



# ROCKRIDGE

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Sept	Event
4	8:45 am (RSPAC) Welcome Coffee
6	7:30 am New Student & Family Welcome Pancake Breakfast
10	PHOTO DAY
10	6:00-6:45 pm Grade 8 Parent Information Evening in Player's Hall
10	6:00-6:45 pm Grade 10 Parent Information Evening in the Learning Commons
12	7:00-8:00 pm Grade 12 Parent Information Evening in Player's Hall

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We had a great start to our school year today, rolling out the red carpet for all our students as they walked through the doors of Rockridge. For some students it was the first time at a brand new school and we certainly tried to make it a positive, memorable experience. After attending grade assemblies, students went to their homerooms to receive forms, their timetables and locker information.

As you likely have heard, all West Vancouver secondary schools have adopted a new schedule which includes a 32-minute period between first and second block each day called FIT (Flexible Instructional Time). During this time, students can access their teachers for help, work collaboratively with peers or work on assignments. At the assemblies today, students were told that FIT is a gift of time that they can use to support their learning. The new Careers Curriculum for Grades 11 and 12 will also be delivered during FIT block. We are excited about the opportunity this revised schedule will provide our students.

For the next while, all students will report to their first class of the day and then go to their Homeroom class during FIT block where teachers will be sharing information, resources, strategies, and tools to help them experience success this year.

REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE						
DAY	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
8:25	<i>Welcoming Bell</i>					
8:30 – 9:41	1	1	2	2	3	3

<b>9:46 – 10:18</b>	<b>FIT BLOCK</b>					
<b>10:23 –11:34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>11:34 – 11:44</b>	<b>BREAK</b>					
<b>11:44 – 12:55</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>12:55 – 1:37</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>					
<b>1:42 – 2:55</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

**NEXT ROCKRIDGE ELL TESTING SESSIONS:**

Wednesday, September 4th 3:05-4:15 pm in room C207  
 Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 3:05-4:15 pm in room C207

**RSPAC WELCOME BACK COFFEE (Sept 4th) AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Sept 6th)**

Everyone is invited to join us in Player's Hall for the Rockridge Secondary Parent Advisory Council (RSPAC) Welcome Coffee on **Wednesday, September 4th at 8:45am**. Take the opportunity to catch up after the summer, meet new parents, and hear from Ms. Duncan, Principal.

Grade 8 families and other new families to Rockridge are invited to the PAC complimentary New Student and Family Welcome Pancake Breakfast on **Friday, September 6th at 7:30am** in the cafeteria. Please RSVP [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca).

**REMINDER PHOTO DAY – Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Photographs are used to issue the students their ID card that allows them a student discount on Public Transit.

**GRADE 8 STUDENTS FIELD TRIP – CRIPPEN COMARADERIE - SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 8:30-3:30**

On this field trip, students will be split into two large groups. One group will begin at Bowen Island Lodge and take part in getting to know you and team building/problem-solving activities with their advisory groups (teachers and grade 9/10 mentors). The other group will begin at Crippen Park and take part in Pinnacle Pursuit's "**Tribal Spirit Challenge**" in which the students will be divided into teams and then compete against each other through various super fun, high-impact, team-building challenge stations. Those students will then walk (through nature trails) to the Bowen Island Lodge and meet with the other group for **lunch (bring your own and no time to pick up food from Snug Cove)**. After lunch, the groups will switch.

- Please note that students are to be dropped off at the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal at 8:30 am and picked up there at 3:30 pm.
- Bowen Island students will meet us at the library at 9:30 am and be dismissed from Crippen Park or Bowen Lodge at 2:30 pm.
- Students will need to bring comfortable clothes, running shoes, water, lunch, sunscreen and rain wear as this trip will take place rain or shine.

**GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – 6:00-6:45 pm**

The Grade 8 Parent Information evening will provide information to parents regarding how to help your student have a successful transition to Grade 8, school procedures, and school teams/clubs. We hope Grade 8 parents can attend.

#### **GRADE 10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – 6:00-6:45 pm**

The Grade 10 Parent Information evening will provide information to parents regarding the requirements for completion of the IB Middle Years Programme. Information will also be provided regarding MYP assessment. We hope that grade 10 parents can attend this informative evening.

#### **GRADE 12 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – 7:00-8:00 pm**

The Grade 12 Parent Information evening will provide parents with tips and tools that they can use to best support students in their transition into their post-secondary lives.

#### **STUDENT EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS**

Student Release Forms have been distributed to students in their homeroom. We ask that parents complete and return forms to the school to complete our Emergency Preparedness plan.

#### **DISTRICT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FORMS**

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/Account/Login?rr=Form/PandP>

These forms include the following:

- Student Code of Conduct and Discipline
- Student Verification
- District Network and Internet Appropriate Use
- Privately Owned Electronic Devices Appropriate Use
- Use of Website Applications Outside British Columbia - Parental Consent
- Media, Digital Media, and Video Release - Parental Consent
- Community Activities Release Parental Consent
- Consent of Release Permission
- Google Apps for Education Consent
- B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

#### **IMPORTANT - CONSENT FOR COMMERCIAL MESSAGES**

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation came into force on July 1, 2014. As a result, the West Vancouver Board of Education would like your consent to send you newsletters, announcements and other electronic messages that may contain promotions, including information on field trips, fundraising, community events or programs, yearbooks, student pictures, optional educational programming, event tickets or similar offers. If you wish to receive commercial communications from the district and school, please enter your preferences at <http://westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/create-an-account> to subscribe. You may also use this link to change your preferences.

You may withdraw your consent at any time here, but please note that this will remove your email address from all school and district messages that may have a commercial component. You will continue to receive emergency and operational information as required: <http://westvancouver.schools.us7.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=2f5837d557969d5c2fb35dc88&id=b9fc8575c1>