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CALENDAR UPDATE	
<b>Linear Math/PE 8 - WEEK 1</b>	
Mon, Nov. 28	Grad Portrait Retakes - 3:30 - 9:00 pm in Player's Hall
Tue, Nov. 29	Safeteen Presentations
Wed, Nov. 30	
Thu, Dec.1	Grade 8 Advisory in Block 5 Sounds of the Season Winter Concert - 6:30 pm
Fri, Dec. 2	
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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

You may find yourself swept up in the excitement of the World Cup of Soccer and Canada's first games this week. For me, it is similar to the feeling I get during the Olympics, or when the Canucks are on a good playoff run . . . both are opportunities that bring people together for a common purpose of cheering on the athletes and their team.

Rockridge is our own team that has special moments together at a number of different levels every day. An example here at Rockridge includes how a class may build relationships over a special accomplishment or field trip. Athletic team members bond over tournaments and the pursuit of goals together throughout a season. Finally, we have special events that are school-wide and bring our whole school community together from Gr. 8 to 12. In any of these examples, we are building community and growing a sense of belonging in each of our students. In the [Raven Life link](#) this week you will see many examples of our Rockridge community growing and learning together. We even all celebrated with Canada on Wednesday and look forward to supporting more soccer games together next week.

Related to special experiences at our school I do have an important reminder about the importance of completing your online Policies and Procedures consent forms. Parents/guardians, please see the details below so that your Rockridge scholar does not miss out on opportunities to be involved in events, field trips, sports teams, photos and more. We certainly don't want any of our students to miss out on

the chance to be more engaged and connected to our school community.

For a look around Rockridge this week be sure to check out this week's [Raven Life link](#). Scrolling down you will also see the growing number of special initiatives being undertaken by clubs at Rockridge for the upcoming festive season.

### **UNDERSTANDING REPORT CARDS FROM OUR MYP LEAD LEARNERS**

Just sharing this piece again this week in the event you are still working through your Rockridge scholar's report card that was issued last week.

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!

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY AT RR**

Next week you may notice new traffic signage in the upper RR parking lot when exiting the property onto Caulfeild Drive. The intention of the new signage is to clarify regulated directional flow during peak times. We have a new Traffic and Safety Committee that is working on reducing traffic hazards and this is a first step in that direction. Please be sure to heed the signage and directional arrows when driving on the school property.

### **SEMESTER 1 REPORTING**

Semester 1 Reports were published to the MYEDBC Parent Portal last week on Thursday, November 17th. You can login here: [login](#)

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

### **RAVENS ATHLETICS:**

Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong [IArmstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:IArmstrong@wvschools.ca) if you have questions regarding our winter Athletics program.

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

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

### **Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:**

- **Basketball Home Games:** check the website calendar for schedules [HERE](#). Student athletes should be members of their team's Google Classroom for full team schedules and messages.
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Twitter: [Rockridge Secondary Twitter](#)
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram: [@rockridgess](#)

### **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.

### **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.

### **HOLIDAY INITIATIVES**

#### **Environment Club Clothing Drive & Thrift Sale**

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 (size youth - adult) 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**

The Rockridge 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!*

#### **COVENANT HOUSE - BACKPACKS - November 29th to December 10th**

This year we hope to give 200+ homeless youth, ages 16-24, backpacks full of gifts at the Covenant House Drop-In Centre's Annual Youth Christmas Party. Help us make a difference to these teens in need by donating a backpack or by contributing some of the items below.

Rockridge Back Pack Collection Box will be located in front of the office.

#### **Special Items for Backpacks:**

- Socks
- Boxer Shorts & Women's Briefs

- Hair Elastics
- Shaving Cream & Razors
- Deodorant
- Lip Balm
- Body Wash (300 ml)
- 2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner
- Nail Clippers
- Large Backpack – 17.5 inches x 12.5 in. x 6 in.
- Small Umbrella
- Small fleece blanket
- Hand warmers
- Chocolate bars/candy
- Journals

Gift Cards (Starbucks, Tim Hortons)

### 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>

### 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 started their service hour proposals in their careers class today (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’s presentation today shared with students how service hours need to be tracked (i.e. uploading to Careers 8 Google Classroom). Ask your Grade 8 student to show you this in their Google Classroom today.

Grade 9s looked at high opportunity occupations. During Mr. Ahmelich’s presentation the students explored <https://www.workbc.ca/Labour-Market-Industry/High-Opportunity-Occupations.aspx> and an engaging virtual quiz. We noticed that the **attendance was quite low**. Please remind your son/daughter that Careers 9 is one of their courses and attendance is mandatory unless they have academy/district program or pursuit. Please arrange your appointments/alternate activities around the careers dates - listed below:

<b>SEMESTER ONE</b> <b>Gr. 8 &amp; 9 Careers Dates for Block 5</b>	<b>SEMESTER ONE</b> <b>Gr. 8 Advisory Dates for Block 5</b>
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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>	<del>November 24</del>	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.

**ORLANDO 2023 NEXT STEPS:**

Thanks for attending the parent meeting on Nov 7th @6pm - slides [HERE](#). **Today (Nov 24th)** is the final day for registration - find info [HERE](#) to complete the registration. We are hoping for at least 20 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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PIVOT - the making of a animation short (View the trailer [HERE](#))**

**Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work on an animated film?**

**Come to the exclusive screening of the award-winning short film:**

**What:** Hear about THE MAKING OF THE FILM from the creatives!! The writer, the producer, the concept designer, the animation director, and the composer will all be present! They will also share the funny bits - what went wrong!

**When:** Thursday, Dec 8th @ 1:15pm (during Block 5)

**Where:** Library

**Who:** All grade 8-12s. Don't miss out! Spread the word! Tell your friends!

### **SYNOPSIS OF THE FILM:**

Growing up isn't easy, and it's no exception for 12-year-old Ashley whose well-meaning Mom has her own ideas about who Ashley should be. Finding herself in an impossible situation, Ashley must decide whether to wear a gaudy dress she hates or find the courage to stand up for herself and fight the inner monster that is holding her back. The animated short film 'Pivot' is a defining moment in Ashley's quest to be herself at the risk of disappointing the person she loves the most: her Mom!

### **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.