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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon., Sept. 18	Block Rotation: 1-2314 FIT 10:55 am Terry fox Run
Tue., Sept. 19	Block Rotation: 2-2314
Wed., Sept. 20	Block Rotation: 1-3124 6:00 pm Rockridge PAC Meeting
Thu., Sept. 21	Block Rotation: 2-3124 FIT Rockridge Surf Trip sept 21-24
Fri., Sept. 22	Professional Development - Classes not in Session
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

If you attended our Open House and Curriculum Night on Wednesday . . . and there were many of you in attendance, you are probably feeling like you have had a lot of information about all *things Rockridge* this week. Rest assured, that keeping our parents and guardians informed so that you can support and guide our students is one of our communication and community goals. We encourage our Ravens to talk about their learning and share their day at home, but also realize as a family, parents and guardians benefit from having information at their fingertips to help plan and prompt conversations. With this in mind, please be sure to make note of some of the school-wide opportunities that are in this week’s E-Bulletin. For example, Monday during FIT block is our school-wide Terry Fox Run, an array of Rockridge Merch is now on sale, students on fall teams should join their team’s Google Classroom and next Wednesday is our first PAC meeting . . . to name a few.

Once again, we appreciate your support within our Rockridge community so that our staff can do their best work to help our students be the best learners they can be while feeling connected and confident.

Upcoming News: In next week’s E-Bulletin we will include more information about our FIT Block structures, expectations and schedule for 2023-24.

Terry Fox Run

- What: Our Annual Rockridge Terry Fox Run
- When: Monday Sept 18th (during FIT - 10:50 - 11:50)
- Where: Rockridge - Two Routes - 2.5/4.0km OR 1.5km
- Who: All students
- Donate: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/32267/donate>
- Please help us meet our \$1000 donation goal

ROCKRIDGE MERCH STORE IS OPEN

We are offering a limited run of Rockridge branded Hoodies, Crews, Sweats and T-shirts. Students can visit our Pop Up shop at lunch hours to see samples and get sized up. Click on the link below to explore the store and place your order by September 29th.

[Rockridge Spiritwear – Paddle Vancouver by Oddball](#) Let's show our Raven Spirit!

Action Items for Rockridge Parents/Guardians This Week

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of last week. Many thanks to the hundreds we have already received. If your child has not returned these yet, please return to the office as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan per school district requirements.

Online Policies & Procedures Form 2023-2024-<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/policies-and-procedures-form/>

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be submitted for each student at the start of each school year. We ask that it is submitted ONLY ONCE PER STUDENT in September, as the upload gets very onerous with multiple submissions. For later changes, please inform the office.

- If you 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, you will have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.
- **Without a completed consent form, students will not be permitted to attend field trips, join school teams or have their photos included in the yearbook. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.**

Student Bus Transportation - IMPORTANT

Each student must register (by completing the online registration request form: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/transportation-form/>) to reserve a seat on the bus.

Our District has reserved buses based on the number of registered students, and there are more students arriving to board our buses than are registered. With this message going out last week there has been an improvement, but we are not there yet. **Be sure to submit the online registration form via the link above, and that you have received confirmation from Transportation SD45.**

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 schedules are available on the [MyEd BC Parent Portal](#). Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#) for step by step instruction.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

PAC General Meeting: September 20th

We are kicking off the 2023-24 school year at our first PAC meeting next Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome! Our agenda highlights include a new WhatsApp messaging group, an upcoming social event, and a Parent to Parent (P2P) group. Our featured guest speaker is our very own Principal Trevor Kolkea who will be sharing a glimpse of what new and exciting plans are underway at Rockridge for the year ahead. More detailed agenda can be found in the attached, Raven Life.

Want Updates on Important School Events?

Sign up for our new Rockridge parent WhatsApp group. It'll allow you to stay in the loop with brief reminders without being flooded with replies and discussions. To join, email ropacwhatsapp@gmail.com with your name and your child(ren)'s name(s) and grade(s).

Note: Please do not share the link with anyone; it is specific to the person signing up by email. If more than one parent/guardian wishes to sign up, they each must send us an email to receive the sign up link.

Thanks for attending the Parent Welcome Coffee and Pancake Breakfast for New & Gr 8 Families. What a wonderful way to start off the school year! It was lovely to see so many parents and new families at our PAC events last week! We're excited for this year and look forward to seeing you again at our parent social events and PAC meetings.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

US Admissions Workshop, Sep.26, 6:30PM @ Sentinel Secondary Learning Commons

Learn about the US university application process. A presentation on the "behind-the-scenes" review process of an undergraduate application to a selective US university: what we look for in coursework and academic achievement, on your résumé and experiences outside of the classroom, on

recommendation letters, and the all-important admissions essays. Discussion of these topics delivered with a case study by Boston University. Registration Code is [HERE](#).

Canadian University Event (CUE), Sep.27, 6:00 to 8:00PM @ West Vancouver Secondary School in the North Gym

Interested in attending university in Canada? Everyone is welcome to attend the largest fair our school district hosts this year. There will be approximately 50 universities coming from all over Canada to talk to students and their parents about different opportunities each of these institutions offer. If you are unsure of what questions to ask please see this [Link](#). For more information about CUE see this [Link](#).

RAVENS SPORTS: The Fall Season

School Sports start this week and next. Sports such as Girls Volleyball (8-12), Boys Soccer (8-12) and Field Hockey (9-12) require tryouts. Grade 8 Rugby, Cross Country and Swimming are open to all students. Contact Mr. Armstrong iarmstrong@wvschools.ca for more information.

Field Hockey - Google classroom - 2pr4rev

X-Country - Google classroom - kkgicpw

Swimming - Google classroom - [girn7ue](#)

Scorekeepers - Google classroom - 54motno

We are also looking for volleyball referees for the fall season. Referees are paid \$30 per game. Please contact Mr. Armstrong if interested. iarmstrong@wvschools.ca

THEATRE LAB: A New Club

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.

Thanks to everyone that came out for the auditions this week. The cast and crew are set and getting started on the production!

ATTENDANCE - Notifying the Office and Extended Absences

If you know your student will not be in attendance for all, or part of a school day, we ask that you please let our office know in advance - rockridge@wvschools.ca Please include your child's first and last name in your email.

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.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for International Students – Exciting 2024 Fee Increase

Apply now and welcome a student

Did you know?

- Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.
- Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Don't miss out, placing students starts now. See excerpt below from a new student joining our program this fall. Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members.

"I genuinely believe that Canada is the place where I belong. It has everything I'm looking for: contact with nature, beautiful landscapes, friendly people, security, and excellent public schools. But the main reason why I chose Canada is the people; I will be welcome and feel at home"

- Contact the Homestay Coordinators for more information at homestay@wvschools.ca or visit our [web pages](#)