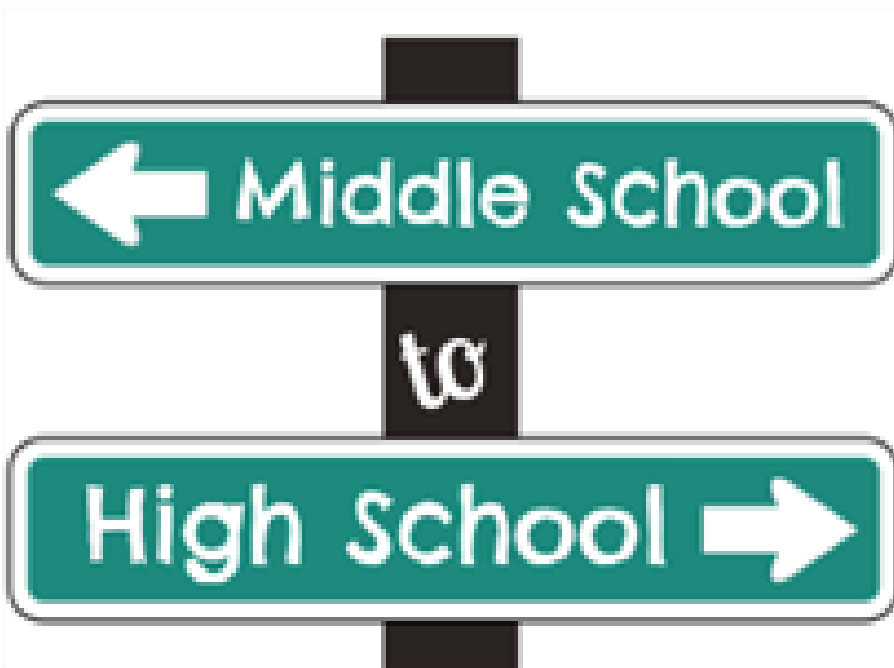


# Grade 8 Parent Presentation

Transition to Highschool



# Overview of the Presentation

- ▶ Counsellor Information
- ▶ Changes due to COVID
- ▶ Transition to your catchment school
- ▶ Cross Catchment Process
- ▶ District Programs of Choice
- ▶ Riverside
- ▶ Overview of Important Dates
- ▶ What to expect in the new year

# Introductions

Hello, and thank you for reading this presentation. Since I am unable to go through this presentation with you in person, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any specific or general questions regarding the high school transition for your child.

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# Change due to COVID

- ▶ No parent information evening (please read through this PowerPoint for information)
- ▶ School Tours in January will be done virtually
- ▶ Please stay tuned and keep an eye out for dates and changes as they come up

# Catchment Schools

- ▶ Catchment Schools are based on your current address in our system
- ▶ There is a spot held for you at your catchment school, so there is no application required
- ▶ Your childing will bringing home a letter from the school on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 indicating what your catchment school is
- ▶ For majority of Pitt River students, the catchment school is Riverside
- ▶ Students will go on a virtual tour of their catchment school in the new year

# Cross Catchment

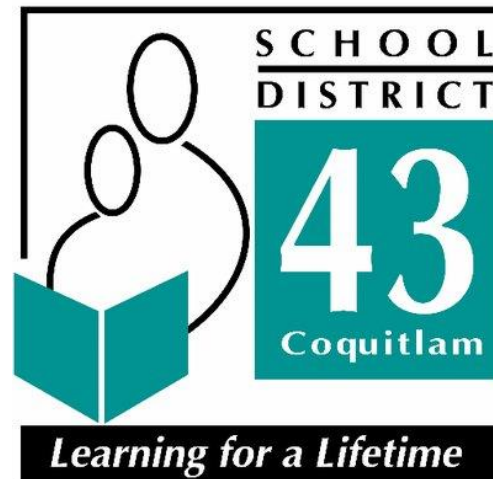
- ▶ If you are interested in attending a school that is **NOT** your catchment school, you must apply for cross catchment, Applications Complete ONLINE.
- ▶ Applications will be accepted online starting Thursday, **February 5, 2021 at 9 a.m. to February 10, 2021 at 4 p.m.**
- ▶ Applications will be processed based on the **availability of space in schools** and by **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS** (using in-district priority then out-of-district).
- ▶ Families will be notified via email if they have been accepted on **March 2, 2021**
- ▶ If you are interested in applying for cross catchment, please visit; <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx#/>

# Sibling Clause

- ▶ **If** a grade 8 student has a sibling at a non-catchment school already, **AND** that sibling will still be there in September, **AND** the grade 8 student wishes to attend that school:
  - ▶ They will be accepted to their sibling's school
  - ▶ You still have to fill out the cross-catchment application form (to confirm the sibling's status)
  - ▶ <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx#/=>

# District Programs of Choice

- ▶ Programs that are open to every student across the district
- ▶ Do not need to apply for cross catchment
- ▶ Application/exam/interview process for entrance





# TALONS

- ▶ Grade 9-12 at Gleneagle Secondary
- ▶ **Designed for gifted learners (Category “P”)**
- ▶ If you have a Cat P designation, then you will be sent an invitation to apply
- ▶ Invitations will be sent out by your Gifted teacher
- ▶ More information on the TALONS program will be given to students with their invitation



# International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

- ▶ Port Moody Secondary School (PMSS)
- ▶ Pre-IB (Grade 9-10) IB Diploma (Grade 11-12)
- ▶ Designed for talented and highly-motivated students
- ▶ Challenging experiences in an environment of positive stimulation that comes from working within class groupings of similarly motivated and talented students.
- ▶ IB Foundations Courses (Grade 9) will include the material required for the Ministry course, but more emphasis will be placed on higher level skills including analysis, research, writing, problem-solving and working in cooperative groups.



# International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

- ▶ Registration will open December 1, 2020 and will close December 11, 2020
- ▶ Please visit the Port Moody Website for more information;
  - ▶ <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Pages/default.aspx>.



# Inquiry Hub

- ▶ Grade 9-12 at Millside Center
- ▶ Full-time secondary school program, offering innovative, technology driven, full-time studies which allows students to pursue their own learning questions by shaping their educational experience around their interests instead of structured classes
- ▶ Inquiry Hub is an innovative public secondary school in Coquitlam where self-directed students pursue their personal interests and dreams. About half of students' time is scheduled with standard classes, while the remainder is left unstructured, so that students can do coursework and have help pursuing what interests them.
- ▶ **There will be a virtual open house on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm please visit the following website for more information;**
  - ▶ <https://www.inquiryhub.org/open/>

## EPIC- Elite Performers in Coquitlam

- ▶ Students who are elite performers in athletics, dance, music, or performing arts
- ▶ Able to balance extra curriculums with Graduation Program requirements to achieve their potential in all areas
- ▶ For more information and to apply please visit;  
<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/EPIC/Documents/Secondary%20School%20EPIC%20Program%20Information%20Guide%20and%20Application.pdf>

# JumpstART (School Based)

- ▶ Program at Gleneagle Secondary for Grade 9
- ▶ JumpstArt is a thematically integrated, enriched Art/Humanities program where students earn credit for English, Social Studies and two Visual Arts courses simultaneously while working together for half of each day through the entire year
- ▶ This is a school-based program - **students must apply for cross catchment to Gleneagle (indicate “JumpstArt” for reason)**
- ▶ For more information please visit;  
<http://www.jumpstartgleneagle.ca/> or

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/gleneagle/ProgramsServices/finearts/Pages/JumpstArtFAQs.aspx#/ =](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/gleneagle/ProgramsServices/finearts/Pages/JumpstArtFAQs.aspx#/=)



# Honours (School Based)

- ▶ Purpose of honours is to provide challenge, faster pacing, more in-depth learning for students who are very strong in that subject and wanting enrichment
- ▶ Acceptance through application process (written exam and/or teacher form)
- ▶ Honours classes are for Grade 9 & 10 students
- ▶ Allows access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses for grade 11 and 12
- ▶ Riverside has Honours classes for grade 9s in Math, Science and English
- ▶ If you are interested in Honours classes you can look at the previous (2018-2019) guide of Honours, AP and Specialty classes to get an idea of what is available;  
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/gifted/Documents/1%20SD%2043%20Secondary%20Opportunities%202018%202019.pdf>
- ▶ You can also look at your catchment school's website for more information

# Riverside

▶ Riverside has a number of special programs including:

▶ **Academics:**

- English 9 -12 Honours
- Mathematics 9 - 12 Honours, Calculus
- Science 9 and 10 Honours
- Advanced Placement
- [French Immersion](#)
- Outdoor Education

▶ **Athletics:**

- [Hockey Academy](#)

▶ **Leadership:**

- [Multicultural Leadership \(open to all grades\)](#)
- Leadership (open to all grades)





# Riverside

This is the catchment school for a lot of Pitt River Students, please note Riverside is a 1-1 technology school for more information

visit: <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/ProgramsServices/Technology/Grade91to1/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

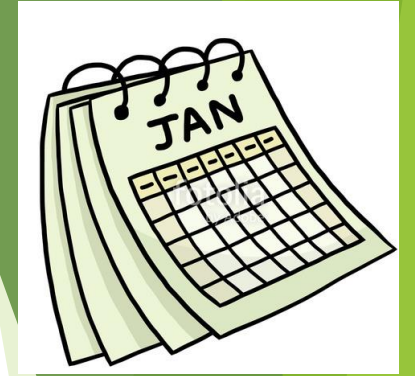
► To find more information on Riverside:

- Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available
- Visit the school website at;

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/Pages/default.aspx>



# Programs of Choice Important Dates



- ▶ **(IB) Program**
  - ▶ Registration opened from December 1 to December 11, 2020
  - ▶ IB Intake Assessments will take place on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- ▶ **Inquiry Hub (IHUB)**
  - ▶ Virtual Open House December 1 at 7pm
  - ▶ Please contact IHUB directly if you have questions
  - ▶ <https://www.inquiryhub.org/open/>
- ▶ **TALONS Program**
  - ▶ By invite only - please refer to your invite for information
  - ▶ Applications are due January 15, 2021 at 9am.

# Course Programming...Stay Tuned

- ▶ The Course Programming process will begin after students have (virtually) toured their catchment schools
- ▶ This process will take place in February - stay tuned for specific dates
- ▶ Students are to fill in their course selection sheets for their catchment schools
- ▶ If/When they are accepted to a cross catchment school, they will be asked to fill in their forms for the school they will be attending
- ▶ It is extremely important that the course selection sheets are brought back on time!
  - ▶ This will help students get into the courses they want

# What to do next...

- ▶ Look into any of the district programs/schools that you may be interested in
  - ▶ Visit their websites and/or virtual tours
- ▶ Apply to other programs, write exams
- ▶ Students to attend virtual catchment school tours in January
- ▶ Complete course selections on time
  
- ▶ Stay Tuned for more information - through your child, their classroom teachers and/or on the Citadel website



**KEEP  
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AND**

**DON'T FORGET  
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Thank You for Reading to the end!  
Don't hesitate to reach out with any  
questions.