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CALENDAR UPDATE	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
Sept 9	New and Gr. 8 Family Breakfast: 7:30am to 8:30am
Sept 12	
Sept 13	Careers 8/9 Presentation in Block 5
Sept 14	Meet the Teacher and Curricular Night
Sept 15	
Sept 16	
	School Bus Registration
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our own Superintendent Kennedy very wisely calls September the real 'New Year' for educators . . . and it's true! We really are ringing in the new (school) year this week and feeling the beginning of something very special. Whether you are this year's graduation class of 2023, our future class of 2027, or somewhere in between, this week is truly a new beginning.

This week has been one of adjustments, settling in and the sharing of a lot of information to help students launch into semester one successfully. Our counsellors and admin team are working hard to respond to course schedule requests which are a top priority for students and our staff. It can be a fun week for students, but it can also be challenging to develop routines and schedules while maintaining their social and extracurricular interests. A comment Mr. Thomson made really stuck with me this week and I think it is sage advice for everyone in grade 8 to 12. . . "find your people". Your homeroom, a club, a team or who you eat lunch with can all be the people that add to your experience at secondary school. We want our students to follow their passions, but every journey is richer when it is shared with others we can call friends, teammates and classmates. I hope students are coming home this week and sharing with you that they are 'finding their people'.

Our admin team enjoyed being able to speak to each grade on Tuesday to highlight our shared values at Rockridge and the structures, supports and opportunities that will make 2022-23 successful for all students.

For new families to Rockridge and grade 8 families we have a special community building tradition that takes place tomorrow morning before school. I will be arriving at school with some very dedicated PAC members at 6am to prepare for our pancake breakfast that runs from 7:30am to 8:30am. We hope to see you Friday morning, not only to have breakfast, but to connect with other families and staff to close out this special first week of school.

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

NEXT WEDNESDAY - MEET THE TEACHER AND CURRICULUM NIGHT

We hope our Rockridge parents and guardians will join us next **Wednesday, September 14th** for our Meet the Teacher and Curricular Evening. We are looking forward to this in-person event that will give you a personal opportunity to visit our beautiful learning spaces, meet members of our teaching staff and learn more about our courses and opportunities for students.

We will have **Indish Food Truck** onsite to help make it easier to fit this evening event into your busy schedule. You may want to make your dinner plans with us beginning at 4:15 in front of the school with Indish.

Parent and Guardian Homework for September 14th: Since there are several teachers for you to meet, as well as, curricular sessions for some grades, we have created a formal schedule that will run as follows:

4:15: Food Truck sales begin for our visitors.

5:18 to 5:25: Block 1-1

5:30 to 5:37: Block 1-2

5:42 to 5:49: Block 1-3

5:54 to 6:01: Block 1-4

6:06 to 6:13: Outside the Timetable A

- Work Experience, AP Art. Choir, Career Life Connections (CLC) 11 & Yearbook

6:18 – 6:25: Outside the Timetable B

- Jazz Band, Mentorship 10, Leadership 11, Career Life Connections (CLC) 12 & Career Life Education (CLE) Blended (Tues and Thurs groups)

6:30 – 7:00: Curricular Sessions:

Grade 8s – Learning Commons

Grade 10s – Cafeteria

Grade 12s & AP – Player’s Hall

It will be helpful to have a paper or digital copy of your schedule with you when you arrive, but. copies of student schedules can be provided for you from the office, and we will have student mentors with maps in hand to help you find your way to the right classrooms.

While you are visiting Rockridge next Wednesday Please Visit . . .

THE ROCKRIDGE USED BOOK SALE

Come by the Library Learning Commons on Meet the Teacher night to check out a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction used books. Book sales will be by donation and all proceeds will be used to support the Grad Book Awards in June.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PERMIT APPROVAL

Last week our Rockridge Outdoor Classroom committee was delighted to receive the wonderful news that we have been officially issued a building permit to go ahead with the construction of our new outdoor learning space. After many hours of planning, designing, fundraising and redesigning the next steps toward construction can begin to move forward. We are looking forward to updating you on the progress here in our E-Bulletin, as well as through our PAC meetings and monthly newsletters. Check out our Rockridge Twitter account [@RockridgeSS](#) to see a design image of this new space.

Careers 8 & 9 - September 13th - Block 5

Introductory session and expectations for 2022 - 23 Career Education 8 & 9.

Grade 8 Bowen Trip September 20th

Reminder to complete the payment through [SchoolCash](#) online and submit the form to your student’s block 1-1 teacher by September 16th. Academy students should attend the event but catch the 12:05 ferry and board the west van buses to academy. Pursuit students will leave on that same ferry and be picked up from horseshoe bay ferry terminal.

Terry Fox Run

- What: Terry Fox Run
- When: Thursday Sept 22 (Block 5)
- Where: Rockridge
- Donate: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/11882>

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.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Please be sure to inform the school: 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.