

October 10th, 2017

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Oct	Event
20	Provincial Professional Development Day – School not in Session
23	Curriculum In-Service (Non-Instructional Day) – School not in Session
25	7:00 pm UBC Information Session
26	7:00 pm PAC Chris Burt Presentation – see details below

COLLABORATION BLOCK

Grade 8

Students will meet in Players Hall where they will first receive information regarding our school's <u>Lockdown Procedures</u> in the event of an emergency. Secondly, they will move to the gym for a presentation by our West Vancouver Fire Department on <u>Fire Safety</u>, specifically targeting possible fire hazards at Hallowe'en events. It is expected that students will attend both presentations during collaboration block time.

Grade 9

Students will meet in the gym for a presentation by our West Vancouver Fire Department on <u>Fire Safety</u>, specifically targeting possible fire hazards at Hallowe'en events. Secondly, they will move to Players Hall where they will first receive information regarding our school's <u>Lockdown Procedures</u> in the event of an emergency. It is expected that students will attend both presentations during collaboration block time.

Grade 10 – Meet with MYP Personal Project Advisors

- Verify that your Annotated Bibliography and Process Journal are linked to your advisor.
- Share assessment Criteria with Advisor

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Upcoming Important Date: <u>Take Our Kids to Work Day</u> will take place on **Wednesday, November 1st, 2017**! All grade 9 students, **including Super Achievers, Academy and F.A.S.T. students will participate.** There will not be regular scheduled classes for grade 9s on this day. Students will receive a take-home package and assignment on October 12th with further information and permissions form. <u>http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/what-we-do/student-programs/take-our-kids-to-work</u>

TRAFFIC AND PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder to all members of the Rockridge Community that <u>all numbered spots are assigned to</u> <u>individual staff members</u>. Many of our staff are required at multiple sites at various times during the day and must have their spot available upon their return.

- Students wishing to park on school grounds must purchase a decal from Ms. Leeson. Vehicles without decals may be towed at the owner's expense.
- Please note that there is no visitor parking in front of the school from **7:30am 9:00am** and from **2:30pm 3:30pm**. We need to keep this area clear for access to the front of the building in the event of an emergency and to assist with traffic flow.
- Traffic is an increasing problem at many schools. Please speak with your child about finding alternate pickup spots other than directly in front of the main doors. There is no stopping permitted in the roundabout or at the entrance to the school property. Picking up a child in these areas creates congestion and reduces access in the event of an emergency. Please consider picking your child up at the following alternate locations:
 - North Parking lot (off Caulfeild Drive),
 - Pinetree Crescent (just off Caulfeild Drive)
 - Headland Drive (near Sprucefield Rd (South west of school).

We thank you for your assistance in improving access to our building.



PS. Please note that all school district property is designated as a "NO IDLING" zone.

CHRIS BURT PRESENTATION - 7:00-8:30 Thursday, Oct 26, 2017 @ Rockridge

Challenging Behaviours and Difficult Conversations with your Teens – click here to <u>register</u> The teen years can be challenging to parents and while traditional parenting methods can often start to 'backfire' and disrupt the establishment of relationships with teens, some of their behaviours invite us to use strict consequences. Where is the happy medium? A review of 'what works' with teens, as well as research-based insights into teen high risk behaviours that help us determine how to best support them during these challenging years.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR STUDENT TO HAVE THEIR FORMS COMPLETED?

ONLINE FORMS

The completion of the online form enables students to fully participate in their classroom activities. At this time:

• Some teachers cannot get all their students in their class set up on Google Apps

We ask that parents and guardians please complete the District Policies and Procedures Forms electronically, which are found on the school website at https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP

STUDENT RELEASE FORMS

We ask that parents complete and return these forms to the school so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness plan. Student Release Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

STUDENT VERIFCATION FORMS

We ask that parents sign and return forms confirming all information is correct and noting any changes to contact information. Student Verification Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FORMS ARE COMPLETED IS APPRECIATED