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[Morning Announcements](#): Bookmark this link - daily updates can be found here including the block rotation.

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri., Oct 13	Grade 9 Immunizations
Fri-Sat, Oct 13-14	Rockridge Music Camp for Gr. 8 & 9
Mon, Oct 16	12-12:30 PM 'Tours of the Rock' with Mr. Baker: RSVP rockridge@wvschools.ca
Tue-Thu, Oct 17-19	Gr. 8's Camp Summit Trip
Wed, Oct 18	8:45 AM Ro-PAC Meeting in the Library Learning Commons
Fri, Oct 20	Provincial Professional Development Day - No Classes in Session
UPCOMING	
Sat, Oct 21	10 AM - 12 PM Pumpkins for Polio Sale out front at Rockridge
Mon, Oct 23	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM BC University & College Information Session @ RR
Thu, Oct 26	Informal Reports Posted
Oct 30 - Nov 3	GLA 12 Literacy Assessments
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As October is now approaching the mid-way point you may be seeing your student getting busier with bigger and more in-depth learning activities across their classes. This may also raise questions about "How is my student doing in their classes? Is my student on track at this early point in the year?" Keeping these questions in mind, I wanted to have our students and families look ahead on the

calendar to *Informal Reports* that will be posted to MYED on Oct 26th. If you need more information about how to access these ahead of time, please see the section at the end of this E-Bulletin titled **MYED BC Parent Portal**. Our Rockridge teachers may also be contacted via email if you have any specific questions throughout the course of the year about your student's learning progress.

In keeping with thinking ahead, we are looking forward to our Grade 8 Ravens (Class of 2028) heading to Camp Summit next week. This annual experience will be sure to bring joy, new connections, and positive experiences together for our students and staff. The trip to Camp Summit has often been a spring/summer trip, but we are looking forward to this fall adventure to help students and staff make connections early that will last throughout this first year of high school and beyond.

A reminder to our Grade 9 students (Class of 2027) that Friday (tomorrow) is Gr. 9 Immunization Day. While not as exciting as Camp Summit, it is an event we partner with Vancouver Coastal Health on to provide a venue for vaccinations. Communication details about this were sent home last month, so this is just a friendly reminder to help students feel less anxious about tomorrow.

Be sure to check out the attached Raven Life PDF for a look at some of the wonderful things happening at the Rock this past week . . . as well as, some special events coming up from PAC and our Interact Club.

Tour of The Rock Day

We would be happy to have you share this month's Tour of the Rock date and time with any families you may know who are interested in registering at Rockridge in the future. Our tour will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes and will be conducted by one of our admin team - [Monday, Oct 16th - please RSVP rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

RAVEN PROUD

Honour Roll and Middle Years' Program Certificates for 2022-23

This past Monday morning we held a homeroom to distribute student cards and certificates of recognition to students who achieved honours and distinction in the 2022-23 school year. Those that were not picked up will be mailed out to families early next week. Students can pick them up from the office for the remainder of this week.

This Week's MYP Moment - Service as Action

Action - learning by doing and experience - is a key piece of making meaning from learning. Service, underneath the umbrella of action, is a shared value of the wider IB community. Through the MYP, we hope Rockridge learners aim to be caring members of their community that, through service and action, make a positive difference in the lives of others and the environment around them. By considering each individuals' passions and heart for their community, they can engage in a number of ways! In addition, this can be connected directly to the fulfillment of the career-life exploration requirements for graduation in BC! All students must provide evidence that they have completed any one of the following:

- *30 hours or more of a work placement.*
- *30 hours or more of volunteer or community service.*

- 30 hours or more of paid student employment; or
- 30 hours or more of fieldwork, entrepreneurship, or projects focused on an area of deep interest

Whatever opportunity students choose, they will become more aware of their own strengths, areas for growth, develop new skills, persevere and work collaboratively. No matter what grade a student is in, October is a *perfect* time in the current school year to research and seek out those potential opportunities that ignite their passions and allow them to engage in the wider community!

What are the things your family is passionate about? How can those passions help make the world a better place to be for all?

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Parent Pub Night Social is Tomorrow! All Rockridge parents welcome. This Friday, Oct 13 beginning at 7pm at [The Orchard Gleneagles](#). Organized by the Rockridge P2P Group. To join the conversation and learn about future parent social activities, [sign up for the P2P WhatsApp Group](#).

Next Wednesday is the PAC General Meeting. Guest speaker: Lisa McComb, Chartered Professional Accountants BC, will discuss [“Teaching our Kids How to Manage Personal Finances.”](#) Coffee and tea will be served. Please find our [meeting agenda](#) and join us on Wed, Oct 18 at 8:45am in the Learning Commons.

Follow Rockridge PAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Find more [Upcoming Events](#) on the ROPAC website.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Student Verification & Emergency Release Forms - Overdue

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. As these forms are necessary to complete the Emergency Preparedness Plan per school district requirements, we appreciate your adherence, completion and return of these forms.

Online Policies & Procedures Form - Overdue 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, as the upload gets very onerous with multiple submissions.

- 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.**

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Raven Athletics: #GoRavens

Follow us on Instagram [@Rockridge.Athletics](#) Follow us in X / Twitter [@RockridgeAthlct](#)

Check out our [daily announcements](#) for schedules for all our Raven teams. We would love to have you come out to cheer on our athletes at one of our home or away contests this week.

We are proud of the efforts of our fall teams that are well under way:

- X-Country Running - NSSSAA Series Race #4 is Wednesday, October 18 in North Vancouver
- Volleyball - Senior Girls
- Volleyball - Girls JR Volleyball team is going to be very busy after school with regular practices and the remaining October games.
- Volleyball - Juvenile Girls
- Volleyball - Bantam Girls
- Field Hockey - Senior Girls
- Rugby - Bantam Boys
- Soccer - Senior Boys
- Soccer - Junior Boys
- Aquatics - Junior and Senior Boys & Girls

Still seeking Volleyball referees for the remainder of the season. Be in the center of all the action and earn \$30 per game while you're at it. Please contact Mr. Armstrong if interested.

iarmstrong@wvschools.ca

2024 Grad Event - Boat Cruise - Thursday, November 2nd

The Grad Committee and Rockridge Administration are organizing a Grad Boat Cruise on November 2nd. Details are provided in the attached letter. [Rockridge Boat Cruise Parent Permission](#)

The cost of this event is \$75.00 and will be payable on School Cash Online beginning Wednesday, October 18th.

Fresh To You Fundraiser - Order deadline is October 20th. Bundles will be ready for pick up sometime between November 15 - 25th. Specific dates to be determined. To order, click [here](#)

The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC) Thurs Oct 26th 9:30 am - 12:00 pm - library

COMC is addressed to all grades: "any student with an interest in and grasp of high school math." For more information please see: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/comc2023/>

If any student is interested in writing this contest, please pay \$35.00 on School Cash Online by October 12th.

BC University & College Information Session @ Rockridge Monday, Oct. 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30PM

Rockridge will host 14 BC post-secondary institutions Monday, Oct. 23rd. Students and their families are invited to participate in two information sessions from 6:30 to 7:10 PM and then from 7:15 to 7:55PM. Then from 8:00 - 8:30 PM all university representatives will be in Player's Hall to answer questions. Institutions attending include; UVIC, SFU, CapilanoU, BCIT, etc. These institutions will not be presenting at the school again this year so please attend these sessions. Not only is this a great opportunity for our grade 12's but also for students in grade 11 and 10 who are starting to plan, and explore their options.

Game of Apps - Season 7

Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology?

Join us at Game of Apps (season 07) where professional software developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding, design and entrepreneurship skills, as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, time management and much more.

- General promo video: <https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8>
- Startup School program details: <https://youtu.be/oXN1-qXIKtM>
- Poster—Senior Program L1 Startup School (grades 10 to 12): <https://goa.fyi/EUBNbL6>
- Poster—Middle Years Intro to Coding (grades 6 to 9): <https://goa.fyi/ZmouG9V>
- Poster—Swift Student Challenge (returning students): <https://goa.fyi/zHegDZG>
- Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

Kay Meek Promotional Offer (see attachment)

Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti – apply code VETTA

Link to the website: <https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022>

Rockridge Grad Photos

Grad Cap and Gown + Fashion Photos + Video 'Shout Out' AND Buddy sessions are quickly approaching! Grad Sessions will take place from November 7-10 & 14, at the school. Buddy sessions are also scheduled on November 14th.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to celebrate and mark this memorable time in your life! These photos will be included in the yearbook, grad wall composite and will include a proofing gallery for you to view and order. For more information on the sessions please visit this link:

www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr

To book your preferred session time, please visit these links:

Grad Cap and Gown <https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=3507613>

Buddies (Friend group photos) <https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=9057679>

The web link www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr will also give you specific details on the services and products you will be receiving from GradsBC; starting with fall portraits all the way to your year end grad events. You will also find highlight videos from past grad years so you can get a glimpse of what's to come!

Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or info@gradsbc.com

Rockridge School Photos

The order deadline has past, but if you missed it and would like to order, please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Family Smart Monthly Online Events for Parents and Caregivers October 2023

Youth for Youth Leadership Training

The District of West Vancouver, in partnership with our Youth Advisory Committee, has heard loud and clear from youth across West Vancouver that they are looking for:

- Training and tips to strengthen their resilience and mental health to deal with the challenges of school and life, and to help their friends do the same.
- Meaningful opportunities to impact the development of services and programs for themselves and their peers in their own communities.
- The chance to better understand the various wellness, recreation, volunteer, employment, and other resources available to them in their own backyards; and
- Social opportunities to connect with other youth, make friends, have fun, etc. ...

So we've decided to take action and bring folks together for some fun and learning in a safe environment – with food, prizes and games included! Please check out more information at the following link (where you can also register for this wonderful opportunity).

Youth For Youth Leadership Training: Resilience & Wellness

Language Challenge Exams

The deadline for applications to the 2023/2024 Language Challenge Exams is **November 3, 2023**.

- Exams will take place on Saturday, **January 27th** and Sunday, **January 28th**, 2024. Your exam will take around three hours – you will be informed whether your exam is scheduled for the morning or afternoon.
- In the Challenge Exam Application Package, Page 9 is to be filled out online before you print the package. You will see the highlighted areas and drop boxes where you should type.
- Confirmation emails will be sent out by **December 15, 2023**. If you have not received an email confirmation letter after that date, please contact us by email (pmanuel@deltaschools.ca) or call 604-940-5550.

- All universities in Canada accept Language Challenge exam marks. UBC accepts Challenge credits for pre-requisite requirements for courses and second-language requirements but does not accept Challenge marks as part of the GPA calculation for admission. It is highly recommended that you check with your intended university for their admissions requirements.

If you have questions, please see your counsellor. Access the link below for application and more info.
<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams>

REPOSTED & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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](#)

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.

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.

Please be sure to submit the online registration form via the link above, and that you have received confirmation from Transportation SD45.