

November 6th, 2017

Rockridge Secondary School website WV School District Website Principal's Blog Daily Announcements

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Nov	Event
10	Professional Development Day – School not in Session
13	Remembrance Day Holiday
21	Environment Club – Holiday Plant Sale – To order <u>http://bit.ly/rockholidays17</u> Deadline Nov 21

COLLABORATION BLOCK – THURSDAY NOV 9, 2017

Grade 8

At the beginning of collaboration block, students will gather in front of the main office. They will each receive a booklet entitled, <u>What's the Deal?</u>" and an accompanying assignment that outlines healthy relationships and establishing boundaries for on-line safety. The students keep the booklet and hand in the assignment sheet no later than **Thursday November 16**th to the Career Education 8 tray in the Career Resource Centre.

This assignment is to be completed at school or at home by all grade 8 students including Super Achievers and Academy students.

Grade 9

Students will meet in Players Hall. Mr. Sandor will work with the students to do a pre-assessment exercise of the Self-management, Social and Communication Approaches To Learning rubrics as part of their MYP portfolio. A fully charged device other than a smart phone will be necessary for this activity.

These (3) rubrics are to be completed by all grade 9 students including Super Achievers, Academy and FAST students.

Grade 10 – Meet with MYP Personal Project Advisor

- Submit final Annotated Bibliography.
- Submit Process Journal entries 1-9.

EXPLORE BC POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS EVENT

On Thursday November 16th at 6:30PM Rockridge will be hosting 14 different BC post-secondary institutions. Grade 11 and 12 students and their parents are encouraged to attend. Students will have

the choice of attending 2 different information sessions and then meeting one on one with any of the other representatives at the end of the evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask specific questions about program options, admission requirements, housing, tuition, etc.

A list of the institutions attending includes:

BCIT, Canadian Armed Forces, Capilano University, Corpus Cristi College, Douglas College, Farleigh Dickinson University, Kwantlen Polytech University, Langara College, Northwest Community College, Quest University, Simon Fraser University, Trinity Western University, University of Victoria, Vancouver Community College

WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES

As winter approaches, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. The district aims to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, including those with snowfall. However, the final decision to send students to school resides with the parent or guardian since they are most familiar with the specific road and weather conditions around their home and community.

Weather Closure of Schools (Outside School Hours)

Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via: the school district website at <u>www.westvancouverschools.ca</u> and a synrevoice email. We endeavour to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. on the day of closure.

Weather Closure of Schools (During School Hours)

If weather conditions create a concern for the safety of students returning home, the school principal can decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent. The decision will be communicated to parents and students using the school's normal communication systems.

Student safety is our first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

As always, please refer to our website for the latest information.

NEW CURRICULUM - LETTER FROM EDUCATION MINISTER ROB FLEMING - see attached

The Ministry of Education has recently made some changes to the implementation schedule and assessments for students currently in grades 10-12. As many parents and guardians know, the new curriculum has now been fully implemented for students in Kindergarten – Grade 9; the letter also provides some information on future assessments for younger students.

WEST VAN RUN

March 3 & 4 Special Discounted Rate for Parents and Students who register with their school team:

- <u>Students (over 13): \$29.95</u>
- Students (13 & under): \$25
- Parents: \$29.95
- 1KM events (for Kids Under 13) are FREE

To register http://www.westvanrun.com/schools

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