

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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SEPTEMBER 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

September 21 – Terry Fox Run

September 22 – District Pro D Day (No Classes)

September 27 – First PAC meeting

September 28 – Senior Sail (Gr 12)

September 29 – Truth & Reconciliation
Assembly

October 2 – Truth & Reconciliation Day
(Closed)

October 6 – Interim Reports Posted

October 6 – Photo Retakes and
Fall Team Photos

October 9 – Thanksgiving (Closed)

October 20 – Provincial Pro D Day (No Classes)

November 1 – Q1 Midterm Marks

November 2 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 10 – School Not in Session

November 13 – School Closed in Lieu of
Remembrance Day

November 18 – Winter Market

December 5 – Dance

December 22 – Last Day of Classes before
Winter Break

December 25 – January 5 – Winter Break

January 8 – Schools Re-Open

A message from Riverside Office and Admin:

Greetings Riverside Community! Recently, we met all of our students at the year-starting assembly. We had the pleasure of a visit by Mr. Kevin Lim, radio personality and Riverside alumnus. He did an inspirational speech to the students about what it means to be a Rapid. These next two weeks include two more assemblies with the Terry Fox Run launch assembly, followed by our Truth and Reconciliation assembly on Friday, Sept. 29th. So far, we have been very impressed by the behaviour and attention of our students. Well done!

First PAC meeting coming up on Sept 27th. We have our top exec positions filled. We need your participation and parent voice. See you there, 7pm in our Library.

Also... remember to support AfterGrad by checking out Page 3 for this Friday's pub night in support of AfterGrad 2024.

Please remember to address the following parent tasks:

- Student activity fee is required for all students (\$45). Thank you for those who already paid.
- Please use the Attendance button on our website (not email if possible) when your child will be absent.
- Ensure we have your up-to-date email and contact info. This newsletter was sent out in a link in an email to all parent contacts.
- Review our school's Code of Conduct (online under "About")
- Return information verification sheet with updated contact info.

Clubs, Intramural Sports and School Teams are up and running already. Please encourage your child to join things they are interested in and be as engaged as possible in the goings on at school.

Traffic is quite heavy after school. Please consider selecting a pick-up/drop-off spot for your child that is not at the front door of the school. If some people shift their location, we will have significantly less congestion. Please do not drop or pick up your student in undesignated areas such as staff parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Warm regards,

-- Riverside Office and Admin Teams

IMPORTANT REMINDER about GYM LOCKERS

Please remind your child that if they use the changing rooms to store their belongings during PE class, they MUST secure their belongings in a LOCKED locker. Locks are available for sale from the PE teachers. The school is not responsible for missing items.

REMINDER about STUDENT FORMS

We appreciate the feeling of being inundated with school forms, however, they are very important for the office to have these up to date forms every year. A friendly reminder to complete and send in the following forms to the office at your earliest convenience. Please contact the office if you have any questions or require another copy to fill out.

- Student Information Verification form
- Emergency Release form
- Medical Alert form – if applicable

STUDENT PHOTOS

Hello Riverside Students and Families,

Thank you for participating in the recent School Photo Day portrait sessions! ***If you have questions regarding the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com.***

Below is a link to view your proofs.

1. **Visit Gallery Link:** <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
2. **Order deadline is October 2nd at 9PM.**
3. Your *online code is your student/pupil number, which can be found on last years ID/GO card plus your 2-digit birth date*

Example: if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, online code is 0012303

Retakes?

We're positive you rocked your first photo session... but just in case you decide to have a retake.... ***Friday, October 6th (a.m. only).*** *Retakes are for yearbook photos only. You will not be receiving a second ID card from your retake session. If you would like a second ID card or would like a new one with your retake photo, you can purchase an additional card online.*

Questions?

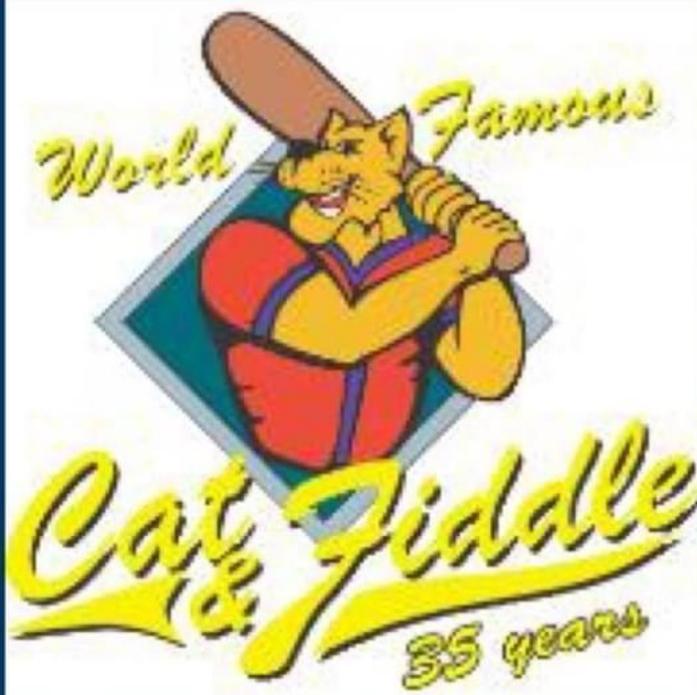
Please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

<https://gradsbc.com/frequently-asked-questions/>

G24 AFTER GRAD PUB NIGHT

Come join the fun and help support our Grads at our first fundraiser of the year.

**Riverside Senior Secondary After Grad
Pub Night Fri Sept 22 • 12-9pm \$30; Youth \$20
•50/50•\$2 Toss•Raffle & more!**



RIVERSIDE AFTER GRAD 2024

**Pub Night Fundraiser
Friday September 22, 2023**

**SAMPLE
Tickets: \$30**



NO RESERVED SEATING/GRATUITY NOT INCLUDED
1979 Brown Street, P.O. 604-941-8822 www.catandfiddlepub.ca

Table #: _____ Name of guest: _____

CHOOSE 1 BURGER

- BEEF
- CHICKEN
- VEGGIE



CHOOSE 1 DRINK

- SLEEVE OF BEER
- HIGHBALL
- POP
- GLASS OF WINE

Would you like bacon and/or cheddar on your burger?

- BACON
- CHEDDAR

Add GRAVY?
 \$1.50

All burgers are served with skin on fries or our house salad
(Heritage greens, tomato, cucumber, carrot, pumpkin seeds, leso and house vinaigrette)

For an additional charge you can add any toppings
you desire or upgrade your side.

TERRY FOX RUN

Riverside Secondary is proud to be participating in the Terry Fox School Run. Please join us and continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes. Donate at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/RiversideSecondary>. Anything is appreciated! Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer! #terryfoxschoolrun @theterryfoxfoundation



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

CLUBS & TEAMS

Name of Club	Sponsor Teacher(s)	Meeting Day(s)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Anti-Racism Club	Pahlevanlu	Tuesdays	Lunch	Portable 5
Art and Community Club	Mx. Vittie	Wednesdays	3:15 – 4:30 pm	Room 106
ASL	Ms. Shong	TBD	Lunch	Room 223
BC Children's Hospital	Ms. Jeong / Ms. C Langford	Wednesdays	Lunch	212
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Club	Mr. Brown / Mr. Jones	Wednesdays	3:30 – 4:40 pm	Gym C
Chess	Ms. Hubbard	Fridays	Lunch	Room 216
Christian Community	Ms. Lotter	Wednesdays	Lunch	Room 209
Curling	Mr. Romani	Mondays	3:30 – 5 pm	Royal City Curling Club
D&D Club	Mr. Brett / Mr. Schoenhals	Tuesdays / Wednesdays / Thursdays	Tu/Th: Lunch Wed: afterschool	Tu/TH: Room 126 Wed: Room 112
Debate Club	Dr. Ursu	Wednesdays	Lunch	Room 211
Dragon Boat	Ms. McArthur	Mondays / Thursdays after spring break	4 – 5:30 pm	Rocky Point
Environmental Club	Mr. Chan	Thursdays	Lunch	Room 109
Fishing Club	Mr. Mietzker	Wednesdays / Thursdays	Lunch / possible afterschool	Room 101
Flying Club	Ms. Della	Fridays Semester 1	Lunch	Room 215
G24	Ms. Chin	Tuesdays	Lunch	Room 124
Gamer's Club	Mr. Schoenhals	Fridays	Lunch	Room 112
Math Club	Ms. Burton	TBD	Various times for contests	Room 220
Model UN	Mr. Chee	TBD	TBD	Portable 4
Outdoor Club	Ms. McArthur	Thursdays	Lunch / occasional afterschool	Room 219
Pickleball	Mr. Chee / Mr. Romani / Mr. Kim	TBD	TBD	Gym / PoCo Courts behind Rec. Centre
Riverside Book Club	Ms. Shong	TBD	Lunch	Room 223
Science Club	Mr. Kim	Tuesdays / Thursdays	Lunch	Room 226
Sending Sunshine	Ms. Jeong	TBD	TBD	Room 225
STEAM Team/STEAM Events	Ms. Henderson	TBD	Lunch / afterschool	Makerspace
SSS@R: Students Supporting Students at Riverside	Ms. Mireau		Lunch	Room 202
Theatre Company	Ms. Roberge	Wednesdays / Thursdays	3:15 – 5 pm	Drama Room

If you are interested in learning more about our teams, please use the following link:

- Athletic Teams [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/ProgramsServices/Sports/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/ProgramsServices/Sports/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

GRAD CLASS OF 2024

GRADE 12s:

Senior Sail

We had some troubles to finalize a booking, but we are pencilled in for a Sept 28 Senior Sail boat cruise for Grade 12's. Tickets are on sale online. We are far from meeting our minimum sales, so encourage your child to get their ticket soon.

Scholarships: Our first scholarship meeting will be on Sept. 28th at lunch in the library.

Upcoming Post Secondary Institute Information Sessions:

University of Victoria – Oct. 10th 3:15pm in the Library

University of Calgary – Oct. 18th at lunch in the Library

Simon Fraser University – Oct. 19th at lunch in the Library

Simon Fraser University Beedie School of Business – Nov. 6th at lunch in the Library

University of Guelph – Nov. 20th 8:30am in the Foyer

University of Victoria Gustavson School of Business – Nov. 21st at lunch in the Library

University of Alberta Campus St. Jean – Nov. 22nd at lunch in the Library

CUE (Canadian University Event):

October 4th 6pm-8pm in the Large Gym

Recruiters from 50 Canadian Post Secondary Institutes will have information booths set up. All grades welcome.

PSBC (Post Secondary BC):

Nov. 3rd 9:00am – 11:00am in the Theatre/Cafeteria

Recruiters from BC Post Secondary Institutes will have information booths set up for students in grades 11 and 12.

See Ms. David's website (Riverside homepage, programs and services, Career Centre) and IG account @riversidepostsecondaryadvising for more information about post-secondary, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, job opportunities and more.

MATH CLUB

Up for the challenge?

The operation $a∇b$ is defined by $a∇b = \frac{a+b}{a-b}$ for all integers a and b with $a \neq b$.

For example, $2∇3 = \frac{2+3}{2-3} = -5$. If $3∇b = -4$, what is the value of b ?

(A) 5 (B) -7 (C) 7 (D) -5 (E) 3

**Join Riverside's
Math Club!**
Room 220


SCAN ME

All grades welcome to participate in this year's math contests! See Ms. Burton in Room 220 for more information.

BAMFIELD TRIP 2024



Riverside Bamfield Trip 2024

This spring (Feb 2024) Riverside Secondary and the Science Department are fortunate to be able to offer students an amazing opportunity to participate in a truly memorable and worthwhile multi-day field trip to the Bamfield Marine Science Centre (BMSC) (www.bms.bc.ca) located on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The BMSC is a world class facility funded by a consortium of Western Canadian universities and dedicated to the study and conservation of marine life. The students will be exposed to hands on marine biology, guided by marine biologists in a part of the west coast of BC renowned for its pristine ocean shore and tidal pools. Students will also experience a two hour boat excursion to the Deer Group Islands on the MV Alta, which also includes sampling from the sub tidal environment and marine mammal and bird observation. The trip is a truly once in a lifetime opportunity. Accommodation will be in the dormitories at BMSC, and all meals are provided in the cafeteria which overlooks Barkley Sound. If Interested please see Ms. Mireau to get your name on our list! There are only 22 spots for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Only school groups and university students in specific courses can use this facility as it is not open to the public.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$900.00 for 4 days.

This deposit cheque of \$450 is due by Sept 26th, 2023. The remaining \$450 will be due Jan 20th, 2024. Cheques can be made out to Riverside Secondary.

Dates: Saturday Feb 17th to Tuesday Feb 20th. You will miss 1 day of school as Monday is a

- Charter coach to Bamfield and back to Nanaimo
- Ferry ticket (x2)
- Field excursions
- Accommodation (3nights)
- All Meals (the food is really good!)
- Program fees/lab fees
- Ocean boat trips

This trip is directed for grade 11/12 students who have taken a biological science course (Life Sc 11 or Anatomy and Physiology 12) or who will be taking Life Sc 11 this year thus those students will have priority.

FINE ARTS UPDATES



In case you missed it, as part of an action plan, a large installation and postcard project was made to help inform the public about the issues of Global Goal 14.

The installation was on display at Leigh Square Gallery in May 2023 (just in time for the 100th anniversary of May Day festivities).

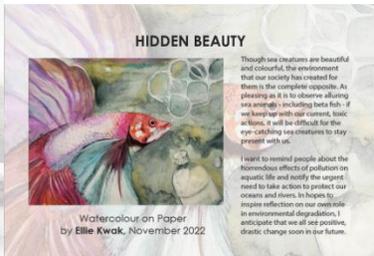
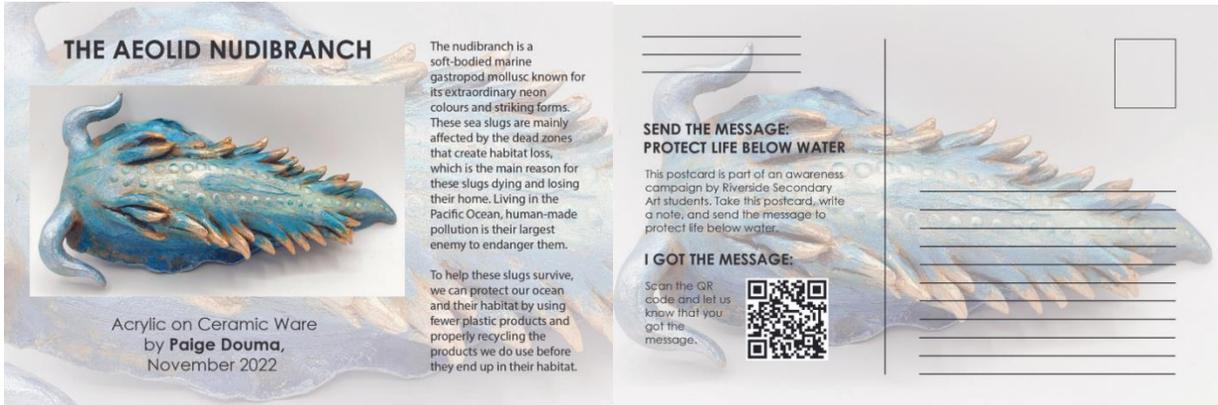
Additionally, films for the Film Festival in May, as well as a local river clean-up and other activities took place.

Textiles students created a mobile of stuffed animals that will be donated to refugee children. These stuffed creatures are intended to promote a love for life below water.

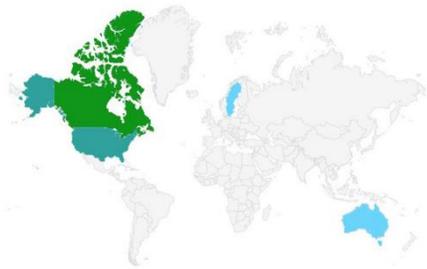


Also, Art Studio students promoted life below water by spray painting Port Coquitlam Banners that would otherwise go to waste.

The postcards that were made featured some of the artwork across multiple media, and provided information about the threats to creatures, and the solutions to those threats.



Each postcard featured a QR code that people could scan to let us know they got the message. As of September 12, 2022, people in Canada, USA, Australia, and Sweden have let us know they got the message.



This year the Arts Department is doing a similar project but will focus on protecting LIFE ON LAND. Contact avittie@sd43.bc.ca if you are a teacher or student interested in participating or collaborating on this project.

BC DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public questionnaire is **available until Oct. 15** in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism> so, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.