



# ROCKRIDGE

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March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
March	Event
5	6:30 pm Outdoor Connections Open House in Rockridge Library
8	6:00-7:30 pm Grade 10 MYP Personal Project Exhibition
19-30	Spring Break – School not in Session
April 2	Easter Monday – School not in session

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Rockridge staff and students acknowledged Pink Shirt Day, a day to reflect on the importance of being kind and caring. Many members of our school community wore pink and our hallways and classrooms were adorned with touches of pink. Our Student Council wrote kind messages in classrooms and planned fun activities in Player's Hall at lunch. Of course the 'teacher feature' stole the show. Much to the delight of all in attendance, Vice-Principal Sandor made his 'rapping' debut along with other talented teachers who bravely 'sang', *Where is the Love* by the Black Eyed Peas.

Earlier that day at the PAC meeting, I shared progress made towards achievement of our school goal which is to improve students' organizational, affective and reflective skills. We are in Year 2 of our 3 year goal and hoping the work underway will support students' development of these important self-management skills.

During collaboration blocks we are providing resources and activities for students to help them navigate their high school years. On Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, grade 8 and 9 students accessed a variety of booths set up by our community partners and had opportunities to interact with experts who provided information on transit services, smoking, vaping, mental health, alcohol and other relevant topics.

This week we look forward to the Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition and Rock Talks. Both will showcase the communication skills our students are developing. I have no doubt we will see some impressive presentations!

### PARENT PORTAL

You will receive a bulletin tomorrow regarding viewing of Term 2 Report Cards.

## **COLLABORATION BLOCK – March 8, 2018**

### **Grade 8 and 9**

Students will meet in the gym. Our MYP Personal Project Coordinator, Mr. Henning, will brief the students on this process and their task. Afterwards, students will have time to converse with grade 10 students about their projects that will be set up in Player's Hall, the cafeteria and upstairs in the Learning Commons.

### **Grade 10 Students**

MYP Personal Project Exhibition

## **COURSE SELECTIONS 2018-19**

Any students in grades 8-11 who have not yet completed their course selections for next year must do so prior to March Break. There is one more session being held in the computer lab—Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> during collaboration. If students cannot attend either of these sessions they also have the option of doing their course selections in the counselling department on Thursdays from now until March Break.

## **ROCKRIDGE ADVANCED FILM CLASS**

The Advanced Film class at Rockridge is proud to present their latest feature film, a drama/thriller/comedy based on the short story Grey Matter by Stephen King. Originally published in 1973, Grey Matter is about the lengths one would go to for their family... with a dark twist. Rockridge Film has spent this year writing, rehearsing, filming, and editing this story to best convey not only the story's message, but the filmmaking expertise of our students.

Many students in the class aspire to post-secondary education in filmmaking and an eventual career in the industry. By attending the film's premiere on March 15th at the Kay Meek Theatre, you would be contributing to our Rockridge community and encouraging our students' education by supporting their work. Tickets are only \$12 and are available for purchase through the link below, or from any of the film's cast or crew. Rockridge Film class hopes to see you at the premiere of Grey Matter!

Tickets: <https://kaymeek.com/grey-matter/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RockridgeFilm/>

Instagram: @rradvancedfilm

## **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**