



June 28, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of Riverside School students,

Please review this newsletter as it contains important information for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. Our staff has prepared this document in the hopes that it will answer some of your questions leading up to the new school year.

It has been a great year of learning and community at Riverside. We're all in the midst of wrap-up activities and enjoying our time with each other before taking a break. It's the people in our community that make Riverside such an amazing place of learning. If you are leaving Riverside School at the end of this year, we wish you the very best wherever your journey takes you next.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership.

Wishing you all a pleasant summer full of happy memories,

Steve Radder
Principal, Riverside School

Office hours updates

Our Main Office will be open for the usual hours until June 29. Will close for the summer at noon on June 30.

The Main Office will reopen at 9:00AM on August 28. During the summer months, any questions or requests sent in will not be responded to. We will get back to you as soon as possible upon our return.

Uniform guidelines and expectations

A reminder that all students enrolled at Riverside School will be expected to wear uniform tops, as provided by McCarthy Uniforms, during the 2023-24 school year. Most Fridays will be 'Free Fridays', where students are not required to wear a uniform top, except for Fridays when students are on off-campus field study.

McCarthy Uniforms is the provider of our uniform tops. They have provided us some with promotional materials, which are located on the Riverside School website:

- [McCarthy Uniforms Parent Welcome Letter](#)
- [Promotional Flyer Including Ordering Windows and e-Store Link](#)

Thank you to the Riverside School Council and Parent Society for their support in helping us provide financial support to families who need it. If this is the case for your family, please reach out to school administration at riverside@cbe.ab.ca. There will be lower-cost alternatives for families to consider, as well.

We have created a "FAQ" document regarding uniforms and school expectations, which has been posted to our website. You can access it at the link below:

- [Uniform FAQ Sheet](#)

McCarthy Uniforms will offer free shipping to your home on all orders totaling \$150 or more. You can also pick up your orders and try on sample items at their physical store, which is located at 5911 3rd Street SE.

2023-2024 School Start-up

The first day of school for the upcoming school year is August 31. We'll look forward to reconnecting with our students when classes begin at 8:10AM. It will be a full day of classes for students in Grade 1-9, while our Kindergarten students will have a staggered entry, details of which will be shared by Ms. Copot.

Lifetouch will again be taking school photos for us. Photo Day for the upcoming school year will be on Thursday, September 28.



We know that classroom placements will be an area of great interest for our students as the new year approaches. Our staff collaborated very purposely to place students with teachers and peers that help each student learn best. Our teachers will be sharing classroom placements with their homeroom students by the end of the working day on August 30.

I am also pleased to announce the beginning of what I hope to be a new tradition here at Riverside: A Welcome Back BBQ for students. This event will take place on September 1. Thank you to our School Council and Parent Society for their support of this initiative. We will ensure there are options for our students with dietary restrictions as well. Please feel free to reach out to the school after August 28 if you have any questions.

As well, our School Council hosts a Welcome Back Tea on the morning of the first day of classes (August 31) in the compound on the north side of 1st Avenue.

School supplies

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 in the CBE have all of their needed school supplies purchased centrally. This is paid for through the Student Supply Fee that parents are charged at the beginning of each school year. The Student Supply Fee for Grade 1-6 students for the 2023-24 school year is \$40. Families of students in Kindergarten are charged \$20. Families do not need to purchase additional school supplies for their children.

Students and families in Grades 7-9 are responsible for providing their own school supplies. Homeroom teachers will provide a list of needed supplies to you by the end of the working day on August 30. These lists will contain all of the required supplies for the upcoming school year.

School Council and Parent Society

Riverside School enjoys a productive and healthy partnership with our School Council and Parent Society. We meet monthly (approximately) to continue building and strengthening our partnership, discuss student learning, and consult on decisions impactful to our school community.

We meet in the Learning Commons at our school usually on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00PM. All parents and guardians in our school community are welcome to join. While there are vacancies on the executives of both groups, you do not need to volunteer for the executive if you wish to attend. A detailed meeting calendar for both groups will be accessible on the School Council page on our website, accessible here: <https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/riverside/get-involved/school-council/pages/default.aspx>.

You can reach our School Council chairperson at schoolcouncil.riverside@gmail.com.



You can reach the President of our Parent Society at parentsociety.riverside@gmail.com.

MyCBE/PowerSchool parent/guardian accounts

MyCBE/PowerSchool is the platform the CBE uses to share information with parents and guardians regarding their children. It is used to communicate attendance information from the school to home. It is also used to share student progress information (marks on assignments, tests, other tasks, report cards). This platform is also used to book Parent/Teacher Conferences. Finally, we also use it for fee payment purposes.

MyCBE/PowerSchool can be accessed at the following address:

<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>. By navigating there, you can also sign up for a MyCBE account if you do not currently have one. Instructions and a link to sign-up for a MyCBE account can be found here:

<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/createaccounthelp.html>.

We strongly encourage all families to create an account and ensure access to it prior to the beginning of the school year. As I'm sure you'll understand, August and September will be a very busy time for the entire Calgary Board of Education, including our tech support personnel!

