



# ROCKRIDGE

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September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Sept	Event
30	ORANGE SHIRT DAY
Oct	
1	Grade 9 Grouse Mountain Experience
3	Clubs Day – see details below - Collaboration Block
3-6	Rockridge Surf Trip - Tofino
4	5:00-7:00 pm CUE Event – Rockridge Gym
22	6:30-8:30 PM Building A Free-Range Community For Children - Parent Evening at Kay Meek

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you are probably aware, there can be heavy traffic around our school site at dismissal time. It is difficult for vehicles to enter and exit our school parking areas as well as the Caulfield Mall. The passage of emergency vehicles would be impeded which is of considerable concern. Please consider carpooling, dropping off and picking up your children at a predetermined location away from the school property, and encouraging active transportation (biking, walking).

With recent changes to graduation requirements, I hope the information below helps clarify what the expectations are at each grade level.

#### If your student is currently in Grade 9...

- In 2019/20 (Grade 9) – No provincial assessment.
- In 2020/21 (Grade 10) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) **AND** Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment are required.
- In 2021/22 (Grade 11) – No provincial assessment.
- In 2022/23 (Grade 12) – Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment is required.

#### If your student is currently in Grade 10...

- In 2019/20 (Grade 10) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) **AND** Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment are required. Our Grade 10 students will be writing the GNA January 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> and the Literacy Assessment April 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.
- In 2020/21 (Grade 11) – No provincial assessment.

- In 2021/22 (Grade 12) – Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment is required.

**If your student is currently in Grade 11...**

- In 2019/20 (Grade 11) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is required. The GNA is scheduled from November 4-12<sup>th</sup>. We will assign a date and time for each of our students and they will be notified well in advance when they are scheduled to write this assessment. No requirement to complete the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment.
- In 2020/21 (Grade 12) – Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment is required.

**If your student is currently in Grade 12...**

- In 2019/20 (Grade 12) – Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is required (if not already written). Students can re-write in November. Please email Ms. Leeson if you would wish to be registered ([KLeeson@wvschools.ca](mailto:KLeeson@wvschools.ca)). There is no requirement to complete the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment, no Grade 12 Language Arts 12 provincial exam and no Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment for these students in 2019/20.

The GNA is primarily a computer-based assessment with two questions completed on paper. Students can opt to write it up to three times before graduating.

**COLLABORATION BLOCK**

**Grade 8 and Grade 9 Students**

Students will meet in the gym. The Benefits of Joining a Club, will be briefly presented. Students will then circulate around Players Hall with an accompanying assignment to help them discover the variety of clubs offered at Rockridge. We encourage students to get involved in at least one club of their choice.

**Grade 10 Students**

Students should be working on their Personal Project 9 process journals and 5 annotated bibliographies. These will be due on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see these presentation for more details: Process journal lesson & Annotated bibliography lesson.

**Grade 11 & Grade 12 Students**

Students should be working on their myBlueprint: Who Am I? activity which will be due on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see this presentation for more details

**SEEKING BASKETBALL COACHES - ALL LEVELS**

If you are interested in coaching basketball, approximately three nights a week for the months of December and January, and perhaps into the first week of February, please email athletic director Ian Armstrong. We need coaches at several levels, so if basketball is your game, please help us take the Rockridge teams to the Provincials this year!

**CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENT (CUE), Oct 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 from 5:00 TO 7:00PM**

Interested in attending post-secondary in Canada? Everyone is welcome to attend the largest fair we will host all year. There will be approximately 50 universities coming from all over Canada to talk to students and their parents about different opportunities that each of these institutions offer. If you are not sure what questions to ask reps please refer to the suggested questions [here](#).

**FUNDRAISER FOR BOYS RUGBY. SCRUMMING OUR WAY TO ARGENTINA!**

The Rockridge Boys Rugby team would greatly appreciate your support in their campaign to represent BC Rugby in Argentina in the Spring of 2020!

We will be selling 1LB bags of Lions Bay Coffee Company beans over the next few weeks at the school and on-line for \$18 a bag. Between \$5 and \$6 of each bag sold will be allocated to the Argentina Rugby Trip.

Choose from

- Espresso
- Harvey Creek Dark Roast
- Oceanview Medium Roast
- Decaffeinated

Orders can be placed on the school's cash on-line program

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/> or via email to [reynoldsclan00@yahoo.com](mailto:reynoldsclan00@yahoo.com)

Order deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Orders will be distributed throughout the sale, with all deliveries completed by November 10th.

When your orders become available, your student will be notified to pick it up at the school. Any orders placed by a Friday will be available at the school by the following Wednesday afternoon.

Or you can email [reynoldsclan00@yahoo.com](mailto:reynoldsclan00@yahoo.com) with special requests.

These are great gifts to give visitors, as Christmas gifts, house warming, or for yourself just to wake up in the morning with a fresh pot of coffee!!

### GAME OF APPS

Students at North Shore schools have an exciting opportunity to consider for the 2019-2020 school year. The "Game of Apps" organization is continuing its cohort on the North Shore again this year! We are hoping to have a Rockridge Team participating again!

Check out: <https://gameofapps.org/>

The program is open to any student who has an interest in the design and development of an app! (Although there is a limit to the number of students who will be accepted.)

- Programmers are obviously welcome but there will be lots of different skills needed on the team so we are also looking for anyone interested in the design process or people who have artistic ability
- The commitment is a big one – 24 weeknights and 4 Saturdays throughout the school year
- **The Game of Apps** will connect students with mentors who are industry designers and developers
- Students will be given the chance to learn teamwork skills and more about design thinking & agile software development
- Each team will create an app using some type of development environment (TBD)
- Teams from West and North Vancouver will eventually compete against teams from other schools in the Lower Mainland
- If you are interested in joining the Rockridge team, please apply on the GOA website:
  - Info Session will take place on Wed Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Time = 7-8 pm, Location = WVSS Library
  - Any questions, please contact Derrick Cheung ([MTrask@wvschools.ca](mailto:MTrask@wvschools.ca))

### **SALTS (Sail and Life Training Society)**

Any Grade 9-12 students interested in participating in a Sailing Trip on a Tall ship this Spring with SALTS, please come to a meeting Wed, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at lunch in the gym with Ms. Lambie [mlambie@wvschools.ca](mailto:mlambie@wvschools.ca).

### **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>

(Please note this form has already been completed by International students when registering in the West Vancouver School District)

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>