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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Math/PE 8 - WEEK 1	
Fri., Nov 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Remembrance Day - School Closed
Mon., Nov. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Professional Development Day - No Classes In Session● Grad Portraits - 3:30pm - 9:00pm in Player's Hall
Tue., Nov. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grade 8 Advisory in Block 5 - with Student Mentors and Gr. 12 Leadership Students
Wed., Nov 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● RO-PAC Meeting - 5:30pm in the Library Learning Commons● Foundry North Shore: Work & Wellness - Supporting Youth Employment 7-9pm NVSD Office (See attachment)
Thu., Nov. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mid-Term Semester / Term 1 Linear Report Cards Posted to the Parent Portal● Grad Boat Cruise
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Across all schools in British Columbia today, we gathered to honour Remembrance Day. West Vancouver Schools have strong ties to community members and our local history. Students and staff at Rockridge reflected that deep respectful understanding during our assembly today. The preparation and delivery of our assembly showcased tremendous artistic talent and leadership from students. Student performers were guided by a team of staff members over the past weeks. The result today was that every performance and spoken word was moving and special. The audience was respectful, silent and engaged, demonstrating the close community that Rockridge creates.

Our student presenters for Remembrance Day wish to thank the following staff for their support: Mr. Lam, Ms. Collins, Mr. Parker, Ms. Van Doorninck, Ms. Lehman, Mr. Henning, Ms. Corbett, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Chubb, Mr. Thomson, Connor at facilities, our custodial team and the Rockridge PE Department for sharing the gym space.

To see a few photos from today and other learning this week please see this [Raven Life link](#). Have a great weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday, November 15.

DISTRICT AFFORDABILITY FUND

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding grant for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities. Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to their principal if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

ROCKRIDGE PAC MEETING - Nov. 16th @ 6pm in the Library Learning Commons (and via Zoom)

We hope you will join us for the upcoming PAC meeting next Wednesday. A Zoom link will also be provided in the PAC Bulletin coming to your inbox next Monday. Our guest presenter will be Ian Kennedy, Director of Instruction for West Vancouver Schools. He will be speaking about next year's schedule.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTING

Semester 1 Reports will be published to the MYEDBC Parent Portal this Thursday, November 17th. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

BLOCK 5 UPDATES THIS WEEK

Our Tuesday and Thursday schedule provides ongoing opportunities for students to use their time to focus on the individualized learning they need.

On Tuesday Gr. 8 Careers featured a special guest presentation titled Youth Cannabis Awareness Program. Students can now complete the assignment posted in the Class of 2027 Google Classroom as outlined by Mr. Pandher.

At the same time Tuesday, Gr. 9 students completed a Take Our Kids To Work Reflection with Mr. Ahmelich and engaged with the mentimeter.

Check out this [Raven Life link](#) with this week's E-Bulletin to see some photos of some of the other learning activities happening during Block 5 recently.

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

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.

SEMESTER ONE Gr. 8 & 9 Careers Dates for Block 5	SEMESTER ONE: Gr. 8 Advisory Dates for Block 5
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Tuesday	Thursday	Grade 8 Advisory #4	Thurs. Nov. 15
October 11	October 27	Grade 8 Advisory #5	Thurs. Dec. 1
November 8	November 24	Grade 8 Advisory #6	Tues. Dec. 13
December 6	January 5	Grade 8 Advisory #7	Thurs. Jan. 12
January 17		Grade 8 Advisory #8	Tues. Jan. 24

SAFETEEN PRESENTATION - for all Grade 10s Nov 29th 9am-noon

All grade 10s will take part in violence prevention training put on by the [Safeteen organization](#). Students will be assigned to a gendered group (including a gender freedom group). We have hosted this workshop in the past and found it very valuable for our students.

GRAD UPDATE

Boat cruise tickets will be on sale until **November 15th for the event on the 17th from 6-9:30pm.**

Please purchase your tickets through <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/> and be reminded that [Permission forms](#) must be completed and returned before picking up the official paper ticket from the table outside the front office.

Grad wear is on sale now. Check out what it looks like and the sizing charts [HERE](#). Please purchase it through <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/> by November 22nd. We will order by the 24th and then get the items before the winter break.

ORLANDO 2023 NEXT STEPS:

Thanks for attending the parent meeting on Nov 7th @6pm - slides [HERE](#). Time to register and pay the deposit for the trip - due November 24th. The parent information package [HERE](#) contains all of the info about registration and paying the deposit. We are hoping for 30 students to make this trip possible.

Note - if we do not reach our target number by Nov 24th - all money will be refunded to you. If you have any questions, reach out to jtowers@wvschools.ca

ANNUAL WINTER WEATHER REMINDER: - SCHOOL DISTRICT WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

The snow is upon us! This is a good reminder for all of us to note our *Winter Weather* protocols, linked in the title above. An additional reminder for Bowen students and their families to have a plan in place in the event of ferry cancellations due to inclement weather.

Our School District endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall. Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 am via westvancouver.schools.ca and media outlets.

HOLIDAY INITIATIVES

Environment Club Clothing Drive

We all have old clothes that sit in the back of our closets. Why not cut back on waste and donate your used items? From November 14-25 we will be gratefully accepting washed, gently worn clothing donations (shirts, jackets, pants, skirts/dresses). Please bring them to the large box outside of the office. The sale will run from Dec 5-9 in the Player's Hall.

Environment Club Holiday Plant Sale

Our Rockridge's Environment club is planning for the Holidays by holding a plant sale. We are selling high quality plants (Poinsettias, Holiday Planters and Wreaths) that are produced from The Growing Smiles Greenhouses, a fundraiser that has been working with schools for the past twenty-five years. Through this plant sale we are raising money for the growth and improvement of our school garden. If you are interested in purchasing an item, you may look through the selection of plants available and submit your order through this link: <https://bit.ly/rockplantsale> .

Please submit your order form by **Monday, November 28** and orders will be ready for pick up at Rockridge (in players hall) after school on **Monday, December 12**.

We thank you for your contribution to the improvement of our school garden!

Interact Krispy Kreme Sale! - Friday, November 18th, at Lunch

The youth-led Interact Club is hosting a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale, at lunch on Friday, November 18th. A box of a dozen Doughnuts is priced at \$12.00, and the price per Doughnut is \$1.50; a portion of the proceed from the sale will go to an international organization called **Shelterbox**, an accredited non-profit charity whose mission is to fully provide temporary shelter for those in need, with its most recent campaigns in Ukraine. Support the Rockridge Interact Club, Rotary of West Vancouver Sunrise, and join our efforts to support *Shelterbox* this Friday.

RAVENS ATHLETICS:

Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

- See this [Raven Life link](#) with this week's E-Bulletin for sports news. Good luck tonight Senior girls in your banner game against WVSS.
- Basketball tryouts are getting underway this week. Students can find the Google Classroom code for each team posted on the Athletics bulletin board and **check the website calendar for schedules [HERE](#)**.
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Twitter: [Rockridge Secondary Twitter](#)
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram: [@rockridgess](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

- [Language Classes](#) - West Vancouver Community Centre: Learn a new language or hone your skills—choose from ESL English, French, Persian/Farsi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish. Classes are open to various age groups.

- **Foundry North Shore: Work & Wellness - Supporting Youth Employment**
Please see the attached invitation to attend this free community conversation at the North Vancouver School District Office on November 16th from 7-9pm.

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.

Excused Absences and Early Dismissals

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 & Procedures Form 2022-2023 - <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.

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 9:00 am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm. If you need to park, during these times, please use the Upper North Lot or street parking.
- 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 and display it on their windshield, as periodic monitoring will be done.
- 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 & Safety

We want to ensure all our families know that the wellness of our Rockridge community is always top of 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.

MyEducation BC & BC Services Cards

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.

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.