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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri., Sept. 8	Block Rotation: 1-2314 Ro-PAC Welcome Breakfast for new and Gr. 8 Families 7:30AM Student Course change request deadline
Mon., Sept. 11	Block Rotation: 2-2314 FIT
Tue., Sept. 12	Block Rotation: 1-3124 Theatre Lab Auditions - Tue - Thu after school
Wed., Sept. 13	Block Rotation: 2-3124 MEET THE TEACHER & CURRICULAR EVENING 5 - 7PM (See info below) Arrive early for Indish Food Truck from 4PM!
Thu., Sept. 14	Block Rotation: 1-1234 FIT International Student Presentation 3PM in the Library Learning Commons
Fri., Sept. 15	Block Rotation: 2-1234
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was a great first day of returning to school this past Tuesday. From our newest Ravens in the Class of 2028 to our graduating Class of 2024, a positive and refreshing energy could be felt throughout the halls. Superintendent Kennedy wrote in his blog that September is the real 'New Year' for educators . . . and it's true! We really are ringing in the new *school* year this week and feeling the beginning of a special new year ahead.

This week has been one of adjustments, settling in and the sharing of a lot of information to help all students launch into the new linear schedule successfully. Our counsellors and admin team are working hard to respond to course schedule requests which are a top priority for students and our staff. It can be a fun week for students, but it can also be stressful as they shift out of summer routines and learn a new schedule, all while maintaining their social and extracurricular interests. I hope students are coming home this week and sharing good news stories with you that include what they are excited to learn more about in their favourite classes and new friends they have made.

Our admin team enjoyed being able to speak to each grade on Tuesday to highlight our shared values at Rockridge and the structures, supports and opportunities that will make 2023-24 successful for all students.

For new families to Rockridge and grade 8 families we have a special community building tradition that takes place tomorrow morning before school. I will be arriving at school with some very dedicated PAC members at 6am to prepare for our pancake breakfast that runs from **7:30 to 8:30am**. We hope to see you (tomorrow) Friday morning, not only to have breakfast, but to connect with other families and staff to close out this special first week of school.

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 the week. Please return as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

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 have been many more students arriving to board our buses than are registered. 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.

NEXT WEDNESDAY - MEET THE TEACHER AND CURRICULUM NIGHT

We hope our Rockridge parents and guardians will join us next **Wednesday, September 13th** for our Meet the Teacher and Curricular Evening. We are looking forward to this in-person event that will give you a personal opportunity to visit our beautiful learning spaces, meet members of our teaching staff and learn more about our courses and opportunities for students.

We will have **Indish Food Truck** onsite to help make it easier to fit this evening event into your busy schedule. You may want to make your dinner plans with us beginning at 4:15 in front of the school with Indish.

Parent and Guardian Homework for September 13th: Since there are several teachers for you to meet, as well as curricular sessions for some grades, we have created a formal schedule that will run as follows:

(4:15: Food Truck sales begin for our visitors, followed by the start of our program at 5:00PM)

5:00-5:07	Block 1-1
5:12-5:19	Block 1-2
5:24-5:31	Block 1-3
5:36-5:43	Block 1-4
5:48-5:55	Block 2-1
6:00-6:07	Block 2-2
6:12-6:19	Block 2-3
6:24-6:31	Block 2-4
6:36-6:43	Outside the timetable A including: Career Life Connections (CLC 12A), Work Experience, Choir, Mentorship 10, AP Comp Sci & Eng 11 STEM

6:48-6:55	Outside the timetable B including Jazz Band, Career Life Connections (CLC 12B), Career Life Education (CLE) Blended (Tues and Thurs groups), E-Comm 12
7:00-7:30 pm	Grade 8s in Player's Hall Grade 10s in the Cafeteria Grade 12s & AP in the Library Learning Commons

It will be helpful to have a paper or digital copy of your schedule with you to direct you through your classes, but copies of student schedules can be provided for you from the office, and we will have student mentors with maps in hand to help you find your way to the right classrooms

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

All students at Rockridge are assigned to one of our two full-time counsellors. Students are divided by their last name as per the following:

Ms. Radcliffe Grades 8, 9, 10, 12 (A – L) Grade 11 (A – G)

Mr. Ahmelich Grades 8, 9, 10, 12 (M - Z) Grade 11 (H - Z)

Another important member of the Counselling Suite who provides student support is our Youth Worker, Ms. Leanne Warner.

A reminder that the deadline for course change requests is tomorrow, 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.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Join the Rockridge Parent WhatsApp Group

Do you want timely updates and reminders about important school events? Our new parent WhatsApp group will allow you to stay in the loop without being flooded with replies and discussions. Email ropacwhatsapp@gmail.com for sign-up instructions 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.

Pancake Breakfast for New & Grade 8 Families

All new and grade 8 families are invited for breakfast this Friday morning, 7:30 - 8:30AM. Pancakes, coffee and tea will be served in the cafeteria.

September PAC Meeting

Kicking off the 2023-24 school year with our first PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons. Our speaker will be Principal Trevor Kolkea, giving parents a glimpse of what new and exciting plans are underway at Rockridge for the year ahead. (Trevor may want to change this wording)?

Get involved with your PAC!

The PAC Executive are working on plans for fundraising & events, a Rockridge P2P group, staff appreciation activities, and traffic & safety around the school. If you were unable to join us at the Parent Welcome Coffee this week to hear about our exciting plans, and would like to get involved, email us at ropac@wvschools.ca

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.

Senior Boys Soccer - Tryouts start Friday, September 8th at 3pm

Swimming - First Meeting next Thursday, September 14th at Lunch in Players Hall - Join the google classroom here - [girn7ue](#)

Grade 9 Girls Volleyball - First tryout is 3-5 on Friday. Check Mr. Armstrong's office for sign up and Google Classroom.

Rockridge Athletics is committed to offering a variety of sports each season. There are times when we need volunteers from the community to help us coach and manage our teams. For the fall season we are looking for coaches for the following sports:

- Junior boys' soccer
- x-country
- Girls Field Hockey

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

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>

Terry Fox Run

- What: Our Annual Rockridge Terry Fox Run
- When: Monday Sept 18th (during FIT)
- Where: Rockridge
- Who: All students
- Donate: Look for more details here next week in the E-Bulletin including how to make a donation.

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.