

ÉCOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY



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JANUARY 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 25-28 - Customized Learning Schedule – see page 2

Jan 26 – Sushi Fu Fundraiser

Jan 31 – Pro D (No classes)

Feb 1 – Semester 2 begins

Feb 1-4 - Grad shirts ready for p/u in Room 124

Feb 2 – Parent Gr 9-11 Course programming video

Feb 2 – Gr 8 Parent Info & Honours Info

Feb 3 – Grade wide assembly via teams

Feb 10 – Last day to order yearbook

Feb 11 – Last day for coffee orders

Feb 14 – Gr 9-11 course program presentations

Feb 18 – Gr 9 programming info due

Feb 21 – Family Day (No classes)

Feb 22 – Gr 10&11 Program info due

Feb 23 – Pink Shirt Day

Feb 25 – Pro-D Day (No classes)

Feb 26 – Cat & Fiddle Pub Night

A message from Riverside Admin:

Hello Riverside Community,

It's amazing how fast January went by, and we now find ourselves at the end of another Semester at Riverside. We are proud of our students and staff for continuing to work hard despite all the distractions and challenges of the pandemic. Thank you to all the families for the daily health checks, and for working with your child to keep them focused on their goals through this latest wave. Things are looking optimistic as the Provincial Government begins to slowly reduce restrictions. For now, we are unchanged in our protocols at school, and thank you all for your patience and perseverance.

Last week, we found out that the Ministry of Education cancelled the assessments for Grade 10's and 12's for this week. Local media published their reasons, including a lack of staff to administer the test at the provincial level. We will now begin planning for the April and June timeframes for those assessments, and we have already heard that UBC/SFU admissions won't be affected by this situation.

A warm farewell to Mr. Hyde, our VP who leaves after 6½ years of service to Riverside. Thank you for all you've done here to assist with student success, help upgrade and re-decorate our gym, and manage a myriad of other tasks. We wish him good luck at his new assignment: Heritage Woods Secondary Vice-Principal. Maybe we will see you back here when Heritage's sports teams play Riverside.

We welcome our new Vice-Principal, Dave Jones, who joins us from Dr. Charles Best. He will be a great addition to our school community.

The next few weeks will be exceedingly busy as we begin to transition to planning for the 2022/23 school year. Grade 8's in our community will begin to receive communications from our school and will be encouraged to visit our online publications. That includes our fancy Course Description site, which is the best place to start before planning for next year.

Wishing you a successful startup

Riverside Administration

Grade 9 and 10's – Immunization Time

Fraser Health is holding clinics here on March 1, 2, and 28th – to immunize ALL our Grade 9's and 10's for the standard inoculations ("DTP" and "HPV"). We will be sending out consent forms soon and will provide more information via email as it gets closer.

Lockers

More lockers will be assigned to students who didn't get one in the last semester. If your child has PE in Semester 2, they will be assigned a locker on Tuesday. Remind your child never to leave any valuables in an unlocked locker.

Fundraisers

PAC's AfterGrad subcommittee is organizing various fundraisers. See the AfterGrad page on our website, but you can also find info right here in this newsletter. Support the class of 2022!

Semester 2 Starting

- Reminder that semester 2 begins on TUESDAY, FEB 1
- Student timetables can be viewed through their student portal login (MyEd)
- January 31 is a professional day – no school for students.

Reports available online on Friday, January 28.

We have shifted the date by one day, and reports will now be visible by late afternoon Jan 28.

The report card can be accessed via MyEd parent portal. It includes Semester 1 final grades and mid-term marks for full-year courses such as band, choir, and leadership.

Reminders for all parents who drive their child to school:

Pick-up times are highly congested. Please do not stop in the left lane of our drop off driveway in front of the school.

Drive slowly after dropping off your child in the morning - there are people using the marked crossings.

Be extra careful using the traffic circle. Traffic on Reeve Street **does not** have right-of-way - the traffic rules are in effect. We sometimes show the newer drivers this site: <https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/driving-tips/Pages/How-to-use-roundabout.aspx>

Fundraising

Robotics Club

Calling all coffee and hot chocolate lovers! Show your support for the Riverside Robotics Club by purchasing from a selection of gourmet hot beverages that you can find and purchase at [Riverside Secondary Robotics Club](#). All coffee is ethically and organically sourced and made from 100% Arabica coffee beans and freshly roasted in Maple Ridge. You can order via our website or pay with a form at the Riverside Office. Product details and prices are on the [website](#).

GLOBAL COFFEE FUNDRAISING

Help Support **Riverside Robotics Club** by purchasing fresh roasted coffee!

Micro-bite Morning - LIGHT ROAST \$17.50
This lighter blend will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.

R2-02 - MEDIUM ROAST \$17.50
A carefully crafted blend of beans designed just for the Riverside Robotics Club, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. (Inventor: ALL DAY! Coffee)

High Voltage - DARK ROAST \$17.50
This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.

C-3PO Decaf - SWP DECAF \$17.50
All the flavor of real coffee without the jitter! This Brazilian decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee, using the 100% Chemical-free "Swiss Water Process" of decaffeination.

NEW! Sweet Bot! - PREMIUM HOT CHOCOLATE \$17.50
The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.

ABOUT OUR COFFEES
Organic & ethically sourced coffee available in whole bean or ground. Packaged in 454 gram re-sealable bags with valves. Fresh roasted in Maple Ridge—Roasted only after your group order is submitted.

CHOOSE TO ORDER YOUR COFFEE ONLINE AT
WWW.GLOBALCOFFEEFUNDRAISING.CA/ROBOTICS

Global Coffee Fundraising • www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca • phone: 604.618.6785

Our online fundraiser closes at midnight on Friday, February 11th.

When you are ready to checkout, you can choose the shipping option “ship with Group order to RIVERSIDE (free)” and we will GROUP ship your order with others to Riverside for distribution to you. Or, you can opt to pay shipping direct to your home!

Coffee will be distributed on Thursday, February 17th

A few words from the Share Food Bank ...

“Although Riverside’s annual hampers were done differently this year, the Riverside Community did a fabulous job helping others during the holiday season. Students and staff brought in toys and non-perishable items throughout December.

In addition, the Riverside Community donated multiple grocery gift cards and raised \$2,648.55 for SHARE food bank. **WELL DONE RIVERSIDE!**”



Fundraising – cont.

After Grad Fundraising

Sushi Fu, 2640 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam



Come and enjoy some delicious Japanese food on Wednesday, January 26

Cat & Fiddle Select Liquor Store

The Cat & Fiddle Select Liquor Store at 1760 Kingsway Avenue is sponsoring our 2022 After Grad. When making your purchases at the till, please mention Riverside After Grad.

Bottle Drive – Biggar Bottle Depot

Please collect your empty bottles over the holiday season and return them to Biggar Bottle Depot, 2577 Kingsway Avenue, Port Coquitlam and use the phone number 604-937-8058 for our account, which is the school's fax number.



Fundraising – cont.

Cat & Fiddle Sports Bar & Restaurant

Saturday, February 26, 2022 - Noon – 8pm



\$20.00 Burger & Bevy

Includes: Beef, Chicken or Veggie Burger;
Fries or Salad; and
Choice of beer, wine, highball or pop

Tickets are available for purchase between January 24 – February 17th through School Cash Online. Please note that cash transactions are not accepted and burger tickets will not be available for purchase at the door. Prepaid burger tickets will be available for pick up at the door during the event.

50/50 will be sold for \$2 each, one draw at 4:00pm and the other at 8:00pm

Volunteer Opportunities:

We will need 16 parent volunteers to assist at the Pub night. An email will follow with opportunities to sign up to volunteer. Shift times: 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8 pm. We will require parents for each 2 hour shift:

- Two people at the door for ticket hand out
- Two people selling 50/50 tickets

Spoken Word Competition

Grades 9 & 10

Name of Student	Title of Spoken Word Oral Storytelling, Slam, Rant	Name of Student	Title of Spoken Word Oral Storytelling, Slam, Rant
Emma Schultz	Insecurities (slam)	Sara Ye	Guzheng (story)
Erin Millar	Thoughts about Thoughts (slam)	Carrick Buena	Consumerism (rant)
Scarlett Stratton <i>1st Place Gr 10</i>	Definition (slam)	Alex Kim <i>2nd Place Gr 10</i>	Red (slam)
Tory Sharp	You are being scammed	Sophie Giesbrecht <i>3rd Place Gr 10</i>	Curley Hair
Lily Farkhondeh	Anger	Arden Rae	Timmies
Warren Boone	I Am Very Cool	Michael Chen	Time
Ava Dickson	Writing with the Wrong Hand	Miranda Richardson	Listen
Jadon Loreda	Cholesterol Horror	Maariyah Zuberi <i>1st Place Gr 9</i>	Social Media
Maysem Abbas	Find Your Fund (slam)	Rylee Morgan	Mornings
Logan Last	Motivation (slam)	Kayley Lohn	Refresh (slam)
Maya Armstrong <i>2nd Place Gr 9</i>	Be More Feminine	Maddy Frith	The Earth's Perspective
Sarah Wu	A Letter to Writer's Block	Charlie Jacobsen	Breathe

Grades 11 & 12

Name of Student	Title of Spoken Word Oral Storytelling, Slam, Rant	Name of Student	Title of Spoken Word Oral Storytelling, Slam, Rant
Ara Christie	House Sickness	Catriona Riddell	The Way to Community (story)
Amy Triggs	Headlines	Ellie Kwak	Mirror, Mirror on the Wall
Amarrah Siddiqui <i>Tied 1st Place Gr 12</i>	When I Become History	Nicky Pitman <i>1st Place Gr 11</i>	What My Grandma Said That Day
Philip Mycek	Reverse Ode to HS	Lauryn Cacic	Growing Pains
Benjamin Bellefeuille	Picture This	Mufaro Mudzingwa	The Sandwich (story)
Noah Marusenko	The Life of Pi	Gideon Seo	Slam Poem – Mother Nature
Lauren Schubak, Emma Stoyanova, Brook Conley <i>Tied 1st Place Gr 12</i>	What it feels like to be a woman	Makayla Werner	Story – My Oma's Perfume
Simon Gale	My Hands	Carlos Gonzalez Ruiz	Story – The Worst Day
Noah Jette	It's Just a Game (rant/slam)	Ashley Caines	No Topic – slam poem
Ksenya Narkevich	A Stupid Love Poem (slam)	Adam Fenton	Story - The Adventures of Driving a Manual
Remi Kerster, Elijah Sam, Alyssa Mawji	The Future is Bright (slam)	Quinton O'Neale <i>Tied 1st Place Gr 12</i>	Slam Poem – Justice
Megan Gombar/ Kaylee Jack	Don't take Life for Granted	Robbie Toor	Fire Jim Benning (rant)
Emma Dooks	Dear You (slam)	Sky Pourmohseni	Taylor Swift (slam)
Jenny Lada	Mirror Mirror	Mara Julian <i>2nd Place Gr 11</i>	Fly Free

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 students 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 31st, 2022. Forms are due April 7th to Mr. Barrington in Portable 1.

Semester Turnaround

Students can check their Semester 2 schedule in MyEd. In some cases, the schedules are slightly different than the one our students received in September. The new schedule is the only one that is valid.

Senior students requesting an upgrade or an extra course will be dealt with in the first week of the new semester.

Course selection for 2022/2023

Counsellors will be meeting with our Grade 9's, 10's and 11's in February to help students with course selections for next year. It is very important that students attend the counsellor presentation. We encourage students and parents to meet with counsellors individually to discuss any questions and concerns they might have. Email or phone your counsellor to arrange an appointment. Courses selected, particularly for grade 11 and 12 students have an impact on post-secondary options.

The programming presentations will occur on **February 14th, after period 2.**

Note: Grade 10 & 11 students must have their completed course selection forms turned into their counsellor by Tuesday, February 22nd; Grade 9 students must submit their course selection sheets to their counsellor by Friday, February 18th. Course selections must also be entered into MyEd before the dates above. 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 Grade 9, 10 and 11 students will be required to register for eight courses for next year. Grade 12 students may register for 7 courses, but this must be discussed with the counsellor. Detailed course information can be found on the Riverside web page. Several new courses and programs have been added to our usual offerings. As well, some District trades programs and on-line offerings are worth a look.

Important Dates:

February 2nd- Grade 11 Parent programming information video will be released on the Riverside website

February 14th- Grade 9-11 Course programming presentations

February 18th- Grade 9 Programming information due

February 22nd- Grade 10 & 11 Programming information due

Student Transcript Service

Any student applying for post-secondary programs must complete the online application on [Student Transcript Service](#) (STS) in order to allow post-secondary schools to view their grades. On Student Transcript Service, students can view their marks, their transcripts, as well as send out transcripts. www.shorturl.at/csBES

Grad 2022



All Things GRAD Newsletter, edition #4.

Are you following our **Riverside Grad Committee (G22) Instagram account**? Follow our @rapidsg22 to stay informed on upcoming grad information.

- Did you forget to submit your **cap 'n gown measurement**? Grads must email Mr. Jeremy Brown at Jbrown@sd43.bc.ca with their height in inches **ASAP!**
- Our Grade 12 Timeline of events is constantly being updated. Visit **Grade 12 Central** link on our Riverside Intranet website to see important dates regarding scholarships and valedictorian applications.

Attention all Grade 12's - Your G22 Grad Shirts Have Arrived!



Students who ordered a G22 Grad Shirt must **come to Room 124 at lunchtime, February 1st - 4th** to pick it up.

AfterGrad 2022

- AfterGrad is a Grade 12 event that occurs all night, immediately following the Grad Dinner/Dance on June 4th (pandemic-permitting). It's a **parent-run event** that gives grads a place to continue to celebrate in a safe environment. Very memorable and fun for parents too who come to volunteer before and during the event.
- They are preparing for AfterGrad in hopeful anticipation of a better pandemic year in 2022 and make the day special for the Grads no matter what happens. Early preparation is all about fundraising.
- Last year, we coordinated some very successful fundraisers which were relatively easy to do.
- We are really looking forward to high participation this year. If you want to help out, please email our office (riverside@sd43.bc.ca) and we will connect you to the organizing team of parents.

Musical Theatre Show for 2021/2022



Stand by!

River's Edge Theatre has postponed our fresh, funny, fantastic new musical *The Drowsy Chaperone* until early March, when we hope to welcome our first community audiences since February 2020. Currently, we are debuting the musical for a staff studio audience and we're making a video of it too. We may be down, but we are not out! If we need to postpone again, WE WILL.

This excellent show with its ebullient performances deserves an audience, so stay tuned!



Winner of five Tony Awards, this original, one act Canadian play is a fun, funny, family-friendly send-up of the Jazz Age musical to welcome audiences back to River's Edge Theatre! We've missed you!

The story is brought to us by a narrator with a passion for musical theatre, playing the original cast recording of the 1928 musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. As the vinyl spins, colourful and chaotic characters spring to life. A parody wrapped in a love letter, this show features so many talented students onstage and many more backstage... don't miss it!

Sports

Curling

Congratulations to Adam Fenton who won Gold at the U18 Provincial Championship over the winter break. He also was the recipient for the Sportsmanship Award at the tournament. The team is off to compete at the U18 Nationals in Timmons, Ontario in February.



Health & Safety - Riverside Covid Protocols

As a community we continue to follow the K-12 Guidelines COVID Protocols put in place by the PHO and School District. This will help us maintain the safety of our Students and Staff within the building and on school property. Please be reminded of the following:

- complete the Daily Health Check prior to coming to school
- masks are mandatory on school property
- physical distancing in classrooms and common areas of the school
- enter building at appropriate door according to your classroom number (map posted at all entrances)
- hand sanitize upon entering the building
- no crowding - please talk with friends outside of building while maintaining physical distance
- Maximum of 3 persons in a bathroom at any time

We thank you for your continued diligence in keeping our community safe and healthy.



Please refer to Page 1 **My School Day App** for further information.