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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Math/PE 8 - WEEK 2	
Oct 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO-D-DAY - No classes in session • Language challenge exam application deadline - see details below
Oct 22	Pumpkins for Polio sale - Rockridge turnaround - 12:00 - 4:00pm
Oct 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine Arts/Applied Skills - 2nd rotation starts today • Rockridge hosting PSI-(Post-Sec BC) 6:30 – 8:30pm
Oct 25	RR Physics Big Egg Drop Event with WVFD - 10:30 - 11:30am
Oct 26	International Student Lunch in PH - 11:18am - 12:02pm
Oct 27	8:30-11:00 COMC Math Contest - Rockridge Library Block 5 Gr. 8/9 In Person Careers Presentation (mandatory - attendance taken)
Oct 28	
Upcoming	
Oct 31 - Nov 4	Graduation Literacy Assessment - schedule posted on Class of 2023 google classroom
Nov 2	Grade 9 TOKTW Day
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last night we hosted our first PAC meeting that was very well attended. It may be a new week, however, the theme of parents as participants was once again front and centre at Rockridge this week. My principal report also served as the guest speaker presentation for our PAC meeting where I talked about the opportunities and success with Block 5.

One of the details I shared with parents last night was in regard to Block 5 and helping students create an effective plan. The productive use of Block 5 is my goal for all our students and fuels the regular Tuesday and Thursday mantra from the Rockridge school principal - "You should never go home on Tuesday or Thursday with homework." To further support this idea, I have included a list of actions below and link to help families discuss and help students plan for Tuesday and Thursday Block 5:

- Discuss a plan for Block 5 with your student.
- Follow up with your student after Block 5.
- Check in with a teacher if you have questions.

- Follow up with your student's counsellor if you have concerns about your student's progress.
- Here is a [list](#) of where each teacher will be during BLOCK 5. Knowing these teacher locations can help parents/guardians discuss with students the staff they can connect with during Block 5.

Teacher locations during Block 5: Save this link for future reference! bit.ly/rrFITlocations22

Lastly, it has been another exciting week at Rockridge with so many stories to celebrate and share, please take a moment to open the attachment called Raven Life for a quick look at some of the other things our students have been busy doing this week.

BC University Information Session @ Rockridge Monday, Oct. 24th from 6:30 to 8:30PM

Rockridge will host 13 BC Post-Secondary institutions Monday evening. Students and their families are invited to participate in two information sessions, the first from 6:30 - 7:10 PM and the next from 7:15 to 7:55 PM. Following, from 8:00 - 8:30 PM, all University representatives will be available in Player's Hall to answer questions. Institutions attending include; UVIC, SFU, CapilanoU, BCIT, etc. These institutions will not be presenting at the school again this year so please make it a priority to attend these valuable sessions.

Updated TOKTWD (Date Change) -Tuesday November 2nd is Take Our Kids to Work Day.

We have changed the date to reflect what the wider community is doing due to some conflicts. Please save Wednesday Nov. 2nd as the day that grade 9's will be going to work with their parents/guardians. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

This year, TOKTWD will be held at job sites with a parent/guardian (where possible). We encourage students to reach out to extended family if opportunities are not available within their immediate family. All grade 9's will be marked 'excused, absent' for the day unless a parent informs us that their child will be attending school. Please email Rockridge School rockridge@wvschools.ca if your child will not be participating in TOKTWD. Students will have interview questions that they will complete while out at their worksite while students that do not participate, will have an alternative assignment on this subject to complete through their Careers 9 google classroom.

Please contact Counsellor Jamal Ahmelich JAhmelich@wvschools.ca if you have any questions.

Thanks for supporting this amazing event for our grade 9's.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS:

Students interested in writing a language challenge exam should speak to their counsellor to receive more information. Language Challenge exams -- French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish and Farsi.

Please note **Farsi** has recently been added to the Language Challenge exams, therefore the deadline for application submission has been **extended** to Friday Oct. 21. Applications can be found [here](#).

2021-2022 Yearbooks Available (Last Year's Books)

If you missed your chance to buy a yearbook last year, we have a limited number available! You can purchase them from the office for \$50 by credit or debit.

MyEducation BC & BC Services Card

MyEducation BC has developed a new feature that provides BC students and parents with the choice to connect their BC services card to MyEducation BC and use the BC services card app, rather than the district issued username and password.

Please see the [MyEducation BC Family Portal](#) on the West Vancouver Schools Website and select 'Student Portal Guides' or 'Family Portal Guides' as appropriate for further information.

RAVENS ATHLETICS:

FALL TEAMS AT ROCKRIDGE:

- Jr. Boys Soccer and Sr. Boys Soccer
- Juvenile, Jr. and Sr. Girls Volleyball
- Jr. Boys Rugby
- Sr. Field Hockey
- X-Country Running - Jr. and Sr.
- Sr. Swim Team

Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

Look for Raven athletic updates right here in our weekly E-Bulletin.

See the attached **Raven Life PDF** with this week’s E-Bulletin for pictures and results.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Rockridge Senior Girls Field Hockey Team who wrapped up a Successful Season on Monday!

The Team WON the NORTSHORE BANNER for the 1st time!

After a short Regular Season, the team went UNDEFEATED in the Play-Offs! The Team DEFEATED Collingwood for the 1st time scoring a THRILLING 1-0 VICTORY in the Final to bring the Banner back to Rockridge! Early in the 4th quarter, Amelia D. broke down the right side and passed the ball to Emily C. in front of the net who calmly put the ball into the goal to give Rockridge the Lead! TEAM DEFENCE went to work and battled **Hard** for the rest of the game; with Goalie Jessica M. making Incredible key **Saves** to preserve the **Lead!**

EVERY MEMBER OF THE TEAM MADE KEY CONTRIBUTIONS IN GAMES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON!
FANTASTIC TEAMWORK!!! WELL DONE!!! 😊

Coach: Kathleen Farr

PUMPKINS FOR POLIO SALE! - Saturday, October 22nd, 12-4pm

The youth-led Interact Club is hosting its annual Pumpkin drive-through sale, located at the turnaround in front of Rockridge. With minimum donations of \$5.00 per pumpkin; all proceeds from the sale will go to an international organization called *End Polio*, an accredited non-profit charity whose mission is to fully eradicate polio, a debilitating and life-threatening disease. Support the Rockridge Interact Club, Rotary of West Vancouver Sunrise, and join our efforts to *End Polio* next Saturday. For more information on *End Polio* click [here](#).

Semester 1 - Gr. 8 & 9 Careers Dates for Block 5	
Tuesday	Thursday
October 11	October 27
November 8	November 24
December 6	January 5

January 17

SEMESTER ONE: Gr. 8 Advisory Dates for Block 5

Grade 8 Advisory #3	Thurs. Nov. 3
Grade 8 Advisory #4	Thurs. Nov. 15
Grade 8 Advisory #5	Thurs. Dec. 1
Grade 8 Advisory #6	Tues. Dec. 13
Grade 8 Advisory #7	Thurs. Jan. 12
Grade 8 Advisory #8	Tues. Jan. 24

Automated phone calls/emails are sent home when students are absent from a class. This includes Block 5 for grade 8 students and Careers for grade 8 and 9. The automated call system does not specifically explain which block a student missed, so we do ask that parents/guardians discuss any unexpected absence calls with your student first, then call our office if you have further questions or inquiries.

UPCOMING GRADUATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT 12 - OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 4

All 12s must complete the Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA) the week of October 31-Nov 4. The tests have been scheduled. Students can find their exact time and location on a list shared through the Grad class of 2023 google classroom. If students have a conflict or any questions, please contact Ms. Towers ASAP.

For students applying to UBC - a proficient (level 3 of 4 levels) score must be achieved on this assessment. To prepare for this assessment please see [this document](#) - with links to practice assessments. If a student wishes to rewrite the GLA10 or GNA10 assessment, they should contact Ms. Towers

RECURRING ITEMS

REMEMBRANCE DAY – CALL OUT FOR CADETS & BAGPIPERS

We are currently planning for our upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony scheduled for November 10th this year. Each year we've been fortunate that Rockridge students who also serve as Cadets have been able to participate in the ceremony. If your child is presently a Cadet, we invite you or them to put their name forward to participate. We are also looking for an experienced Bagpiper to assist at the beginning of the Ceremony. Please email Mr. Thomson (gthomson@wvschools.ca) if you know of someone who can assist.

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.

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

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

A reminder to all parents regarding the student drop-off procedures before and after school. Your cooperation will ensure a safe and efficient process, allowing emergency vehicles access to our building at all times. Walking to school is a great alternative for students, to avoid traffic congestion and added stress. Thank you in advance! Please be aware of the following:

- All numbered spots in both the front and back parking lots are staff designated at all times; many of our staff work at multiple sites and need spots left open for their return. Please do not park in a numbered spot at any time.
- Visitor spaces at the front of school are not to be used from 7:30am to 9:00am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm. If you need to park, during these times, please use the Upper North Lot.
- Please do not block the driveway at any time and do not stop in the circle directly in front of the main entrance.
- Student drivers are permitted to park in the North Lot only; all student drivers must purchase a Rockridge Parking Decal from the office.
- Carpooling or drop off locations outside of school property will alleviate congestion for all.

It is recommended that parents pull forward and pick up their child adjacent to the field whenever possible or in the North Lot. We appreciate your cooperation to help ensure the front of the school is kept clear and traffic flows efficiently.

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.