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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Math/PE 8 - WEEK 1	
Oct 31 - Nov 4	Graduation Literacy Assessment - schedule posted on Class of 2023 google classroom
Nov 1	
Nov 2	Grade 9 TOKTW Day
Nov 3	Block 5 - Gr. 8 Advisory
Nov 4	
Upcoming	
Nov 17	Semester 1 midterm report cards will be published to the portal
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At our most recent staff meeting, we were reflecting on our last FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning). This is the title we give to our three-year school goal at all schools in West Vancouver. The theme of our last FESL highlighted school culture and sense of belonging. While thinking about the lasting impact of this goal, there are many traditions, structures and opportunities that are ongoing and embedded in our school culture at Rockridge. For example, we have an active student council, grad council, a robust clubs program, student mentorship and student leadership classes and staff members are part of their own PLN - Personal Learning Network to grow their professional learning with other colleagues. This just names a few of the opportunities that help all members of our learning community make connections to support their learning, personal growth and increase school pride and spirit.

The reason for the reflection above is that recently I have been asked by former colleagues, parents and even students about how I am enjoying being the new principal at Rockridge. The quick answer is . . . I love it. To define why my job is something I enjoy begins with our students and concludes with our school culture. Students are at the centre of our decision-making process; they are the focus of our school goals but they are also the fuel that drives our school culture. Every week I am impressed by

what our students do, learn, and achieve. Similarly, I am grateful for the Rockridge staff who support our students and school community. With the addition of the support of our Rockridge families, the result is a positive school culture and great place to learn. With that in mind, I am happy to share that 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.

STUDENT REPORTS

This week you will receive an email about your student's progress in all linear (full year) courses. That includes linear PE/Math 8, courses that take place outside the timetable, academy and district programs.

Today, grade 8 arts and ADST rotation 1 report cards will be published to the MyED parent portal. For help with login details please see the section near the end of this bulletin.

NEXT WEEK - GRADE 9 TOKTWD -Tuesday November 2nd

This year, TOKTWD (Take Our Kids to Work Day) 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.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AT SCHOOL

Rockridge students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Monday, October 31st but they are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. To better define this, please see the bullets below:

- Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked.
- It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any costumes that would be deemed offensive.
- While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. We want to ensure that culturally based and identity-based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures and identities are not costumes.
- Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

When Halloween falls on a weekday it always adds a lot of energy to our building and community. Students are encouraged to keep safety top of mind so that responsible decisions are made throughout the day and into the evening. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building, and we always look forward to seeing the creativity demonstrated by students and staff.

ROCKRIDGE MERCH

Interested in having your child in some Rockridge Merch? Rockridge Business Students and Teachers have developed a survey to determine students. If they haven't already, please encourage your child to complete the survey HERE - bit.ly/rockmerch

Navigating The Scholarship Process -To Maximize Your Scholarship Potential

Tues. Nov. 1 @ 6:00 pm

Students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Join Brittany Palmer of Unlock your Future virtually as she debunks common scholarship myths and breaks down the complex process into a manageable form. From building your foundation to finding scholarships, this seminar outlines a step-by-step program that will help you maximize your potential. Using this program, Brittany and her younger brother collectively won 35 scholarships totaling over \$125,000. Having navigated scholarships as a student, consultant and administrator, Brittany offers a unique perspective and strategic approach to an often-overwhelming process. A huge thanks to the Rockridge PAC for sponsoring this important session again this year.

Please note this session will not be recorded and will only be offered once this year.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84928060294>

Meeting ID: 849 2806 0294

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ORLANDO 2023

We are so excited to be returning to student travel again. Rockridge students have enjoyed 6 amazing "Edventures" to Orlando in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 and after a pandemic hiatus we are ready to go back in April 2023.

If you are interested in learning more please check out this [video](#), join this google classroom **xxf3ugu** and complete this quick [survey](#) by October 31st. A student information meeting will be held at lunch on **Nov 2nd in W204** and mandatory parent meeting, **November 7th in the library @6pm**.

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.

RAVENS ATHLETICS:

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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BLOCK 5 INFORMATION

Our Tuesday and Thursday schedule provides ongoing opportunities for students to use their time to focus on the 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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.