

# ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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## JUNE 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

**June 14** – Athletic Banquet

**June 15** – PIF Night

**June 21** – Awards Night

**June 22** – PAC meeting

**June 23** – Last Day of Classes

**June 25** – Commencement Ceremony  
at SFU

**June 28** – Frimm Leaving Ceremony

**Aug 31** – Grade 9 Welcome Day  
(10am-noon)

**Sept 4** – Labour Day Holiday  
(school closed)

**Sept 5** – First Day of Semester 1  
Classes

**Sept 22** – Professional Day – no classes

### *Greetings Riverside Community;*

We are fast approaching summer vacation once again, and I know our students are ready for that break. We have just over a week to go, and many students are finishing up all kinds of projects and getting ready for final assessments. Keep up the good work, students!

Our Class of 2023 is getting excited about the big day ahead with Commencement on June 25<sup>th</sup>, and that feeling of freedom and renewal that comes with changing from high school to a new adventure. It's important to keep the focus on classes for another week and finish strong. This is the message we like to tell our students at this time of the year.

The big news a few weeks ago was that our Vice-Principal, Ms. Sharon McKay, has been promoted to Principal of Parkland Elementary School in Coquitlam. Congratulations, Ms. McKay! Your students, the whole staff, and our community will miss you a lot. We wish you well in your new position. Riverside is getting a new Vice-Principal: Ms. Della Vedova joins us, coming from a position at the School District. Welcome Ms. Della Vedova! Students who have Ms. McKay as their Vice-Principal will now be with Ms. Della Vedova.



Sharon McKay



Della Vedova

On to the rest of the news!

Warm regards,

-- Riverside Office and Admin Teams

### **With Appreciation:**

- Thank you to the parents of Grade 12's who helped at AfterGrad last weekend. We couldn't have done it without you. You helped make it a wonderful evening for this year's class.
- Thank you coaches and sponsors of clubs and teams this year. Many teachers, parents, and members of the community all stepped in to give students experiences in sports, interest groups, and many other events.
- Thank you staff of Riverside, for all the amazing effort you put into courses, as well as those extra things that the kids love so much at R'Side.
- Thank you organizers of our major June events and shows! Too many to name, but we showcased music, drama, art, athletics, international students, and more this month.

### **Fundraising for G24 AfterGrad has begun:**

We encourage our Riverside community to support fundraisers, a few of which are organized by our G24 parent group. They would love to have the support of the community. Coming soon is the next opportunity: order pizza for dinner from Me n Ed's and G24 AfterGrad gets a donation! Win-Win! Please browse through the newsletter for other opportunities.

### **Reminders:**

- **Locker cleanout:** Students should start cleaning out their locker on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, and continue through June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everything should be out by the end of the day June 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the morning of the last day of classes, Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have STREAM class and students will be asked to attach a tag to their lock, remove it, and bring to the STREAM teacher at 9:00am that day.
- **Lost and Found:** Will be on display starting now until June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please have your child check the table in the foyer. Unclaimed items will be sent to a charity following June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Yearbooks:**

- Yearbooks are handed out on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at STREAM. You had to have already purchased one earlier this year, paid all your fees and returned your lock from the locker.
- There may be a few extra yearbooks for sale. We will post information about that on our website after June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Information for Incoming Grade 9's:**

- There will be an email coming out near the end of June with information about the start of the next school year. Stay tuned! We also post that information to our website when it comes, in case you worry that you're not seeing the emails or they might be heading to your spam folder.
- Highlights:
  - Grade 9 welcome day: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am-12pm
  - First day of school: Sept 5, 2023: time for Grade 9's is still to be determined, but this is at least a 2½ hour session for the Grade 9's.

## GRADS

- If you have received a scholarship or an award, please let Ms. David ([rdavid@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rdavid@sd43.bc.ca)) know by June 15th.
- There is a MANDATORY commencement rehearsal on June 23 at 12:30pm in the gym.

## SCHEDULES FOR NEXT YEAR & GRAD INFORMATION



### **Grade 12 Marks and Post-Secondary Admissions**

The Ministry sends official copies of student's final marks in July to post-secondary institutions, in order to complete the admissions process. The Ministry can send marks information only if a student has given them permission to do so. Students are required to complete the "Student Transcripts Service" on-line on the Ministry website. Many students have done this already in early spring. For those who have not, counsellors can provide instructions to students and parents, but instructions are also available on the Career Centre web site. **Students must make sure that they have completed this process prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.** Only students applying for a September 2023 entry need to complete the on-line STS form.

### **After Graduation**

Your Dogwood (Graduation) Certificate will be sent directly to the school sometime during August. Dogwoods and transcripts are issued in your "legal" name by the Ministry. You will receive an email from the school when they are ready to be picked up – the school office is open throughout the summer. We **DO NOT** mail these out to you.

Transcripts: one copy is mailed to the school for retention with your records, and one directly from the Ministry of Education to your home. You should keep your official copy for yourself; do not give it to any post-secondary institutions you are applying to, instead have them make a photocopy of it. As well, the school will be able to provide an official copy on your request. You can also update the BC Transcript Service with your updated permissions for institutions to view your records.

It is very important that your mailing address, contact, and phone information is up-to-date at school not only while attending but also afterwards, so that documents can be mailed to the correct address. Please check your MyEd Portal to confirm that we have the correct information. If changes are necessary, please email [lcocoran@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:lcocoran@sd43.bc.ca) or see Mrs. Corcoran in the office. It is particularly important for International Students and any students leaving the country or province to leave a forwarding address with the school office and/or International Education.

## MATH CONTEST AWARDS

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we celebrated the students from Grade 9 to 12 who participated in this year's 12 math contests. There were 65 "mathletes" who took on the challenge of competing with students across Canada and North America, using their math and logical reasoning to impress the judges. A number of these contests were 2-3 hours long and required full written solutions – not your regular math assessment!

This year our guest speaker was Maryam Bagheri (Riverside Grad 2007) who came and shared a bit about her path after Riverside to her current role as the Director of Acquisitions for Wesgroup Properties. It was very special to have her come and be a part of our celebration, sharing her experience and advice.

Congratulations to all students who signed up and tested themselves this year. A special mention to our graduating students who are now moving onto their next challenge with University – good luck! All students who like a good math challenge are welcome to join the Riverside Math Club next year. Watch for posters and information in September or ask your math teacher.



## STEAM TEAM

Congratulations to the Riverside STEAM Team and the Science 9 Tanzania Bee Project who shared their creations at SFU's Academic Quadrangle. SFU Faculty of Science and SD43 collaborated to create the "GeoHeritage Project". Students chose a place of importance and a geological issue and used a STEAM lens to come up with a solution to a problem that was of concern to them.



The Science 9 students worked with a beekeeper in Tanzania to try and find ways to protect bees, support marketing of bee products and educate people on bees' importance in our food chain. The education materials, blog posts and buttons were on display.

The STEAM team created a prototype for an early detection system for urban fires to try and protect the forest behind Riverside Secondary. All the Riverside students answered questions from professors and dignitaries alike and demonstrated how much deep learning they did through their Project Based Learning. The students were excellent representatives of Riverside and their passion for saving the environment was evident.



## **TRADES PROGRAM**

The trades program starts next September and one area of focus is on Carpentry. Our students will be constructing some sheds as part of their program. These sheds will be designed to standards and sold for cost to any local community members. This is a great opportunity to work with Riverside students that won't hurt your pocketbook. Reach out and let us know if you're interested. Contact Dave Jones or Dave Romani at [djones@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:djones@sd43.bc.ca) or [dromani@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dromani@sd43.bc.ca)

## SPOKEN WORD

A big congratulations to our spoken word finalists. They had a choice of performing a rant, a slam poem, or a story for their English class. The top two students from each English class performed their work on the stage in front of a cheering audience. Here is the link to the 9/10 event if you want to watch it again: [Riverside Rapids Slam Poetry 9/10](#) Here is the link to the 11/12 event: [Grade 11/12 Part 1](#) and [Grade 11/12 Part 2](#) Below are the winners for the Spring 2023 event. Way to go, poets!

### Grade 9

1<sup>st</sup>- Jannai Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Vienna Cipparrone

### Grade 10

1<sup>st</sup>- Angeli Angustura  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Argjira Arifi

### New Media 10

Alex Doftoreanu

### Grade 11

1<sup>st</sup>- Scarlett Stratton  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Anton Bielousov

### People's Choice

Angeli Angustura  
Jannai Johnson  
Riel Paling  
Kia Aragon

### Grade 12

1<sup>st</sup>- Julia Shaw and Paige Douma

## BC STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Winners were announced at the Film Festival Gala in May. Congratulations to:

### **TOP JUNIOR SOUND DESIGN:**

#### *The Roomba Goes Wild*

By: Emma Hutanu and Mason Bennett

### **TOP SENIOR ANIMATION:**

#### *Bottled Up*

By: Elisabeth Pollock (Grad)



## FESTIVAL CANADIEN DE CINÉMA JEUNESS

### Short Film Finalists

Congratulations to the following students for their short film NICO getting chosen as a finalist for the Canadian Youth Film Festival. This was done in the Arts Médiatiques 10 class in Semester 1 – but we have only just been notified.

Martin Bagh  
Sam MacLean

Alex Doftoreanu  
Elsie Strachan

Shea Hynes  
Jason Zimmermann

Here is the link to the film <https://youtu.be/wdrq4ihFQoo> The audio is in French, but there are subtitles in English included.

## NEW YORK CITY TOUR 2024

For those passionate about theatre, film and photography, don't miss this opportunity to take the bite out of The Big Apple.



## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Track & Field team for their great races at the provincials this past weekend!

Ella Madsen became the Provincial Champion in the Sr. Girls 1500m Steeplechase!



## INTRODUCING YOUR 2024 AFTERGRAD COMMITTEE



## FUNDRAISERS

### Pizza Night



**PIZZA NIGHT FUNDRAISER!**

Mention **Riverside After Grad**  
when you order for take-out,  
dine-in, or delivery  
on **Monday, June 19, 2023**

Me-n-Ed's will donate 20% of the sales back to the school!



**Port Coquitlam 604-942-1200**

## WINTER MARKET

Calling all vendors!

A poster for a winter market event. The poster has a light blue background with a decorative border of snowflakes and a snowman illustration on the left. The text is centered and provides details about the event.

**Winter Market at  
Riverside Secondary  
School**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
2215 Reeve Street  
Port Coquitlam BC

**Come one, come all Venders!**

Single Tables \$50  
Double/Corner Tables \$100  
Youth Entrepreneurs \$30  
\*Plus, a donation from each Vendor to be  
used in Raffle Baskets

To book a table please email:  
[Riversideaftergrad00@gmail.com](mailto:Riversideaftergrad00@gmail.com) or Phone  
Debbie 604-816-7015

Fundraiser for Riverside Secondary After-Grad 2024

## CAREER CENTRE

- Any Grade 11 students who would like to be nominated for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship for Fall 2024, please see Ms. David or the Career Website.
- Are you looking for volunteer hours or paid work? Go to the Riverside Career Centre website for all of the latest opportunities.
- International Education is looking for volunteers for their summer program held at Pinetree Secondary. Please visit the careers website for the application if this is something that interests you.



@riversidepostsecondaryadvising

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



# GOLDEN SPIKE DAYS

Festival organizers are looking for volunteers for this year's festival which will be held June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Students will be provided letters with volunteer hours worked to use towards graduation etc.

Positions include:

- \* Greeters
- \* Volunteer Tent
- \* Information Tent
- \* Green team (our Environmental team)
- \* Kids Activity with Yukon Dan or Bubble Soccer
- \* Traffic/Parking Controllers
- \* Bike Valet
- \* Floaters
- \* Mascot

(individuals 19+ must obtain a clear Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening)

If you are interested, sign up on our website [goldenspike.ca/volunteers](http://goldenspike.ca/volunteers)

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

### Summer School Courses

Summer school registration has been open since mid-May. It is important that students register for their summer school classes as soon as possible. Some courses are filling up. Summer school information can be found at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca).

**SD43 Summer Learning 2023**

Eight locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 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\*.

**Elementary**  
Three locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, PE/Leisure, and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leisure, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents\*.

**Middle**  
Two locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & 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 Skill Building**  
Two locations, Wednesday July 5 - Thursday August 10 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.

**Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track**  
Two locations, Wednesday July 5 - Thursday August 10 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.

**Secondary Full Credit**

**To Register**

Check out the SDV full day program on our website!

Registration begins at 8:00am for ...  
- Elementary: Tuesday May 2  
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 5  
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 10  
Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.  
\*SD43 Residency requirements apply

[WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA](http://WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA) / Phone 604-936-4261

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