



# ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

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Welcome back to students, parents, and staff, and a special welcome to our students and families who are new to Rockridge Secondary. I hope that you are all having an enjoyable and restful summer vacation. We are looking forward to the arrival of students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3rd. An orientation for new students will be held on Friday, August 30th from 10am—11am. Grade 8's who have already attended an orientation last year do not need to attend but are welcome to do so if they wish.



It is my pleasure to welcome a few staff members new to Rockridge this year:

Ms. Sohee Bak has taken over the role of Accounting Clerk and Ms. Christie Evans will be our new Receptionist, with Ms. Karen Leeson moving into the Data Clerk position. We welcome back Ms. Leanne Warner as our Youth Worker and Ms. Daniela Gielnik joins Rockridge as the Connect Teacher. Mr. Stephen Wellsby and Mr. Curtis Campbell are joining our Science Department and Ms. Stefania Kassaris assumes the Science Lab Teacher Assistant position. I am also thrilled to welcome Ms. Jamie Keast and welcome back Ms. Meghan LeSieur to our Math Department. And finally a warm welcome back to Ms. Bess Underhill who will be teaching Junior Spanish.

Thank you to our dedicated custodians who were busy cleaning and polishing all areas of the school throughout the summer. Our hallways and learning spaces are looking shiny and ready for the arrival of our students on Tuesday! Plans are underway for additional learning areas outside of our school building. A fitness circuit consisting of a pull up station and somersault bars will be installed north of the gym. It is hoped that pieces of equipment will be added to the circuit over the next few years. We are also excited about the Outdoor Classroom that will be constructed in a picturesque location south of the school near the staff parking lot. Surrounded by trees and with a view of the ocean, this learning space will enhance the teaching and learning at Rockridge for many, many years. Thank you to the PAC for supporting this exciting initiative. Regular updates will be provided at monthly PAC meetings and in our e-bulletins.

As you may be aware, all of our secondary schools are implementing a change to the daily schedule. Rather than having four 80-minute blocks per day, blocks will be reduced by about 8 minutes in order to create a 32 minute block called 'Flexible Instruction Time' (FIT). The FIT block will occur between the first and second block of the day. More information on the FIT block and the daily schedule can be found on pages four and five of this newsletter.

Rockridge is a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) school, and we are requesting that all students bring a digital device to school to enhance their learning. Additional information regarding digital access for students can be found on page 11 of this newsletter. Students will be reminded of the cell phone guidelines at Rockridge. They are asked not to access their cell phones during instructional time unless directed by their teachers for specific learning opportunities.

I am looking forward to meeting parents and guardians at our September welcome events (see the September calendar on page 14). Mr. Sandor, Mr. Thomson, the Rockridge staff and I look forward to working with all of our families to lead our students through a successful and rewarding school year.

*Judy Duncan, Principal*

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteers needed for New Student Orientation (August 30)



**Start your Year of Service with a bang.** We are looking for volunteers to help introduce new students to Rockridge on Friday, August 30th. Volunteers will take our newest students on a tour, help them get oriented, answer questions and generally welcome them to their new school. All volunteers will receive hours for service plus we will provide drinks and snacks

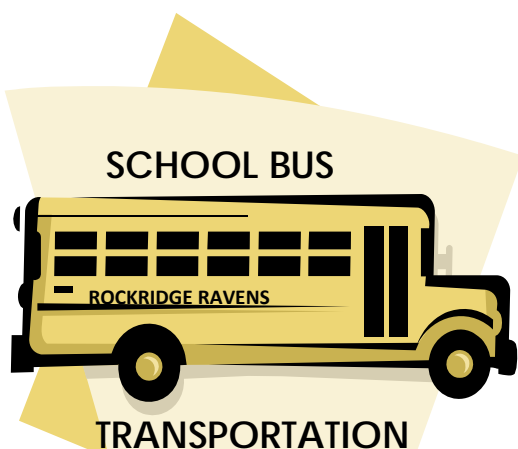
at the conclusion of the session. The orientation is from 10am to noon but **volunteers should arrive at 9:30am** to check in and get ready for the session.

This is a great way to start earning service hours plus potentially meet some new friends for life while also helping students to start their year feeling welcomed and excited about what is to come.

Send your name directly to Mr. Thomson at [gthomson@wvschools.ca](mailto:gthomson@wvschools.ca) and your name will be added to the list, or, drop by the school and sign the list in the office by Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, including “Student Orientation” in the subject line.

Thanks again! We really appreciate how Rockridge students always help to make our school an amazing place to learn.

## SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION



Students in West Vancouver School District are eligible to receive transportation services if:

You live **WITHIN** the “catchment area” of Rockridge, **AND**  
You live **OUTSIDE** the “walk limits” of Rockridge  
Walk Limits: 4.8 km from school

**September 3rd (Opening Day)—MORNING DROP OFF ONLY**

**September 4th—FULL BUS SERVICE BEGINS**

Please visit the school district website for more information and to request student transportation services:

[www.westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/transportation-parking](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/transportation-parking)

## OPENING DAY—SEPTEMBER 3RD

The opening day on Tuesday, September 3rd is a **shortened day** for all students. Please note arrival and dismissal times for each grade in the boxes below. **Any outstanding textbooks should be returned to the office, and library books to the library on opening day.**

### **GRADE 8: 8:30—11:00 am**

Grade 8s will be greeted by student mentors in Players Hall and guided to their homerooms where they will receive important forms and information including their timetables and locker combos. During the homeroom/advisory, the students will engage in 'getting to know you' and 'Rockridge acclimation' activities and then be led by their mentors to meet their teachers, administrators, counsellors, youth worker and office staff. The mentors will also help the students learn how to open their lockers. Grade 8 students will be dismissed at 11:00 am.

### **GRADE 9: 9:15—10:20 am**

### **GRADE 10: 10:20—11:25 am**

### **GRADE 11: 11:25 am—12:30 pm**

Grade 9—11 students will assemble in Players Hall at the commencement time noted above, before heading to their homerooms (to be posted in the main foyer) to receive important forms and information, including their timetables.

### **GRADE 12: 12:30—2:30 pm**

Grade 12 students will meet on the sports pad at the front of the school for the Grade 12 BBQ hosted by our administrators, before heading to Players Hall at 1:00 pm, and then on to homerooms at 2 pm. Grade 12s will be dismissed at 2:30 pm.



**Welcome Back!**

## UNDERSTANDING THE BLOCK ROTATIONS

Rockridge follows a six-day block rotation schedule, which is clearly defined in the student agenda book, is posted outside the office and is available on the school website. For example:

Wednesday, September 4	Day 1—Blocks 1234
Thursday, September 5	Day 2—Blocks 1234
Friday, September 6	Day 1—Blocks 2314
Monday, September 9	Day 2—Blocks 2314
Tuesday, September 10	Day 1—Blocks 3124
Wednesday, September 11	Day 2—Blocks 3124

On Thursday, September 12, the block order would repeat from the beginning, ie:

Thursday, September 12	Day 1—Blocks 1234
Friday, September 13	Day 2—Blocks 1234

## FIT—FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, all West Vancouver secondary schools will adopt an altered schedule that provides students with a 32 minute block of flexible instructional time (FIT) per day. The purpose of the FIT block is to provide students with:

- Time and flexibility to address the new Career Education competencies and content
- Time to meet with teachers for support, guidance or inspiration regarding specific curriculum, or other passions and interests
- The opportunity to collaborate with other students, teachers, or community members
- Time to explore, work on, or complete assignments and projects

### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR FIT

- Be focused on learning
- Be in a designated learning space
- Gr. 8—10 students must be in a classroom
- Gr. 11—12 students can be in shared learning spaces
- Have a plan for the time
- Have all materials required
- Remain in the learning space selected



# TIMETABLE & BELL SCHEDULE

REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE						
DAY	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
8:25	Welcoming Bell					
8:30 – 9:41	1	1	2	2	3	3
9:46 – 10:18	FIT BLOCK (see next page for information)					
10:23 – 11:34	2	2	3	3	1	1
11:34 – 11:44	BREAK					
11:44 – 12:55	3	3	1	1	2	2
12:55 – 1:37	LUNCH					
1:42 – 2:55	4	4	4	4	4	4

COLLABORATION DAYS	
Time	Block
8:25	Welcoming Bell
8:30—9:30	Block 1
9:40 –10:40	Block 2
10:50 –11:51	Block 3
11:51—12:33	Lunch
12:37– 1:37	Block 4
1:42—2:55	Collaboration Time



## COLLABORATION/X-BLOCK DAYS

Collaboration time will continue to be held on the first and second Thursday of each month to allow for an equal number of Day 1’s and 2’s for collaboration time. As in previous years, it will run for 80 minutes on the afternoons noted herein. The first collaboration block will take place on **Thursday, September 12th**. Please see the bell schedule for collaboration days at the top right of this page. Each of our bell schedules are included in the student planner.

During collaboration time, Grade 8 and 9 students will be learning the Career Education Curriculum through various guest speakers approximately once per month or every second collaboration block. During the other collaboration times throughout the month when students are not required to attend assemblies, students are expected to work on their Career Education assignments. They may work on these at school if they wish to do so. Grade 10 students will be meeting with their Personal Project Advisors during FIT and/or collaboration blocks. When they are not meeting with their Project Advisors, they may be working on their Personal Projects, coursework, or may be invited to attend a special presentation. At times collaboration block for Grade 11 and 12 students will be used to address the Career Life Connections (CLC) curriculum. As part of this new curriculum, students need to complete volunteer service and/or paid work experience. More information regarding the expectations of students during collaboration time will be given to students during Grade Assemblies in the first week of school.

**The collaboration schedule will take place on the following Thursdays:**

**September 12, 19; October 3, 10; November 7, 14; December 5, 12; January 9, 16;  
February 6, 13; March 5, 12; April 2, 9; May 7, 14; June 4, 11**

## IMPORTANT FORMS AND INFORMATION

On opening day, your child will be given an envelope containing forms which we ask that you complete and return to the school office as soon as possible during the first week of school. These important district forms include:

- ▶ Student Release form
- ▶ Student Emergency Identification Form
- ▶ Personal Alternate form (*Do not return to school—keep at home*)
- ▶ Student Information Verification form—please check for accuracy, make any necessary changes and sign the form. **If there has been a change of address, as per district requirements, please attach a copy of the new purchase/lease agreement, along with a copy of a BC Hydro, TELUS, Fortis BC or Shaw bill addressed to you at the new address.**
- ▶ Locker Contract (for grade 8's only)



### Online Policies and Procedures Forms

In September, please go to [westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/parents/forms/](http://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/parents/forms/) to complete this online form. This form must be completed electronically for each child attending West Vancouver Schools each year. The form includes the following:

- Student Code of Conduct and Discipline
- District Network and Internet Appropriate Use
- Privately Owned Electronic Devices Appropriate Use
- Use of Website Applications Outside British Columbia—Parental Consent
- Community Activities Release-Parental Consent
- Consent of Release Permission
- B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program



### Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation—Request for Consent

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#### Important!

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) law came into force on July 1, 2014. As a result, the West Vancouver School Board would like to ensure that we have your consent to receive newsletters, school and Board updates, announcements, event invitations, and other electronic messages which may contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, field trips, program offerings, community events, the sale of yearbooks, student pictures, uniforms, books, prom or dance tickets, or similar events and offers. If you wish to receive the above communications from us, please follow the link below:

[westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/create-an-account](http://westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/create-an-account)

For further information on this law, you may visit:

<http://fightspam.gc.ca/eic/site/030.nsf/eng/home#>

If you have any questions or if you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please contact Tricia Buckley, Manager of Communications and Community Engagement for the West Vancouver School District.

Email: [tbuckley@wvschools.ca](mailto:tbuckley@wvschools.ca)

## ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY PAC (RSPAC)



The Rockridge website—[www.westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary)

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting dates and links to Executive members are on the *Parent* portion of the website.

**Get involved with Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** - PAC meetings are scheduled regularly through the school year. Dates are available on the *Parent* portion of the school website. Opportunity to express interest in PAC Committees and events is provided with a volunteer form enclosed with this Newsletter, and at the Welcome Coffee on September 4th. Visit the PAC portion of the school website throughout the year for current information on meetings and events.

### Welcome Coffee

You are cordially invited to the Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC) Welcome Coffee on **Wednesday, September 4th at 8:45 am in Player's Hall.**

Please join us for a morning coffee and snack. Take the opportunity to catch up after the summer, hear from our Principal and others from the school, and get some information from the PAC. We look forward to seeing you!

#### 2019-2020 RSPAC Executive:

Chair—Tanya Petraszko  
 Vice-Chair—Darius Matheson  
 Treasurer—Barb Mitchell  
 Secretary—Helen Hall  
 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Rep—Tanya Mah  
 Communications—TBA  
 Fundraiser—TBA  
 Scholarship Committee—Karen McCluskey  
 Members at large—Nicola South and Diana Steele



### Pancake Breakfast



The RSPAC invites parents/families and guardians of grade 8 students, as well as any new students in grades 9-12 to join their “New to Rockridge Complimentary Pancake Breakfast” on **Friday, September 6th at 7:30 am in the school cafeteria.** Please go to our website at [www.westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary) under *School Announcements* to complete the pancake order form.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Student Planner



Student Planners will be offered to interested students and distributed during homeroom classes at the start of the year. These booklets contain our academic calendar and useful information about Rockridge in addition to being a day timer/planner/journal where students can note important information. Past history has shown that this item can be of great assistance to the students as they plan their homework and upcoming activities. We encourage students to develop their organizational skills to help them be successful at school.

### School Supplies

Although individual teachers have various requirements for their courses that will be communicated to students on the first day of school, the following supplies tend to be used by most students in grades 8 through 12:

Pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, fine liners, a ruler, scissors, glue stick, coloured felt pens, lined paper and graph paper, “Post-it” notes, two binders with dividers for Day 1 and Day 2 subjects and a USB drive (memory stick).

Grade 8 and 9 students should have a calculator, grades 10 students should have a scientific calculator if they are enrolled in Math, and grades 11-12 students should have a graphing calculator.



### School Locks



The school provides each student with a locker and combination lock. Students are not to switch lockers or use their own lock. A master list of lockers and lock combinations is kept by our accounting officer in the main office. It is important that you don't share your lock combination with anyone. There will be a \$10.00 replacement charge for a missing lock. P. E. lockers are available for use by students in physical education classes. Students are strongly encouraged to bring a lock to the change room and secure all of their possessions. Parents and students are reminded that neither the school nor the West Vancouver Board has insurance to cover loss or damage of students' personal property .

### PE Strip



Rockridge clothing, including PE strip can be purchased from the school office

**T-Shirts \$21    Shorts \$28    Hoodies \$45    Sweatpants \$42**

**Rockridge Umbrella \$30**





## Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Please note the following:

- Visitor parking spaces at the front of the school are a 'no parking' zone in the morning and after school. The driveway in front of the school doors is a NO STOPPING zone.
- All numbered parking spaces are designated for individual staff members. Please do not park in these spaces at any time during school hours.

## Student Parking



Should a student wish to bring a car to school, they **must complete a registration form in the office** which will enable them to park in the upper lot by the Caulfeild Drive exit. There is a \$20 fee for the year which goes into a scholarship fund. The student will receive a decal which must be displayed on the windshield at all times. The student parking lot will be strictly enforced and students need to be aware that this is the only area for student parking.

## Student Photos

A notice will be posted in and around the school in the first week of school regarding Photo Day. **Photo Day is Tuesday, September 10th.**

These photos are used for Student ID cards, the Student Directory and Yearbook.



## Teachers and Staff Communication

Every teacher and staff member at Rockridge has a district email and may be reached by [firstname.lastname@wvschools.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@wvschools.ca) (ie. [jsmith@wvschools.ca](mailto:jsmith@wvschools.ca)) Staff member names, emails and position or department may also be found on our website: <http://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/about/staff/>

## Grade 12 Communication



The Post-secondary Advisor has a distribution list for grade 12 students. It is used to communicate important information regarding scholarship opportunities, university presentations and the like to all grade 12's throughout the year. Parents/Guardians wishing to OPT OUT are advised to contact the Career Coordinator, Ms. Ferrajohn at [bferrajohn@wvschools.ca](mailto:bferrajohn@wvschools.ca).

## Parent/Guardian Communication E-Bulletins

Rockridge “E-bulletins” will be emailed from the school each Monday providing parents and guardians with important information for the coming week and month ahead. Our e-bulletins are also published on our school website for your information. In addition to our weekly bulletin, there are regularly scheduled RSPAC, and Counsellors’ Corner emails sent home, and on occasion we may send grade-specific emails regarding upcoming events and/or special information.



## Late & Absence Procedures

The best way for students to learn is to be in class. At Rockridge we emphasize the importance of student attendance. Students should be in class by the 8:30 bell. Individual teachers will administer consequences for tardiness. Students who are frequently late will receive guidance and consequences from the administration. Should the tardiness continue, parents will be contacted by the administration.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**—Attendance is recorded by teachers on the computer network every period. Initially, subject teachers will deal with students about unexcused absences and apply consequences. If a student is developing a pattern of unexcused absences or lates, counsellors and administrators will then become involved.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**—If a student is ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by phoning the main line at **(604-981-1300)** before 8:25 am and leaving a message with the reason for the absence or lateness. It is the students’ responsibility to contact teachers or friends to find out what work was missed.

Students who need to leave the school before afternoon dismissal must sign-out through the main office. A parent is required to confirm the student’s need to leave early, or they may send a note to that effect. If a parent cannot be contacted, the student will not be given permission to leave unless it is under exceptional circumstances.

**SYNREVOICE SYSTEM**—The Synrevoice System will primarily be used to let parents know if their child is absent from class. When the teacher marks the student absent, they will be unexcused in the computer and the Synrevoice System will call or email parents. In order for the system to be helpful, it is important that parents call the school early in the day to inform us when a student will be absent so that they will be excused (see paragraph above). If you prefer to have an email sent to you when your child is absent please contact the school to let us know.

**FAMILY HOLIDAYS/MISSED WORK**—We do not give permission for students to go on holiday during school time. If parents opt to take their children out it is their prerogative. Any work missed is solely the student’s responsibility. Teachers cannot be expected to provide extra classes, make-up tests, or specific work to be completed. Parents must be aware that absences, whether excused or not, may have a negative impact on achievement.

attendance  
**MATTERS**

## Grade 8 Students

# DIGITAL ACCESS

We are looking forward to welcoming our Grade 8 students to Rockridge on September 3rd.

As has been discussed at the Grade 8 Information Evening and Elementary School visits in January, we are requesting that incoming Grade 8 students bring in a digital device for the 2019-2020 school year. This will enable Grade 8 students to work in a 1:1 environment, when appropriate, that will further deepen their learning, facilitate inquiry and further engage students. In such an environment, students will

- be better prepared to move forward in a world that requires the use of technology.
- learn how to use devices in a variety of ways-some common, some unique.
- be given guidance on how to use these tools in an appropriate manner including how to:
  - develop a positive digital footprint,
  - report inappropriate behaviour,
  - protect their privacy, and
  - create, share and publish work of which they are proud

We are recommending that students bring devices such as chromebooks, netbooks, Macbooks, laptops, and Microsoft Surfaces to school, as they meet the following minimum requirements:

- include a tactile keyboard, internet connectivity and memory
- capable of word processing, creating spreadsheets and multimedia presentations

It is suggested that students do not bring tablets to school, as they will not be able to use these as efficiently.



## Grade 9—12 Students



We are requesting that Grade 9—12 students continue to bring their digital devices to school, as they have in previous years. Students are encouraged to bring netbooks, laptops, tablet laptops, or ipads to school to use for writing assignments, researching on the internet, accessing virtual classrooms and notes as well as to access announcements and information relevant to clubs, sports and other activities. Students may use their computers to work in the cafeteria, library or at one of our work stations located in common areas throughout the school, such as in the west wing on the 2nd floor. Students are encouraged to use these spaces during study periods, before school, at lunch or after school. Students should always confirm what their individual teachers expectations are for appropriate use in specific classes.

## BC FERRIES & ATHLETIC GROUPS—CODE OF CONDUCT

To promote safety and good order, students and sports groups must obey directions given by ship and terminal personnel regarding loading and unloading, safety and emergency procedures and orderly conduct.

The following conduct will not be tolerated:

- Fighting, quarrelling, loud disturbances or use of obscene or profane language
- Tampering with or damaging safety or lifesaving equipment or other equipment or fittings
- Littering or throwing objects overboard or at others
- Use or possession of alcohol, drugs or vapes
- Possession of weapons
- Careless use of open flame

Remedial action may include any of the following:

- Verbal warning
- Verbal warning with notification to parent/guardian and school
- Written warning with copies to parent/guardian and school

Further action may involve:

- Requiring that a parent/guardian or other responsible adult accompany the student onboard the ferry
- Withdrawal of travel privileges
- Involving the police and laying charges where applicable



## GRADE 8—CAULFEILD VILLAGE

Although there are benefits to having Caulfeild Village in close proximity, it can create some issues for the school in terms of supervision and student behaviour. The mall is an unsupervised area. Although grade 8 students are often visiting many areas in the community without supervision outside of school hours, the dynamic of doing so within the school day is very different. The mall may cause a disconnection between the student and the school community.

For grade 8 students, a big part of transitioning to high school is learning the school culture and building new relationships. Although this does happen in classes, the most important time for this is during breaks and lunch. When students leave at breaks to go to the mall, this connection becomes broken and students start to isolate themselves into small cliques. Without adult supervision at the mall, younger students may struggle to maintain their behaviour. Their focus becomes the world outside of the school and they miss out on important experiences that help them to become engaged members of our school community. For these reasons, grade 8 students may not leave school grounds to visit the mall except under unique circumstances and only with specific permission of the school administration.

Our experience has indicated that by the Spring, our grade 8's are fully ready to use the mall in a responsible and appropriate manner. They have also become well-connected with their peers at school. At that time, we discuss with the students the mall and expectations for behaviour. Then, we give them full permission to visit Caulfeild Village to purchase food but not to 'hang-out'. We hope you will support us in this important decision to restrict grade 8 access to Caulfeild Village.

## ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

Rockridge has a reputation for offering a wide variety of seasonal sports, all outlined in the student planner.

Students should make sure they listen to announcements and *check the monitor in front of the office, especially during the first few weeks of school, for try-outs and meeting times for sports teams and clubs.*

We are looking forward to a great fall season! Here's a list of the sports teams offered in the Fall:

- Volleyball—girls
- Field Hockey
- Cross Country Running
- Grade 8 Rugby
- Sr. Boys' Soccer
- Swimming



## ACCIDENT INSURANCE

### Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

For your convenience, our school district has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. Enrolment applications for student accident insurance will be distributed to students in their homeroom classes. Parents are encouraged to consider this as the school district does not carry accident insurance.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca). Forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year.

**Kids Plus™**  
Accident Insurance

# SEPTEMBER—AT A GLANCE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>2</b> LABOUR DAY— Statutory Holiday	<b>3 School Opens</b> Gr 8: 8:30am–11:00am Gr 9: 9:15am-10:20am Gr 10: 10:20am-11:25am Gr 11: 11:25am-12:30pm	<b>4</b> <b>Day 1: 1234</b> Term 1 Begins RSPAC Welcome Coffee—8:45 am Players Hall	<b>5</b> <b>Day 2: 1234</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Day 1: 2314</b> RSPAC Welcome Breakfast (New and Grade 8 fami- lies) - 7:30 am
<b>9</b> <b>Day 2: 2314</b> WVS PREMIERE ACADEMY PROGRAMS COMMENCE	<b>10</b> <b>Day 1: 3124</b> Student Photos Parents' Curricular Evening (see schedule below)	<b>11</b> <b>Day 2: 3124</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Day 1: 1234X</b> Collaboration Day	<b>13</b> <b>Day 2: 1234</b> Grade 8's to Bowen Island "Crippen Comradery" 8:30am—3:30pm
<b>16</b> <b>Day 1: 2314</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Day 2: 2314</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Day 1: 3124</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Day 2: 3124X</b> Collaboration Day Meet the Teacher 5:30-7:00pm (see below)	<b>20</b> Pro-D-Day No Classes in Session
<b>23</b> <b>Day 2: 1234</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Day 1: 2314</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Day 2: 2314</b> PAC Meeting 8:30 am (Learning Commons)	<b>26</b> <b>Day 1: 3124</b> Terry Fox Run	<b>27</b> <b>Day 2: 3124</b> Retake Photos
<b>30</b> <b>Day 1: 1234</b> Orange Shirt Day	Outdoor Rec to Elfin Lakes Sept 25-27			
Please check the Rockridge School website for additional details or updates to this school calendar.				

**PARENTS CURRICULAR EVENING—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Gr. 8: 6:00 PM—6:45 PM in Player's Hall  
 Gr. 10: 6:00 PM—6:45 PM in the Learning Commons  
 Gr. 12: 7:00 PM—8:00 PM in Player's Hall

**MEET THE TEACHER—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

We hope you can join us to meet the teachers and familiarize yourself with the curriculum and work expectations for students' classes.



August 19, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardian of the Graduates of 2020:

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Grade 12 students on September 3rd to start the most exciting and probably the most challenging year of high school. Grade 12 is certainly a special year and we will do everything we can to support you throughout the year in preparing your student for whatever path they choose when they leave the doors of our District's schools.

We know that the graduating class of 2020 has the potential to be outstanding in terms of positive leadership and there will be high expectations placed on them. Although we realize that there is a lot of excitement surrounding the graduating year, we ask that students consider that the choices they make will impact their year and that of others.

Of particular concern are those events which are not school sponsored. These have included car rallies, trips, grad pranks and the grad sleepover. The grad sleepover is a "tradition" occurring the night before school starts on September 3rd. Although these activities take place outside of school hours, they have an effect on the school. We are very concerned for the safety of our young people when they participate in unsupervised activities that may involve the use of drugs and alcohol. Damage to property and forested areas reflects badly on the school and hinders our relationships with those whose responsibility it is to manage parks, trails and other public and private spaces. We need the support of all parents in ensuring that these activities are discouraged.

If your child expresses interest in participating in any of these events, please work with them to find an alternate celebration. We, like you, want your children to be as safe as possible in all situations, to get off to the best start, and to have a successful and rewarding year in every respect.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to phone us at the numbers below. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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# 2019-2020 CALENDAR

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August	Thu 29	District Professional Development Day – school not in session
September	Mon 02	Labour Day Holiday – school not in session
	Tue 03	School Opens
	Fri 20	Professional Development Day – school not in session
October	Mon 14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – school not in session
	Fri 25	Provincial Professional Development Day – school not in session
November	Sun 10	Remembrance Day
	Mon 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
	Mon 18	Professional Development Day – school not in session
December	Mon 23 – Fri Jan. 03	Winter Break – school not in session
January	Mon 06	School Re-opens for 2019
	Fri 24	Professional Development Day – school not in session
February	Fri 14	District Wide Reading Break – school not in session
	Mon 17	BC Family Day Holiday – school not in session
March	Fri 13	Last school day prior to Spring Break
	Mon 16 – Fri 27	Spring Break (District Wide) – school not in session
	Mon 30	Classes resume
April	Fri 10	Easter Friday Holiday
	Mon 13	Easter Monday Holiday
May	Fri 15	Professional Development Day – school not in session
	Mon 18	Victoria Day Holiday – school not in session
June	Thu 25	Last day of classes
	Fri 26	School Year Ends / Administrative Day