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CALENDAR UPDATE	
<b>Linear Math/PE 8 - WEEK 2</b>	
Fri., Nov. 18	International student meeting with Homestay Coordinator - 3pm in the Library
Mon., Nov. 21	
Tue., Nov. 22	12:40 Dismissal MYP Collab 1 - 5 pm WVS Elementary Volleyball Tourney
Wed., Nov 23	
Thu., Nov. 24	1 - 5 pm WVS Elementary Volleyball Tourney
Fri, Nov 25	
<b>ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE</b> <a href="#">CALENDAR</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Midterm Reports will be posted for students and parents/guardians to review today. This includes MYP reports, non-MYP reports as well as updated Individual Education Plans for students with IEPs. With that in mind, today, or over the weekend, please take time to review your Rockridge scholar's report together.

If you or your student have questions about any marks or comments, please encourage students to speak to their teacher. Parents/guardians may wish to contact teachers directly too if you are unclear about any report content. Our aim is that these reports are not surprising, but informative and a mid semester snapshot of how your scholar is progressing so far this semester. For new families to Rockridge, especially those in Grade 8-10, please be sure to pause and read the school message on the first page of the report. This provides you with helpful information about MYP assessment and the numerical values you will see for each subject area. The teacher comments will provide further clarification about each student's progress with regard to their strengths and stretches. This midpoint in the first semester is the perfect time for students to draw on their MYP learner profile traits of being *reflective* and *open-minded* and *communicate* goals for the second half of the semester.

Students are always at the centre of our work and learning at Rockridge, and sometimes our work happens even when students are not in the building. On Monday, Rockridge staff engaged in a school-

based Professional Development Day. Families probably wonder what these days look like - in short, it was a collaborative day where all our staff engaged in Professional Learning Networks and helped to further develop our three year school goal plan (FESL). An important and inspiring detail to note about our Rockridge staff is how dedicated they are to improving their own practice and leading others to grow in new and effective ways to support student learning.

In upcoming E-Bulletins I will share more about our FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning) and how our school goal will support student learning and our Rockridge community. Another piece to look for is parent input and feedback as this is an important part of our FESL three year journey.

For a look around Rockridge this week, please see this [Raven Life link](#).

### UNDERSTANDING REPORT CARDS FROM OUR MYP LEAD LEARNERS

Meghan LeSieur and Rhonette Millare are our MYP coordinators, in short, they are our staff lead learners for the Middle Years Program here at Rockridge. They have created a fantastic '[one pager](#)' to help families understand the Criterion Levels on the MYP Report Card. It is worth a quick look before reviewing your Rockridge scholar's report card today - think MYP meets Alpine Skiing!

### SEMESTER 1 REPORTING

Semester 1 Reports will be published to the MYEDBC Parent Portal today Thursday, November 17th.

Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

### 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.

<b>MYP Collab Tues, Nov 22</b>
Block 2 <b>8:30-10:10</b>
Break <b>10:10-10:15</b>
Block 1 <b>10:15-11:55</b>
Bus Departs <b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Block 5 11:55-12:40</b>

<b>Lunch 12:40-1:20</b>
<b>MYP Collab 1:20-2:50</b>

### RAVENS ATHLETICS:

Thank you to the following Rockridge staff who shared their leadership as fall coaches for this first season of the year.

- Donna Rinfret: Senior Girls Volleyball
- Hayley Mann: Senior Girls Volleyball
- Rebecca Peterson: Junior Volleyball
- Daphne Lambie: Juvenile girls Volleyball
- Megan Finch: Juvenile Girls Volleyball
- Ian Armstrong: Senior boys Soccer
- Perino Zambon: Rugby
- Kathleen Farr: Senior Field Hockey Champions
- Garth Thomson: XC and Swimming

The winter sports season is now underway with basketball tryouts continuing this week for all grade levels.

At this time we are looking for adults to assist with grade 8 boys basketball. This adult manager will work with the student coaches to ensure a positive and safe team environment. They only need to be at every game on the team bench. Contact Mr. Armstrong Ian Armstrong [IArmstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:IArmstrong@wvschools.ca) if you are able to help.

The Ski and Snowboard team will be available to grade 9-12 students in early December.

We also have 5 boys wrestling with the Sentinel wrestling team this season.

### Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

- See this [Raven Life link](#) for highlights from this week's sports news.
- Basketball Tryouts: 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](#)

### 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.

**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.

Grade 8s will start service hour proposals in their next careers class on Thursday Nov 24. In grade 8 at Rockridge, students complete 5 hours of volunteer service before the end of the year, and clubs are often a great outlet for this. We encourage students to do service hours within the school or community. Mr. Pandher will chat further on how service hours will need to be tracked (i.e. uploading to Careers 8 google classroom) in the next class.

SEMESTER ONE Gr. 8 & 9 Careers Dates for Block 5		SEMESTER ONE: Gr. 8 Advisory Dates for Block 5	
Tuesday	Thursday	Grade 8 Advisory #4	<del>Tues. Nov. 15</del>
<del>October 11</del>	<del>October 27</del>	Grade 8 Advisory #5	Thurs. Dec. 1
<del>November 8</del>	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

Teacher locations during Block 5: [bit.ly/rrFITlocations22](https://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.

**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 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](#). Now is the 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](mailto:jtowers@wvschools.ca)

### **ANNUAL WINTER WEATHER REMINDER: - SCHOOL DISTRICT WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES**

Tis the season! Though we have been blessed with an unusually sunny November, it is a good time to remind ourselves of our district *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](http://westvancouver.schools.ca) and media outlets.

### **HOLIDAY INITIATIVES**

#### **Interact Krispy Kreme Sale! - TOMORROW - 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.

#### **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!*

#### **Chocolates for Charity**

Future Doctors Club in collaboration with Rockridge Interact will be hosting a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser until November 29th. Buy a Box of Purdy's Chocolate today to help support Shelterbox, an organization dedicated to providing shelter and relief in disaster-stricken countries. **Orders will close on November 29th**, and all chocolates will be distributed at school in the week of December 13th-15th. Use the following link to place an order today! <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1610102-101588>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for a FUN way to get **VOLUNTEER HOURS**?

Come volunteer at the **Epee Fencing World Cup, 2022** that will take place from December 8- December 11 at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre.

Volunteers will meet and experience the world's best athletes in this sport. This is so exciting as this event is the stepping-stone for the athletes to get to the Olympic Games!

No experience is required and there are a variety of roles and responsibilities with some of these being: Set up and take down of the venue; greeting participants, helping with registration, assisting athletes in various capacities; helping with audio; answering phones; and generally creating a welcoming environment and many more!

If interested, please complete the volunteer registration form at this [link](#) which will allow students to not only select the area of interest for volunteering, but also provide a size for the complimentary volunteer t-shirt.

Students are encouraged to volunteer, but other family members and friends are also encouraged to come on out, experience an incredible environment, and have a lot of fun!

Any questions or for more information, please contact: Judit Blasko 604-809-4260  
Canadian Fencing Federation  
[judit@fencing.ca](mailto:judit@fencing.ca)

## 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](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.

### 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](mailto: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.