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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Sept 5	Labour Day Holiday
Sept 6	First Day of Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GR. 8: 8:30—11:00 AM</li><li>• GR. 9: 9:00 am—10:05 am</li><li>• GR. 10: 9:55 am—11:00 am</li><li>• GR. 11: 10:50 am—11:55 am</li></ul>
Sept 7	8:30—10:00 am Rockridge PAC Parent Coffee Morning - Player's Hall
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Photos</li><li>• Grade 8 Barbecue Lunch</li></ul>
9	7:30—8:30 am Rockridge PAC New & Gr 8 Family Welcome Breakfast 11:18 am Gr 12 Barbecue Lunch

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today is known as Opening Day across the West Vancouver School District. While it is not the first day of school for our students just yet, it is a special professional development day for all our staff . . . it is our first day of school! Just like it will be for our students next Tuesday, this is the day we get to reunite with our old friends, share stories about summer vacation and connect with new colleagues with so many questions about what lies ahead in 2022-23.

Today is an important opportunity for our staff at Rockridge to come together as a team and get things ready for the official first day of school on Tuesday, September 6th. Our preparations today began at the Kay Meek Theatre with big picture visioning activities that guide all schools in our district. This afternoon our staff worked on details specific to Rockridge, some of which are part of today's E-Bulletin.

There was a lot of information in last Friday's newsletter that welcomed families to the new school year. You can find that document on our website [HERE](#). I thank you in advance for taking a few minutes today to look through our regular Thursday E-Bulletin. There is new information for families that has been added to our busy September calendar above. There are two special Ro-PAC events in particular that

help parents make connections with one another and our school, and we hope you will consider attending. Also below are some actionable items for families that are part of launching September successfully for our Rockridge students.

We hope our communication over the last week has not been too much or too little so that everyone in your home is feeling ready for Tuesday. I am really looking forward to next week and wish you a safe and restful long weekend ahead. There is important learning and work ahead this year for all of us to support every student on their *road to graduation*. Thank you for helping get your home informed and organized for the school year ahead with us at Rockridge.

### **HORSESHOE BAY FERRY AND SCHOOL-BUS SCHEDULE UPDATE**

As noted in the newsletter, on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th, we will have regular school bus service for morning drop-off at Rockridge, but no pick-up service at the various dismissal times for each grade. For your information, the Blue Bus will depart from Safeway at 10:18 and 11:18, and the HB-Snug Cove Ferry departures are at 11:15am and 12:40pm.

Earlier this week there was concern about a posted earlier departure time for the after-school sailing of the Horseshoe Bay to Snug Cove Ferry in the first six weeks of the school year. After district consultation with BC Ferries, we have now received confirmation that the schedule will remain unchanged, and our Bowen Island resident students will arrive at the terminal on time to catch the 3:30pm sailing.

### **SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023**

Students in West Vancouver School District are eligible to receive transportation services if: You live WITHIN the “catchment area” of Rockridge, AND You live OUTSIDE the “walk limits - 4.8 km from school” of Rockridge

If you are planning on having your student travel to and from school on the Yellow school-bus for the 2022-23 school year, you are required to register on the West Vancouver Schools [website](#) to confirm your eligibility.

### **UPDATE: Math 8 and PE 8 ONLY will run as Linear Courses**

Under the semester system, students will complete eight courses each year, but will participate in four classes, each semester. New this year, Math 8 and PE 8 will run as linear courses, all year long, to sustain understanding (Math) and encourage consistent physical activity (PE). More information will be shared on this schedule with our grade 8 homeroom classes next week.

### **MYEDBC Parent Portal - STUDENT SCHEDULES**

*Your MYEDBC Parent Portal will be reactivated on Friday.* The [Parent Portal](#) enables you to view your child’s timetable, attendance, and report cards.

**Parents NEW to Rockridge** – You will receive an email with User ID and Temporary Passwords.

### **Course change requests**

Student schedules have been created based on student requests. Implementing course changes is always challenging, but we will do our best. For graduation purposes, counsellors will be prioritizing Grade 12 students. To be considered for any changes students will need to complete a [course change](#)

[google form.](#)

- **Please do not contact counsellors directly at this time regarding course changes or requests as they will be working exclusively from the change form list.**
- Course changes will only be made based on educationally sound reasons and can only be accommodated if space is available in classes.
- There is only one form per student allowed so be mindful when completing the form.
- Requests will be available until Friday Sept. 9 at 3:15pm.
- Students should continue to attend the originally scheduled course(s) until a counsellor has connected with them. Have a great school year!

### **SchoolCash Online - Student Fees**

Rockridge uses School Cash Online for school items requiring payment. This system is utilized throughout the West Vancouver School District, and you and your child will continue to receive payment requests in this manner.

If you are new to the WV School District and have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a temporary PIN number to be used the first time you log in, then you will be prompted to create a login and password for future access. Please email [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you are not yet set up with an account.

*We thank you for keeping your account current.*

### **ART ROOM WISH LIST**

In the spirit of reusing and recycling....If you have any unused art supplies in good condition, donations of the following items are always appreciated: Pencil crayons, pencils or art supplies in good condition. No magazines or recycling. No oil-based paints.

### **ELL ASSESSMENT**

For Permanent Resident ELL students and any Int'l students who haven't been assessed there will be assessment sessions: [ELL Assessment Schedule September 2022](#) on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

### **ABSENCE NOTIFICATION**

Please be sure to inform the school: [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) if your student will be delayed in starting school, noting the reason for their delay and the anticipated start date.

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES form 2021-2022 - <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>**

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be completed for all students each year.

If a parent previously created an account to complete the 21/22 form, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. Once logged in, parents have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please be aware that a new P+P consent form **MUST** be completed for each student, each school year. Without a completed consent form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

### Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

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