



CALENDAR of EVENTS

- February 19th**
PAC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Library
- February 22nd**
Professional Day (District)
- February 28th—March 2nd**
River's Edge Theatre
presents "Les Misérables"
7:30 p.m.
- March 1st**
Grade 9 Immunization—TdaP
- March 6th—8th**
River's Edge Theatre
presents "Les Misérables"
7:30 p.m.
- March 12th**
After-Grad Meeting
7:00 p.m. Library
- March 13th**
Interim Report Cards
distributed in Advisory
- March 15th**
Last day of Classes before
Spring Break
- April 1st**
Easter Monday
- April 2nd**
School back in session

Instead of my Principal's Message in the newsletter, parents can now link to my blog, "The Pulse". The link is: <http://aciolfitto.wordpress.com/>



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COURSE PLANNING FOR 2013/14

Counsellors will be meeting with our Grade 9's, 10's and 11's this month to help students with course selections for next year. **It is very important that students attend the counsellor presentations. We encourage students and parents to meet with counselors individually to discuss any questions and concerns they might have.** Courses selected, particularly for grades 11 and 12, have an impact on post-secondary options.

The programming schedule is as follows:

February 26 th	Grade 10's period 2 (A)
February 26 th	Grade 11's period 3 (B)
March 4 th and 5 th	Grade 9's in Math classes

Note: Grade 10's and 11's must have their completed, signed course selection forms turned into their counselor by **March 6th**

Grade 9 completed, signed course selection sheets are due **March 8th**. Students who hand in their course selection sheets past the deadline may not get their first choice electives as the classes may be full.

Please note that **all** students are required to register for **eight** courses. Grade 12's, however, may elect to take only 7 courses provided they have enough credits but this would make the student ineligible for honour roll.

Detailed course information can be found on the Riverside web site under "course descriptions". Several new courses and programs have been added to our usual offerings. As well, some district apprenticeship programs and on-line offerings are included and worth a look.



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CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH TO THE RESCUE!

Thank you to CPF for kindly donating \$330 towards our upcoming trip to France for 22 French Immersion students. This money will go towards the entrance costs to some of the cultural excursions during the two weeks in France. For more information on CPF, you can visit their web-site at <http://cpf.ca/>. Merci Beaucoup CPF!

PORT MOODY WEARABLE ARTS SHOW

Mayors Most Different Hat Challenge

Janet Truong a grade 12 Art Work Experience Student has taken on the tall task of designing a hat for Mayor Moore to wear at the Port Moody Wearable Arts Show on Saturday February 16th. He will be up against the Mayors of Port Moody and Coquitlam in hopes of sporting the hat chosen by the audience for top prize. Mrs. Selden's Art 11/12 students have met with Mayor Moore twice to fine tune the design so that it incorporates all the great aspects of Port Coquitlam. Trains will figure prominently and of course Terry Fox will be there too. Hats will remain on display for the Sunday evening show and during the Wearable Arts Awards Exhibition (February 23 – March 14, 2013) in the Port Moody Arts Centre.

Good luck Janet !

PEER TUTORS AVAILABLE

Peer tutors are available to help students with their academic course work. If you feel your son or daughter is in need of extra academic support, contact the counsellor for an application form.

POST-SECONDARY TRANSCRIPTS

Sending Transcripts to Universities and other Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI Electronic Selection Form)

Students who are graduating this year and are applying to post-secondary schools for a September entry must submit PSI information to the Ministry on-line. In order for Ministry to report interim marks this process must be completed by **April 30th**. This on-line form is only available until June 30th. If the process has not been completed by that time, students are responsible for getting their final marks to post-secondary institutions on their own.

Access the Ministry web site www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams

Detailed information has been given to students. This information is also available from Counsellors and on the school web site.

CODE YELLOW/CODE RED LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Riverside Secondary, in partnership with the Coquitlam RCMP, will be conducting a CODE RED lockdown drill on **Tuesday, Feb. 26th**. This drill will be preceded by a CODE YELLOW lockdown drill on **Wednesday, Feb. 20th**. Our goal is to make these drills as authentic as possible and will be asking our students to take them very seriously. For the CODE RED drill, we hope to have a large police presence in and around the building, as would occur in the case of a real emergency.

We are providing these dates in advance to students, parents, and staff so as to not cause any undue stress or alarm. Neither of these drills will be a surprise. It is very important that we perform drills as they provide an opportunity to have staff and students prepare so that they can react in a calm and orderly manner if an emergency arises. Our school already performs several Earthquake/Fire drills each year and we feel that it is equally important that we practice what to do in the event of a lockdown situation. These lockdown drills have been developed by the RCMP after examining previous incidents in Canada and the United States over the past number of years.

A CODE YELLOW lockdown is implemented when there is no immediate, active, on-going threat to students or staff. This may occur if there is a police incident nearby (warrant execution, K9 track, etc.), a serious car accident in close proximity to the school or a wild animal or other threat in the neighbourhood. During a CODE YELLOW lockdown the teachers will secure classrooms, close windows and blinds, lock the door, take and submit attendance and record any additional staff/students that are in the room.

A CODE RED lockdown is implemented if there is an immediate, active, on-going threat to students or staff. During a CODE RED lockdown, teachers would check hallways and quickly bring students into their classrooms. Once students are in the classroom the teacher would secure and barricade doors, turn out lights, cover the windows, and move students out of the sight of doors and windows.

Although lockdowns are implemented in the rarest of occasions, it is important that students and staff are fully prepared. Student safety is our highest priority.

PLANNING 10

The Riverside Planning department is yet again looking for enthusiastic and successful members of the local business community to participate in a mock interview process with this semester's students from our Planning 10 classes. Part of the Planning 10 curriculum focuses on developing an understanding of what it takes to enter the job market for the first time and successfully find a job. This process involves teaching our students how to fill out job application forms, write a resume and cover letter, and interview for a job. The last step is where we are looking to integrate members of the community – namely, YOU!

We are looking for people with knowledge of the interview process to volunteer their time to come into our school and conduct mock interviews with our students on a one-on-one basis. We feel that this would be the most beneficial method of conducting interviews, as students would get practice interviewing with someone who has a strong understanding of what local companies are looking for in their new hires. Being able to sit down with successful members of the local business community would greatly benefit our students since they can gain a strong understanding of how to first get started on their working life. We know that your time is valuable; however, this would be a tremendous service to our students and be a very meaningful and practical learning experience for them.

Local Business
Community Members.
We need your help
with conducting mock
interviews

Please note that this is just a mock interview and that you do not need to hire or even consider hiring these students based on this interview.

The details would be as follows:

Date: Wednesday March 13th, 2013 and Thursday March 14th, 2013

Time: Any 2 hour time frame. The times we need people are 9-11; 11-1; 1-3.

Materials: Questions that you would actually ask of people that you would interview for jobs with your company. We will also provide some sample interview questions that you are more than welcome to use. We will provide feedback forms for you to give to the students.

Interview Process: Each student would be given a 10 minute time frame that we would pre-arrange and provide to you. They are expected to show up on time and prepared. You will be able to conduct a 10 minute interview and provide feedback to the students.

If you are willing and able to assist us with this please contact Caitlin Langford at Riverside Secondary. If possible please indicate your preferred date and time. The phone number is 604-941-6053 or contact me by email at clangford@sd43.bc.ca. Thank you.

MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP CLASS

New students and new international students for second semester were welcomed to Riverside on Feb. 4th by Mr. Ciolfitto, Bonnie Angstadt, Mrs. Wattamaniuk, Ms. Yamamoto and her leadership students.

New Year's Festival took place this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday featuring Chinese Lunar New Year, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean and Filipino New Year traditions with decorations, candies and performances in the front foyer.

Feb. 20th Riverside Alumni Postsecondary Information session - former students return to share their experiences after high school, and offer advice regarding their university programs, applying to universities and colleges, etc. Alumni students will visit and speak to a number of classes including Planning 10 and English.

Feb. 28th – Multicultural Fashion Show meeting for those interested in modeling, lending ethnic costumes, helping out with various aspects of the fashion show. Please come 3:30 – 5:30 or 7:00 – 9:00 to room 214. Please bring a wallet size photo, clothing size information, etc. Family members are welcome to participate in the fashion show with multicultural costumes and accessories. We are also hoping to have dessert donations for the fashion show evening on Wed. May 22nd. Please contact Ms. Yamamoto at cymamoto@sd43.bc.ca if interested in participating!

April 17th – Spring Festival in school cafeteria with student performances, games and food for the whole family.

May 6th – Children's Day festival with kindergarten children from our feeder schools.

May 22nd – Multicultural Fashion Show in school cafeteria – as part of Port Coquitlam's Centennial celebration year, we will have a fashion show that highlights the multicultural communities in Port Coquitlam, featuring multicultural leadership and other Riverside students and their families. Tickets \$10 will be available soon.

River's Edge Theatre presents

Les Misérables

School Edition

Performed entirely by students

A musical by
ALAIN BOUBLIL &
CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHONBERG

Based on the novel by
VICTOR HUGO

School Edition specially adapted and licensed by
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
& CAMERON MACKINTOSH

Riverside Secondary School

Feb. 28 &

March 1, 2, 6, 7, 8

Show at 7:30pm

Tickets \$10

Doors at 7:00pm

604 941 6053

Some will fall and some will live; will you stand up and take a chance?



TRI CITY YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Spring Basketball season is just around the corner for the Tri City Youth Basketball Association. We are in the process of setting up development (house) teams for Spring 2013 and are looking for parents who would like to coach. The divisions range from Grade 2 – 12 for both boys teams and girls teams. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Association at coach.coordinator@tcyba.org.

Registration for new players will begin after Feb 16 and is done through our website at www.tcyba.org.

Thanks for your interest! See you on the court!

FRENCH QUARTER

The DELF: Exam dates for Semester 2 French 12 students are April 22nd -25th for levels A2-B1 (FSL 12) and B1-B2 (Français 12).

Upcoming community events :

French Film Festival, February 7-23, Vancouver : <http://www.rendez-vousvancouver.com/index.htm>

Juste Pour Rire, February 22, Granville Island: http://www.lecentreculturel.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=22%3Ajuste-pour-rire&catid=22%3Ajuste-pour-rire&Itemid=32&lang=en

Vancouver Club French luncheon with Hon. Michaëlle Jean, February 28, Vancouver: <http://www.canadianclubvancouver.com/eventcalendar.aspx>

Le Festival du Bois, March 1-3 at Mackin Park, Coquitlam : <http://www.festivaldubois.ca/>

CPF French Film Festival, six short films, March 9, 10 a.m.-12, SilverCity, Coquitlam

French Circus Camp, Spring Break, Vancouver : <http://www.rendez-vousvancouver.com/2013-CIROUE-camp-mars2013-Vancouver.htm>

Summer opportunities in French:

Explore Canada, summer school in Québec, February 28 deadline: <http://www.myexplore.ca/en/>

Montreal summer homestays: <http://www1.cisscanada.com/programme.aspx?e=14&p=63&m=49>

May 2014: Riverside's first annual French Immersion Grade 11 trip to France

French Immersion students in Grades 9-11 can start saving and planning for a 10-day trip to Paris in Grade 11 – however, Grade 11s who miss out in 2013 will be able go in their Grade 12 year.

We plan to travel to Paris in mid-May then head either north to Normandy or south to Provence before returning home on Victoria Day. Stay tuned for more details!

HEADS UP!

February is Mental Health Awareness month. Perhaps you have seen the Canucks' Hockey Talks ad during the games <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bN8MUhjDJmQ> or the website they helped launch last year in memory of Rick Rypien <http://mindcheck.ca/> Mind Check is a great source of information for young adults with mental illness -- and their supporting friends and family.

Join 'In One Voice' by raising yours and refusing to be silent. Make the same pledge as Kevin Bieksa and help raise mental health awareness:

I am (the relationship -- to someone) who (was/is depressed).

I know it isn't a choice. It's not a weakness, self-inflicted or a result of not trying. Sometimes you can't just get over it -- it won't just go away. Pretending it isn't happening doesn't help. Talking about it does. Getting support early can make the difference.

Helping someone you care about is not a burden.

I pledge to learn the signs. I will not judge. I will have compassion. I will reach out, listen, talk, help, and find help.

My name is Kevin Bieksa. I will not stay silent.

SATISFACTION SURVEY 2012/13

LEARN A VALUABLE SKILL, GET PAID and GAIN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Did you know students who have a job in the trades have a unique opportunity to not only get paid while learning a skill, but they can also get up to 16 credits towards graduation? For each 120 hours of paid work (ex: carpenter, cook, baker, electrician, hardwood floorlayer, mechanic, landscaper...) they will get 4 credits of Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA). Once they have earned these four classes and worked 900 hrs by December 31 after their June graduation, they can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

- ◆ Students: If you are presently have a trades job, see your counselor and get yourself signed up for this great opportunity
- ◆ Parents/Employers: If you are in a position to potentially hire a young student apprentice and would like more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Doug MacLean (778-686-1897) to discuss all the benefits of this program for your company

For more information on Youth Programs in the Trades, you can visit the Industry Training Authority (ITA): <http://www.itabc.ca/youth-trades/overview>

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2013** the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The e-survey site is open until April 30th. If you are a parent of a child in grades 10 or 12 and wish to participate in the survey please contact Mr. Roos by email at sroos@sd43.bc.ca to receive a login code.

Riverside Secondary Europe Exchange Program
Fall, 2013- Austrian Student Visitors

Host Families Needed!!!

The tradition continues as Riverside plays host to twenty-five visiting Austrian students this September for ten days. We are in need of host families for visiting students from our sister school in Vienna, Austria from Thursday, Sept. 12th through to Monday, September 23rd, 2013. Obligations of host families include providing a bed for visiting students, meals for the duration of the stay, a packed daily snack or lunch and making the visiting students feel as much a part of a typical Canadian family, as possible. It would not be unusual for a host family to ask a visiting student to help with meal preparation or basic chores.

Families who host a visiting student are eligible to complete the exchange by travelling to Europe at a reduced rate. Riverside normally travels to Europe for two weeks at Spring break.

If you are willing to host a student, Host family application forms can be picked up on the bulletin board outside Room 121 or printed from Mr. Luongo's sharepoint site. For further details, feel free to contact Mr. Luongo at mluongo@sd43.bc.ca.

Photography 11/12 and Art 11/12 students have contributed images for this fantastic exhibit. We hope the community will come out in force to take part in the celebration.



OPENING RECEPTION: February 13 at 7pm **FREE!**

Port Coquitlam Recreation Complex Lobby (2150 Wilson Centre)

Exhibit runs every night from February 13 to March 11.

"Illuminating Port Coquitlam: A Digital Art Exhibit" depicts the passage of time and the changing of places and people since the City of Port Coquitlam's Incorporation 100 years ago and into the future.

Two massive rear projection screens (9'x16') and projectors will transform the lobby windows into a glowing, interactive art wall created by artist, Stuart Ward of HFour with work submitted by community members and students.



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DIGITAL ART WALL AT RECREATION COMPLEX WILL SHOW CITY'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Port Coquitlam, BC – JANUARY 21, 2013... How did people live, work and play in Port Coquitlam 100 years ago, and how will life change in the next 100 years?

These themes will be explored by a digital media public art project that will light up the windows of the Port Coquitlam Recreation Complex nightly from Feb. 13 to Mar. 11. Part of the city's 100th birthday celebrations this year, *Illuminating Port Coquitlam* will show the passage of time and changing of places and people through original digital artwork as well as submissions from the community.

The public is invited to the free opening on Feb. 13, 7 p.m., where they can meet the artist and residents who submitted artwork, enjoy refreshments and take part in a free interactive photo booth. Event-goers can pose with old pictures they bring or dress up in the period costumes and props on hand. The resulting photos will be provided free to those in attendance and will become part of the exhibit.

"This is a unique way to celebrate our past and show how our citizens interpret our community," Mayor Greg Moore said. "We're taking this presentation to a place where thousands of people are coming and going. Hopefully it helps create a conversation and encourages our residents to talk about their history with each other."

Running nightly Feb. 13 to Mar. 11 from about 6 to 9 p.m., the unique project involves two 9ft x 16ft rear projection screens and state-of-the-art projectors that will transform the lobby windows into a glowing, interactive art wall.

Images superimposing old and new scenes created by artist Stuart Ward of HFour will be projected along with residents' entries of photos, art, poetry, video and animation.

Ward said his intent with this project was to reflect the heritage and aspirations of the people who live in Port Coquitlam.

"It is with this in mind that I created a work which doesn't show the metaphorical brushstrokes of the artist, but features the passage of time (revealing the hard work of generations of residents) and the work of local people, children and adults alike. It's going to show the City's heritage and development," Ward said. "As far as I know it's the first of its kind in the world and it is going to be an engaging and fun way of looking towards the next 100 years."

Partners in the project included the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee, the Port Coquitlam Spirit Committee and the Friends of Leigh Square Society.

For more information about Illuminating Port Coquitlam and other 100th birthday events in Port Coquitlam, visit www.portcoquitlam.ca/100.

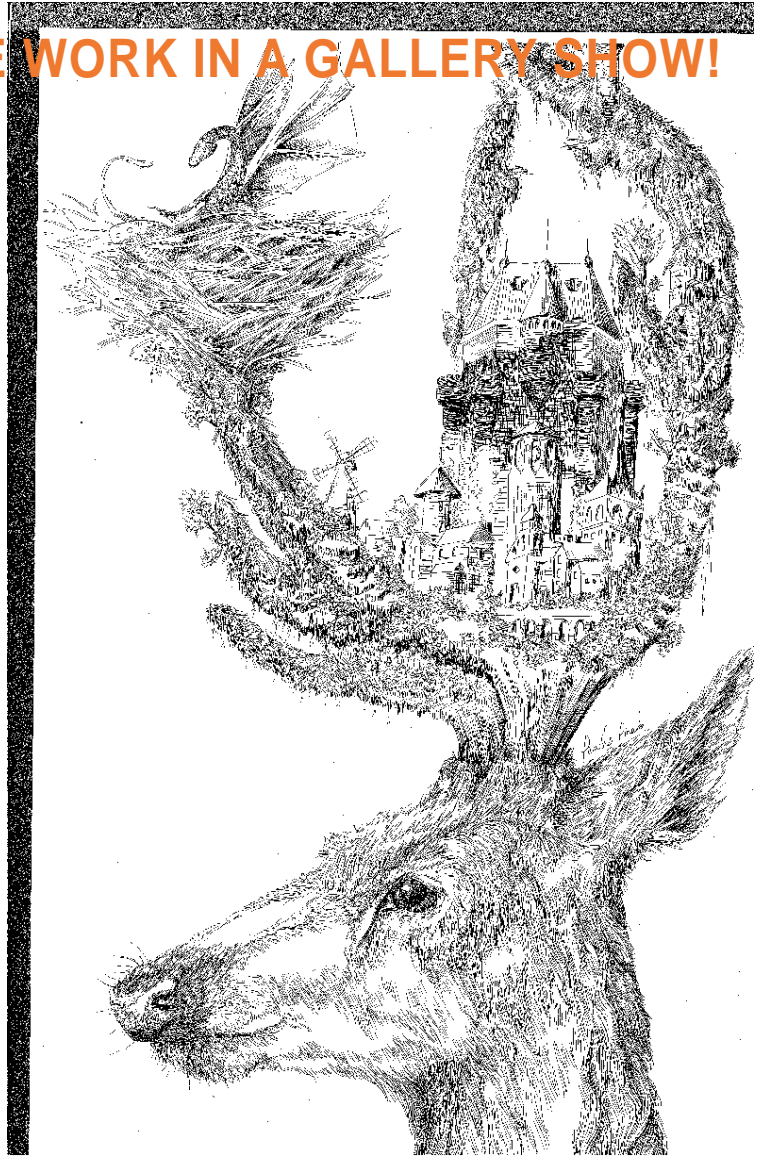
RIVERSIDE ARTISTS HAVE WORK IN A GALLERY SHOW!

The annual District 43 show, which takes place at Evergreen Cultural Centre (across from Pinetree Secondary), is open to all grade 12 students going into an art related career. It is a juried show and only work considered to be of an exceptional quality is chosen for the show. This year we have a record number of Riverside students in the show! A few of them even had three pieces selected for the show, which is quite an accomplishment (note: the students with a * by their name) The show runs through February, until March 2nd. We hope that you will be able to stop by Evergreen Centre (open Mondays to Saturdays) to celebrate the exceptional talents and efforts of many of our finest artists. The work is sure to be inspiring and wide ranged, and includes drawings, paintings, sculpture, mixed media pieces, photography and digital work.

The following students have had one or more pieces of art selected for this year's show:

Heather Arm*
Jordyne Bird
Aerone Elpa*
Justin Exley
Sara Freitas
Ethan Hunt

Kimmie Kunimoto*
Pamella Pinard*
Keirran Smith
Gabi Trainor
Janet Tron
Iris Wong



Ink drawing by Pamella Pinard

Spring Break Study with the Pros!

Full-day Workshops in Theatre, TV & Film for grades 9 to 12

March 25 to 28; 9am-3:35pm

Are you a serious student of the theatre, TV and film arts? If so, Place des Arts is where you need to be over spring break! Come and study with leading industry professionals and hone your craft in acting, stunts, makeup and directing. Find out more about the workshops and the professional teachers online at www.placedesarts.ca. Registration is now open online, in person at Place des Arts, or by phone at 604.664.1636

Monday, March 25

Acting for the Camera with Cavan Cunningham (*Mayor Fitzzy of Corner Gas*)

Tuesday, March 26

Beating up Actors – Stage and Film Combat with fight director Paul Gelineau

Wednesday, March 27

Makeup for Stage and Screen with makeup artist Katherine Collins

Thursday, March 28

Directing for Theatre with actor, director and university teacher Kathryn Bracht

SPECIAL DEAL



Special deal for the upcoming Arts & Culture & Vimy weeks at Encounters with Canada in Ottawa:

There is a discount being offered to students who register for the following weeks, so students registering for these sessions will need to pay only \$575:

Mar. 10 – Mar. 16 Arts & Culture
Mar. 31 – Apr. 6 Arts & Culture

Apr. 7 – Apr. 13 Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age

All other weeks remain at \$675, still a great deal for students from BC to spend an entire week in Ottawa!

FYI - * The theme selected applies to only two days of the entire week at Encounters. It affects guest speakers, field trip choices and workshop choices. The rest of the week is the same no matter what the theme. For example, every group visits Parliament, a museum and a veterans' cemetery, every group presents skits about their home province, every group has a tour of the capital, every group has several group discussions about issues such as diversity, etc. My point in telling you this is to let you know that the "theme" does not consume the entire week and that even if students don't attend their first choice of theme, it's still a very worthwhile experience.

What do students need to do?

Get parent permission (and have them e-mail that permission to Mrs. Wattamaniuk at pwattamaniuk@sd43.bc.ca).

Check out the website: there are three short promo videos about Encounters that should answer any questions: <https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/en/promo.html>

See Mrs. Wattamaniuk for an access code (students must be in good standing at school). At this point, students will be given detailed instructions re the registration process.

Complete online registration (listing dates of availability and preferred themes), print out hard copy, attach photo and payment and give hard copy to Mrs. Wattamaniuk. She will then process the form and forward it to Ottawa. The Ottawa staff of Encounters would then assign students to a specific week and arrange flight to Ottawa.

Included in the price: airfare, ground transportation, room & board at the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre, guest speakers, field trips, workshops, etc.). Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard or cheque (*for last-minute registrations, payment by credit card is required*).

If not interested in these particular themes (there are 12) or not able to travel this year, stay tuned... Sign-up for next school year will be in late April/early May. Over the past four years, 35 Riverside students have taken part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity... Why not **you**?