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CALENDAR UPDATE	
<b>Linear Math/PE 8 - WEEK 2</b>	
Nov 7-10	Grad & Yearbook Photos - <b>Check your email for links to book your session</b>
Nov 7	Orlando 2023 mandatory parent meeting in the library @6pm.
Nov 8	Block 5 - Gr. 8/9 In-Person Careers Presentation
Nov 9	
Nov 10	10:00 am Rockridge Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Observance - School Closed
Nov 14	Professional Development - Classes not in Session
<b>Upcoming</b>	
Nov 17	Semester 1 midterm report cards will be published to the portal
<a href="#">ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In September I shared some photos from Clubs Day where students circulated through a fair that filled our hallways, signing up for one or more clubs of their choice. The clubs at Rockridge provide a variety of opportunities for students to add to their life outside the classroom.

I wanted to bring to your attention the chart that is housed at the bottom of our morning announcements link [Daily Morning Announcements from the Rock](#) outlining the days that all our clubs meet. You may recall the quote I captured from Mr. Thomson in September encouraging students to “find your people.” Well as the darker days of November loom, it’s a good time to check in with your Rockridge scholar and make sure they are feeling supported by ‘their people’. If there is a club on the list that is of interest to your student, note the day the club meets, and encourage them to go and check it out. Some clubs may not be able to add new members at this time, but many can.

I am proud to say there are more celebrations to report about Rockridge Clubs than I have time and space to do in today's E-Bulletin, but it is the diversity and action oriented nature of our clubs that I am most interested in. The Kanata Club for example recently hosted a fundraising bubble tea sale and

pumpkin carving event. Critter Care Fundraising held a successful fundraiser for Halloween and the Environment Club has a plant sale coming up that you can read more about below. These are just a few of the opportunities for students to be engaged with the Rockridge community outside their classrooms. For those of our students who are interested in playing Raven basketball, sign-ups and tryout schedules are posted outside Mr. Armstrong's Athletic Office. Students can also look for other winter sports teams to be promoted in the weeks ahead. The teaching and learning at Rockridge is a source of pride for our staff and students, but complimenting that academic nature of our school is a rich culture of community that connects us even further.

It's hard to capture in words the incredible first week of November we have had at Rockridge. I personally love the Take Our Kids to Work Day photos that were submitted by some of our Gr. 9 families this week. So, to help you better appreciate the amazing Raven community our students, staff and families created, check out the [Raven Life PDF](#) attachment to the E-Bulletin email this week.

### **Annual Winter Weather Reminder**

According to the local weather forecast there are signs of winter weather ahead (nothing serious - wet snow at higher elevations and some possible flurries). This is a good reminder, however, for all of us to note our *Winter Weather* protocols. [I encourage you to flag or file this information for easy reference.](#)

This is a reminder for Bowen students to have a plan in place should the ferries not run in the afternoons.

Our School District endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). 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.

### **ROCKRIDGE REMEMBERS - Remembrance Day Ceremony**

On Thursday, November 10, we will recognize Remembrance Day with a school-wide virtual assembly from 10:05 – 11:05 am. The ceremony features contributions from our Music, Drama and Visual Arts Students as well as our Staff. This will mark our first school wide assembly in 3 years. We thank our Students and Teachers who have worked tirelessly to prepare this important event. Please see the attached Ceremony protocols.

For WV Remembrance Day Ceremony & Parade information click this link: [West Vancouver Community Centre](#)

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY DISTRIBUTION - DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully

accepts donations to the Poppy Fund. On Thursday November 10th students will be receiving a Poppy. Please consider giving what you can as donations go directly to support veterans and their families within our community.

### **GRAD UPDATE**

**Boat cruise tickets** are now on sale for the event on **November 17th 6-9:30pm**. Please purchase your tickets through <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/> by **Nov 15th**. [Permission forms](#) must be completed and returned before picking up the official paper ticket from the table outside the front office. We are still looking for parents to contribute dessert items for the cruise. If you are interested please fill out this [survey](#).

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

### **Experiential learning opportunity PARIS 2023 for grades 10,11,12:**

2023 -Travel to Paris and the French Riviera (La Côte D'Azure) introducing new experiences that give you new confidence and cultural understanding (in addition to a chance for Pratiquer la langue française).

If you are interested, please complete this [Survey](#) and visit the google classroom **fsnxx7**

### **SEMESTER 1 REPORTING**

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

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

### **THANK YOU ROCKRIDGE PAC**

The day after Halloween can be a tiring one for all of us. On November 1st our staff were treated to a breakfast when they arrived thanks to the kindness and generosity of our Rockridge PAC, who always seem to know just when we need a little pick-me-up! Shout-out to Rachel Loerch who went above and beyond in preparing pancakes and overnight oats for every dietary restriction along with fruit, yogurt, veggies and dip! THANK YOU RO-PAC!!!

### **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.

### **ENVIRONMENT CLUB HOLIDAY PLANT SALE**

Our Rockridge's Environment club is looking forward to 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 new to the school and interested in purchasing an item from our plant sale, you may look through the selection of plants available and submit your order through this link: <https://bit.ly/rockplantsale> . If you have ordered from this sale at RR in previous years you will know how beautiful and vibrant their offerings are!

Please submit your order form by **Monday, November 28** and your plants will be ready for you to 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!

### ROCKRIDGE MERCH

Interested in seeing your child in some Rockridge Merch? Rockridge Business Students and Teachers have developed a survey to determine student interest. If they haven't already, please encourage your child to complete the survey HERE - [bit.ly/rockmerch](https://bit.ly/rockmerch)

### RAVENS ATHLETICS:

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

Look for Raven athletics 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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### BLOCK 5 INFORMATION

Our Tuesday and Thursday schedule provides ongoing opportunities for students to use their time to focus on the individualized learning they need. As shared last week, encouraging conversations with your student at home will help them build effective plans for Block 5.

Teacher locations during Block 5: Save this link for future reference! [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.

**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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Foundry North Shore Presents Work & Wellness: Supporting Youth Employment

A free Community Conversation Parents, Youth & Allies are all welcome.

[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.

[Programs for Newcomers](#) - West Vancouver Community Centre - See attached for details

## 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.

*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](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 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.

### **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 AND 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.

