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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Sept 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Schedules posted to MyEd
Mon, Sept 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Labour Day Holiday - School closed
Tues, Sept 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Day of School GR. 8: 08:30 - 11:00 AM GR. 9: 09:00 - 10:05 AM GR. 10: 09:55 - 11:00 AM GR. 11: 10:50 - 11:55 AM GR. 12: 12:00 - 12:55 PM
Wed, Sept 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Block Rotation: 1-1234 (No FIT This Week) ● 8:30-10:00 Rockridge PAC Coffee - Player's Hall
Thurs, Sept 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Block Rotation: 2-1234 ● Student Photos ● Grade 8 BBQ Lunch
Fri, Sept 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Block Rotation: 1-2314 ● 7:30-8:30 Rockridge PAC New Student & Gr 9 Family Breakfast ● Student Course change request deadline
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September is officially here and we wanted to connect with all our families before you are off on a last summer adventure for the long weekend.

Last Friday, August 25th's Welcome Back Newsletter is still your go-to reference tool for school start up, but since next Tuesday is a BIG day, we didn't want to leave you without sharing some additional information that you will need for the first days of classes.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER: Courses and Student Schedules

Welcome back to school! Student schedules will be available on the [MyEd BC Parent Portal](#) this afternoon. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#) for step by step instruction.

If for some reason you'd like to request a course change, please note the deadline is set for Friday, September 8th, at 3:15 PM. We understand that making changes to your courses can sometimes be necessary, and we're here to assist you through the process.

Our School Counsellors are diligently working to process all change requests that are submitted by the deadline. Please keep in mind that while we aim to help all students, our grade 12 students will be given priority due to their upcoming graduation. Given the high volume and complexity of the change requests, we kindly ask for your understanding that we won't be able to accommodate change requests over the phone, through email, or in person.

To ensure that we can effectively manage all requests, we kindly ask each student to submit only one form. We understand the importance of making the right decision for your academic path, so please take your time to consider your request before submitting.

We are committed to processing your requests as swiftly as possible. We sincerely appreciate your patience as we work through each submission. The course change form is accessible 24/7 and provides the flexibility you need to submit your request at your convenience. Each submission is timestamped to ensure accurate tracking. Until we get in touch with you, please continue attending the classes according to your original schedule. To view the master schedule and class offerings, please refer to the link provided on the form. However, do keep in mind that class availability is subject to space limitations, especially for elective courses. We encourage you to review the options carefully before making your choice. <https://forms.gle/fszAGwVkJfhdburz8>

If there are any concerns about student mental well-being during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out to your counselor via email. We genuinely care about your well-being and are here to support you.

Wishing you a fantastic first week back at school!

HORSESHOE BAY FERRY AND SCHOOL-BUS SCHEDULE UPDATE

As noted in the newsletter, on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th, we will have regular school bus service for morning drop-off at Rockridge, but no pick-up service at the various dismissal times for each grade.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Policies & Procedures Form 2023-2024 -<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 22/23 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.

RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER and Extended Absences

If you know your student will not be in attendance for the first day(s) of school on Tuesday, September 5th, please let our office know in advance - rockridge@wvschools.ca

Daily attendance is critical to ensure student success here at Rockridge. **We do not recommend** absences during the school term but realize they may be unavoidable. Please keep in mind that certain classroom activities and assessments may not be able to be made up if missed.

Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using this [form](#) for an extended absence. Teachers are not required to provide extra classes, make-up tests or specific work to be completed.

THEATRE LAB: Starting Next Week

Rockridge is excited to announce the launch of Theatre Lab (TL). It's a new drama club where students will workshop, rehearse, produce and stage a new play written by teaching team Carrie Lehman & Avril Foster, produced in collaboration with Lindsay Corbett and the Rockridge Drama Dept.

Performances: March 5 - 9, 2024 in the McEwen Theatre at the Kay Meek Arts Centre.

First cast/crew meeting: Sept. 6th, 3:15 (drama room). All grades & new-comers welcome.

Auditions Sept. 12th - 14th. Are you talented, techy, creative or organized? We are also looking for crew: stage managers, props, costumes, lights, sound, make-up and more!

PARENTS

Theatre Lab Parent Google Meet information meeting 7pm - 7:45pm, Mon., Sept. 11th.

QUESTIONS?: Reach us anytime: clehman@wvschools.ca or avrilbfoster@gmail.com or lorbett@wvschools.ca

GOOGLE MEET INFORMATION MEETING Sept 11, 7pm: <https://meet.google.com/xcd-iozp-tsq>