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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon., Sept. 25	Block Rotation: 1-1234 FIT Clubs Day
Tue., Sept. 26	Block Rotation: 2-1234 Student Retake Photos
Wed., Sept. 27	Block Rotation: 1-2314 Indigenous Family BBQ- WVSS 3:30-5:00 PM
Thu., Sept. 28	Block Rotation: 2-2314 FIT Collaboration Day - see details and schedule below
Fri., Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Mon, Oct 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Observed - School Closed
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I wanted to highlight a few special points regarding next week before we head into our September Professional Development Day tomorrow.

#1. There is no school for students tomorrow. Our staff, however, will be busy learning with our professional learning networks here at the Rock.

#2. Clubs Day is coming during FIT on Monday, Sept 25. All students will be circulating through the East and West wings to learn about club opportunities and sign up for the year ahead. Students in grade 8-10 will have a short presentation from their period 1-3 teacher about the benefits of being part of a club which include *finding your people* and, in some cases, gaining service hours.

#3. Thursday is our first Collaboration Day Schedule. We have included the schedule for Thursday below for your convenience. During collaboration time, the school is open, and students are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory (attendance will not be taken during this time). Students may use this time to complete assignments and other incomplete work. Students who are in attendance during collaboration time will be stationed in the cafeteria where we will have staff supervising. For students planning to work from home, they are reminded to arrive on time for their first block of the day which

begins at 9:30 am. Please note, we have not been able to schedule a later bus run for students for the Collaboration Day but will continue to explore this option moving forward.

Recently, I had also been thinking about our school start up and got reflecting on how I have done this for 46 years now . . . If you have five minutes in your day for some reading, here is my blog post about school memories: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/a-good-memory>

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!**

TERRY FOX RUN

A huge thank you to Terry Fox Run organizers Ms. Capron and Mr. Thomson and Grade 12 students Finnan J., Jonathan B and Gabriel C. We have met our \$1000.00 fundraising goal but have left our donation link open until September 30th if you would like to donate.

- Donations: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/32267/donate>

Clubs Day Schedule: Monday Sep 25, 2023 Day 1 - 1234

Period 1 (1-1)	8:30 - 9:37
Break (10 min)	9:37 - 9:47
Period 2 (1-2)	9:47 - 10:55
Break (10 min)	10:55 - 11:05
Period 3 (1-3)	11:05 - 12:10
FIT	12:10-12:55
Lunch	12:55 - 1:40
Period 4 (1-4)	1:40- 2:50

Grades 8, 9 & 10	12:25 pm
Grades 11 & 12	12:10 pm

COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULE – Thursday, Sept. 28th

COLLAB DAY	Times
School Collab (55 min)	8:30 - 9:25
Break (5 min)	9:25 - 9:30
Period 1 (65 minutes)	9:30 - 10:35
Break (10 minutes)	10:35 - 10:45
Period 2 (60 minutes)	10:45 - 11:45
Break (10 minutes)	11:45 - 11:55
Period 3 (60 minutes)	11:55 - 12:55
Lunch (45 minutes)	12:55 - 1:40
Period 4 (65 minutes)	1:40 - 2:45

Rockridge School Photos

Hello Rockridge Students and Families,

Thank you for participating in the recent School Photo Day portrait sessions! ***If you have questions regarding the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com.*** Below is a link to view your proofs.

- Visit Gallery Link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
- **Order deadline is October 11th, 2023 at 9PM.**
- Your online code is your student/pupil number, which can be found on last year's ID card plus your 2-digit birth date. **Example:** if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, online code is 0012303
- The code can also be found on the QR code sheet that you were given on photo day. You can also scan the QR code to easily access your gallery.

Retakes? We're positive you rocked your first photo session... but just in case you decide to have a retake.... **September 26th (am only).** Retakes are for yearbook photos only. You will not be receiving a second ID card from your retake session. If you would like a second ID card or would like a new one with your retake photo, you can purchase an additional card online. Retake photos will automatically be selected for the yearbook.

Questions? Please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. <https://gradsbc.com/frequently-asked-questions/>

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

Our Rockridge Food Studies program is fundraising to support our students' nutritious hands-on cooking opportunities. We are selling top quality vegetables from BC which also supports our local growers.

Please consider purchasing some fresh produce bundles:

\$25 bundle: 5 lbs potatoes, 5lbs beets, 3 lbs carrots, 3lbs yellow onions \$30 bundle: 5 lbs potatoes, 5lbs beets, 1 lb parsnips, 283 g shallots

Bundles will need to be ordered by October 20th. Bundles will be ready for pick up sometime between November 15 - 25th. Specific dates to be determined. To order, click [here](#)

Action Items For Rockridge Parents/Guardians This Week

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS - Now Overdue

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 Now Overdue

<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.

Counsellors' Corner

FAMILY SMART Monthly [Online Events](#) for Parents and Caregivers Fall 2023

- SEPTEMBER - Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary
- OCTOBER - Open House Information Session for Professionals/parents/caregivers
The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips and tools that support caring, connected relationships

The Journey to Adulthood 12-26 year olds - see attachment

Please join us for an evening of discussion & transition related resources for youth & families Inclusive resources and community connections. Continuing the supports for diverse learners From Special visit: Snoezelen Van

Rockridge PAC News

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first PAC meeting of the year. It was great to hear Principal Kolkea's vision for this school year, an overview of the refreshing and refurbishing that was done at the school over the summer and to learn more about the new student schedule. Meeting minutes including his presentation slides will be available [online](#) next week.

Two Easy Ways to Connect with the Rockridge Parent Community - see attached

Looking for brief reminders about important school events? Join the WhatsApp Parent Group. Only brief one-way messages will be sent; no replies or discussions. Email ropacwhatsapp@gmail.com with your name and your child(ren)'s name(s) and grade(s) if you would like to join.

If you are looking to make connections with other Rockridge parents and are interested in fun outdoor activities and pub nights, [sign up for the newly formed Rockridge Parent to Parent \(P2P\) social group.](#)

2023/24 Speakers

We are putting together a series of speakers to present at PAC meetings for the year ahead. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics please let us know by emailing ropac@wvschools.ca.

Save the Date – Holiday Party & Fundraiser!

A festive social event for Rockridge parents is happening on Saturday, November 25th at the Gleneagles Clubhouse. Mark your calendars. Event details and tickets will be available soon!

Next PAC General Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18th, 8:45am in the Learning Commons.

Follow Rockridge PAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Rockridge School News

UK Fair, Sep.26, 12:50PM in Player's Hall

We will be hosting over 15 UK institutions during lunch on Tuesday in Player's Hall. All students and parents are welcome to participate in this Post-Secondary Fair.

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 Fall Sports have now completed the tryout stage. 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 - kkgcpw

Swimming - Google classroom - [girn7ue](#)

Gr 8 Girls Volleyball: d7suzmk

Sr. Boys Soccer: kmtk4ve

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

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.

Community News

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](#)