Some topics that will be discussed include:

How can I talk with my youth about substances?
How come youth use substances?
How can I improve communication with my youth?
What new strategies can I use in parenting my youth?

This event will be held on Zoom on **January 26th from 6:30-8:30pm**. Participants will require a device (computer, tablet or android/iPhone) on which they can access Zoom - if there are concerns regarding tech... have no fear! We can walk each person through this to ensure they can participate.

Please RSVP via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rLJPMsNtNj>

Attendance for this event is on a first come first served basis. Please RSVPs as soon as possible and at the latest by **January 16th**. One of our parent/caregiver facilitators will connect with each person about what to expect, how to prepare and learn what topics/questions the parents/caregivers participating hope to cover.

Please feel free to contact Sabrina Hayward (sabrina.hayward@sharesociety.ca) or Jordyn Sinkie (jordyn.sinkie@sharesociety.ca) if you have any questions or comments!

2023 STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



2023 Student Opportunities!

We are excited to announce our **Spring 2023 High School Field Trips** schedule as well as our **2023 Student Essay Contest with \$12,000 in prizes to be won!** This spring we will be bringing our High School Field Trips to **Vancouver (UBC and Burnaby)** and **Victoria!** Learn more about these exciting programs below and register today!

Upcoming High School Seminars

Victoria, BC
Location: Hotel Grand Pacific,
463 Belleville St

13
March

Vancouver, BC
Location: UBC,
6133 University Blvd

26
April

Burnaby, BC
Location: Hilton Metrotown,
6083 McKay Ave

27
April

Burnaby, BC
Location: Hilton Metrotown,
6083 McKay Ave

28
April



High School Field Trips

Our spring high school field trips are soon approaching, so be sure to reserve your spot today!

These **free one-day field trips** are a great way to get students to engage with the **economic concepts** they learn in class through hands on activities, while also encouraging students to consider **how economic concepts are reflected in their own thinking and daily interactions**, while also motivating students to answer the question of "*why economies function as they do?*".

Sample Topics and Questions Covered:

Economic Systems & Opportunity Cost

What are the trade-offs for each of the economic systems (e.g. Traditional, Market and Mixed)?

Incentives & Marginal Decision-making

Why do people choose to litter more in public parks than in private parks? How do governments allocate money?

We would love to have you and your students join us for these engaging fun-filled field trips, register today!

Limited spots are available. Learn more and register by clicking the button below:

Register Today

2023 Student Essay Contest

Our **2023 Student Essay Contest** is open to **all Canadian high school, undergraduate and graduate students**.

This year's question is, "**What would our essential scholars say about the world today?**". Our world has continuously been described as unprecedented, whether that's with regards to high inflation, the war in Ukraine, the Canadian healthcare system, etc. We want students to choose a current topic and *examine how our essential scholars might respond to, rebuttal or explain their chosen topic.*

We would love to have your students join the conversation! Learn more about the contest by clicking [here](#)! Visit www.essentialscholars.org to learn more about history's great economic thinkers! We are accepting essay **submissions until June 1, 2023.**

Example Questions:

- What would one of the Essential Scholars say about Canada's current housing and rent situation?

2023 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST



**JOIN THE
CONVERSATION!**

**\$12,000 in
Prizes!**

Learn more
at fraserinstitute.org



- How does James Buchanan's thoughts on public choice theory apply to the economic sanctions imposed on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine?

Good Luck!



[Learn More](#)

Tri-City Minor Ball Hockey Association



**Tri-City
Minor Ball Hockey
Association**

Online Registration

Now Open for Returning & New Players
TCMBHA.com

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[Registration Link](#)

Online Registration is Now Open for the 2023 Season.

We also have a contest if you're able to send that out as well.

TCMBHA Contest: \$50 off your Registration Fee, how to participate:

1. Like & Subscribe to our Social Media accounts - YouTube, Facebook, Instagram & Twitter
2. Like our Registration Post & Tag a Friend (extra entries for additional tags)
3. Share our Registration Post, Tag Us & don't forget to use #TCMBHA & #TriCityBallHockey

One Entry per Social Media Platform, links are below. Winner will be picked before the season starts!

ADULT EDUCATION – 16yrs and older

Coquitlam Continuing Education Evening Intro Skills Series (Jan 25 - Feb 8)

Are you looking to put your best foot forward to start a new career? Join our Wednesday evening course series that will teach you the basics to help get you ahead.

Wednesday, Jan 25

Option 1: Intro to Resume Writing (Class ID 7513) <https://bit.ly/CCEIRW>

Option 2: Intro to PowerPoint (Class ID 7519) <https://bit.ly/CCEIPTJ25>

Option 3: Intro to Windows 10 Basics (Class ID 7516) <https://bit.ly/CCEIWJ25>

Wednesday, Feb 1

Option 1: Intro to Interview Skills and Networking (Class ID 7514) <https://bit.ly/CCEIIS>

Option 2: Intro to PowerPoint (Class ID 7520) <https://bit.ly/CCEIPTF1>

Option 3: Intro to Windows 10 Basics (Class ID 7517) <https://bit.ly/CCEIWF1>

Wednesday, Feb 8

Option 1: Intro to Job Search and Cover Letter (Class ID 7515) <https://bit.ly/CCEIJS>

Option 2: Intro to PowerPoint (Class ID 7521) <https://bit.ly/CCEIPTF8>

Option 3: Intro to Windows 10 Basics (Class ID 7518) <https://bit.ly/CCEIWF8>

All classes in this series are one session, from **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm** at Montgomery Centre (380 Montgomery Street).

Classes are \$39 each. Discounts are available when you sign up for additional classes:

For two classes, \$34.50 each: use discount code **2courses** during checkout

For three classes, \$33 each: use discount code **3courses** during checkout

Note we will adjust the price of your registered class(es) if the discount code is used in error.