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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Oct	Event
31	Hallowe'en Costume Contest at lunch in Player's Hall
Nov	Event
1	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
2	6:30 pm Scholarship Information Session in Player's Hall – Brittany Palmer
21	Environment Club – Holiday Plant Sale – To order http://bit.ly/rockholidays17 Deadline Nov 21

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY INFORMATION

Please note that according to the Rockridge School Code of Conduct, students may not possess or use firecrackers, fireworks at school. Halloween costumes must be appropriate for a school environment and they cannot include a weapon or any object meant to simulate the appearance of a weapon.

ROCKRIDGE HALLOWE'EN COSTUME CONTEST FUNDRAISER

During the Rockridge Hallowe'en Contest in Players Hall at lunch, Student Council will be collecting donations to create care packages for the homeless.

COLLABORATION BLOCK – THURSDAY NOV 2, 2017

Grade 8

Students will meet in Players Hall. Mr. Crowley 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 device other than a smart phone will be necessary for this activity.

Grade 9

Students will be participating with their parent or guardian in the Take Our Kids To Work Day event this Wednesday November 1st. **Permission forms are a requirement** and were submitted to the Career Resource Centre last week. On Thursday during the collaboration block, students will have the opportunity to complete and hand in their Take Our Kids To Work day assignment. Please visit www.msjansen.com Career Education 9 for assignment details. **This is the first take-home assignment for this course and is to be completed by all grade 9 students including Super Achievers, Academy and FAST students.**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION EVENING - 6:30PM, NOVEMBER 2ND IN PLAYER'S HALL

Unlock Your Future – The Key to Scholarships

Admission: \$5 per person or \$10 per family with all proceeds going towards the Rockridge Scholarship Fund. Students in all grades and parents are invited to join Brittany Palmer for this scholarship seminar as she teaches a step-by step program for navigating the scholarship process.

PROVINCIAL CURRICULUM UPDATE: CHANGES TO IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE – GRADES 10 TO 12

As you are aware, the Province of British Columbia has been engaged in a significant curricular revision process. A new K-9 curriculum took effect September 2017, and changes to the Gr 10-12 curriculum are forthcoming. On October 24, 2017 we received a communication from the Deputy Minister announcing a change to the implementation schedule. The rollout of the Gr 10-12 curriculum will now occur incrementally over the next two years, rather than all at once next year.

Grade 10:

Full implementation of the new curriculum for all subject areas in Grade 10 will be effective July 2018.

Grades 11 and 12:

Full implementation of the new curriculum for all subject areas will be effective July 2019.

Numeracy Assessment (write in Grades 10, 11 or 12):

The provincial graduation numeracy assessment will be implemented for the first time THIS school year. West Vancouver Schools will offer the exam session in June. More info to follow.

Literacy Assessment (write in Grade 11 or 12):

The provincial graduation literacy assessment will align with the implementation of the Grade 11 and 12 curriculum, and the first administration will now be scheduled for January 2020. More info to follow.

The complete public news release can be found at this link:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017EDUC0103-001803>

The intent behind the new timeline is to allow schools and school districts time to further explore the new curriculum in order to ensure an optimal implementation.

Our Grade 10-12 teachers have already been working with the draft new curriculum and implementing many aspects of the new program. As always, we will do our best to ensure our school community is updated and informed.

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 VERIFICATION 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**