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CALENDAR UPDATE	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
Friday, Sept 16	Grade 12 BBQ Lunch
Sept 19	National Holiday - School Closed
Sept 20	Gr. 8 Bowen Trip Sept 20-22 Outdoor Rec Trip to Garibaldi
Sept 21	
Sept 22	Student Photo Retakes Sept 22 – 25 RR Surf Trip Terry Fox Run - Block 5 - Donate 12:40 Early Dismissal - MYP Collab
Sept 23	Pro-D-Day
	School Bus Registration
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In our first newsletter of the year, I referred to our parents/guardians/caregivers of our students as 'participants'. Last night, our staff proudly opened their doors and shared the learning, leading and teaching that supports and promotes student success at Rockridge. I realize not everyone could attend our Meet the Teacher and Curricular Night, but I was so pleased with the turnout last night - thank you for fitting us into your schedules and being participants in your student's learning. Getting a chance to see classrooms, meet teachers, attend a curricular presentation and walk through your student's schedule always helps to build connections and understanding with what learning looks like at Rockridge. In the event you could not attend, or you have questions for one of our staff, please feel free to reach out to them. Our website has up to date email contacts for you as needed.

If you were inspired by your visit to Rockridge last night, or would love to see and learn more about what is happening day to day, I really encourage you to follow our school on Twitter: [@RockridgeSS](#) We share regular posts, updates and re-Tweets that provide a great window into 'all things Rockridge'.

The unexpected long weekend may have given you the opportunity to plan something special, or perhaps it is a usual workday on Monday for you. Regardless of your plans, I hope all our families have a good weekend and our students are rested up and ready for Tuesday. A friendly reminder, as per the calendar above, Friday, September 23rd is a Professional Development Day for our staff. Teachers will be collaborating in interdisciplinary teams around topics of assessment, technology and more!

RAVEN LIFE

School sports are not only back this fall, they are in full swing at Rockridge. Our morning announcements and hallway TVs provide updates for students regarding tryouts and practices. Coming up on **September 29th** is our annual **Clubs Day** which will provide another opportunity for our students to get involved, find their people and pursue their passions.

NEW RAVEN STAFF

At the end of last week we had two new additions, or changes to our staff. First off, we would like to welcome our new English and Social Studies teacher Ms. Megan Meshi. Ms. Meshi has been a TTOC in West Vancouver Schools since last year after moving from Calgary. She is excited to be joining our Rockridge family and we are pleased to have her energy and creativity as part of our school too.

#TerryFoxSchoolRun #TryLikeTerry - Sept 22, 2022 - Block 5

in 1980, Terry Fox set the bar high for himself when he started his Marathon of Hope, saying, "Nobody is ever going to call me a quitter." Our school is proudly taking part in this year's Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's legacy. Please support our school's fundraising efforts to raise much-needed funds for cancer research. Donate [here](#)

JUNE 2022 HONOURS RECOGNITION - see attached document listing students

Honour Roll is based on Rockridge Secondary School or West Vancouver School District performance. External courses (courses outside of Rockridge Secondary School or West Vancouver School District) will not be included in the Honour Roll calculation. A student on the Dogwood program has their Honour Roll status calculated using their top six or seven courses depending on their grade. Students enrolled in the Pursuit program may have their honour Roll status calculated on all enrolling courses if they do not meet the minimum enrollment requirements for their grade as described below. A student on the Evergreen program has their Honour Roll status calculated based on meeting the outcomes of their Individual Education Plan. Each student that achieved honour roll status in the 2021-2022 academic year should have picked up their certificate today at lunch or during Block 5. If not, they can collect it from the office in the coming days. Specific grade requirements are listed on the Rockridge [website](#). Congratulations to All!

COLLAB BLOCK SCHEDULE & EARLY DISMISSAL - See Schedule Below

Please note buses will leave at noon so that students can catch the 12:35pm Bowen ferry. To give the teachers the opportunity to fully focus on their MYP collaboration, we ask that if students remain in the building, they quietly work/study in the common area learning spaces available around the school. The classrooms and library will be off limits.

Thurs, Sept 22
Block 3 8:30-10:10
Break 10:10-10:15
Block 4 10:15-11:55
Bus Departs 12:00pm
Block 5 11:55-12:40
Lunch 12:40-1:20
MYP Collab 1:20-2:50

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Adding to her current teaching responsibilities, Ms. Kerri van Doorninck has taken on an important new leadership role here at Rockridge this year. Ms. van Doorninck is our new Indigenous Success Teacher and replaces Ms. Langlois who moved to a new school in North Vancouver (Carson Graham). Ms. van Doorninck will be a key person for our indigenous youth and families to connect with providing extra cultural, academic and social emotional support and guidance to our students with Indigenous ancestry. She will also be an important staff leader for professional development of teachers and support for the continued ways we weave Indigenous ways of teaching and learning into our classrooms from grade 8 to 12.

LAPTOP SIGN OUT REQUIREMENTS

Learning with Technology: Digital devices play an important role in our students' education at Rockridge. In fact, throughout West Vancouver Schools BYOD - Bring Your Own Device is a teaching practice we implement in all schools/classrooms from Grade 4 to 12.

Which Device Do Students Need? We understand the need for students to have access to a laptop/tablet is essential for supporting and furthering their learning across all subject areas. From accessing Google Classroom and other learning platforms to simply emailing a teacher, laptops are an essential school supply. In contrast, phones are not used in classrooms in the same manner for a variety of management reasons, which means a phone cannot replace a laptop as a learning tool.

Borrowing a Laptop:

We have a small supply of laptops to lend students on the rare occasion that they forget their device. We are running out daily which means we cannot accommodate students who have simply forgotten their laptop/tablet, or it is not charged. It also requires a lot of time from our office staff to sign laptops in and out which means students need to keep their device charged and brought back and forth from school each day. Please ensure your student brings their device each day along with a power cord / charger as part of their school supplies as the office will not be able to provide daily loans for devices that are forgotten.

*If your student does not have a laptop, please contact Vice Principal Jennifer Towers: jtowers@wvschools.ca You may arrange a long-term loan if you are between devices and do not currently have a laptop/tablet or your laptop is out for repair. In order to arrange a longer-term loan with Ms. Towers, we do require contact from a parent or guardian.

2022/2023 District of West Vancouver Youth Leadership Committees

The [application](#) is now available! If you know of any preteens or youth that may be interested in joining one of Youth Services' exciting committees*, please feel free to share this around and encourage them to apply. For more information on the WV Youth Services Team click [here](#)

SCHOOL PHOTOS – GRADSBBC

Thank you for participating in the recent School Photo Day portrait sessions! We are excited to announce that we have expanded our portrait offerings and added more value to our product line with various package upgrades and over 50+ Backgrounds to choose from! ***If you have questions regarding the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com.***

Below is a link to view your proofs.

- **Visit Gallery Link:** <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
- **Order deadline is Monday October 3rd at 9PM.**
- Your *online code* is your student/pupil number, which can be found on last year's ID/GO card plus your 2-digit birth date

Example: if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, online code is 0012303

Retakes?

We're positive you rocked your first photo session... but just in case you decide to have a retake.... **Thursday, September 22nd (am only)**. Retakes are for yearbook photos only. You will not be receiving a second ID card from your retake session. If you would like a second ID card or would like a new one with your retake photo, you can purchase an additional card online.

Questions?

Please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.
<https://gradsbc.com/frequently-asked-questions/>

MYED BC Parent Portal

The [Parent Portal](#) enables you to view your child's timetable, attendance, and report cards. Each parent or guardian will have their own separate account. We are currently updating 'New' student accounts. If you have not received a username and password by tomorrow afternoon, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

BLUE BUS SERVICE

The Blue Bus is still experiencing some delays and cancellations of bus service, particularly of route 253 which affects our school. They have advised us that this interruption in service may last a month and have asked families to look into alternate forms of transportation to get to school. For more information or to speak with someone at the Blue Bus please call 604 986 7777

We appreciate your patience and understanding

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are happy that health and safety updates need not be the top of our E-Bulletins each week, but we do want to ensure families know that the wellness of our Rockridge community is always top of mind. With this in mind, there are three simple reminders we continue to share with staff, students and caregivers:

1. Hand hygiene is an effective means to prevent illness.
2. Wearing a mask is always an option for members of our school community.
3. If you are not well, stay home, rest and return when you are better. Students can use Google Classroom, contact their teacher or classmates to keep up with assignments.

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CLEANUP - September 26 - October 2, 2022

The West Vancouver Community Cleanup is a litter clean-up initiative that encourages residents, businesses, schools, and community groups to get involved, get outside, and help clean up West Vancouver. For more information visit their [website](#)

RECURRING ITEMS

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 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.

EXCUSED ABSENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL

If a student will be late for school or missing a block, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to rockridge@wvschools.ca. Please include the student's full legal name and grade, time of Absence and Reason for Absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate 'late' rather than 'absent'.

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.

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.