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**Oct 5, 2023**

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon, Oct 9	Happy Thanksgiving! (School Closed)
Tue, Oct 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student Card &amp; Honour Roll Distribution in Homerooms - 8:30-8:45 AM</li> <li>● WVS Secondary Indigenous Canoe Field Trip 12:30 - 3:00 PM</li> </ul>
Wed, Oct 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gr. 9/10 Girls PHE to Deep Cove Kayak 8:30-11:45 AM</li> <li>● Grade 8 CAMP SUMMIT PARENT Zoom MEETING – 6pm - see details below</li> </ul>
Thu, Oct 12	
Fri, Oct 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rockridge Music Camp</li> <li>● Grade 9 Immunizations - LLC</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
Mon, Oct 16	12-12:30 PM 'Tours of the Rock' By an Administrator: RSVP <a href="mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca">rockridge@wvschools.ca</a>
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a> with <b>BLOCK ROTATIONS</b>	
<a href="#">2023-24 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

Well, that was fast . . . this four day week has flown by and we are set up for another one following this Thanksgiving long weekend. It has been a busy week beyond the great learning opportunities including many Ravens athletic team contests and a special celebration of World Teachers’ Day here at the Rock.

*A brief reflection on our schedules, staff collaboration and student learning opportunities . . .*

A great example of the connection between our work as a staff and the impact on student learning came together today in our FIT - Flexible Instruction Time. Last Thursday, during our Collaboration Time, our teachers worked together in the library learning commons reviewing a lesson plan for goal setting and reflection of our ATLs (Approaches to Learning) – specifically self-management and social skills.

In each of our three learning terms this year, students will be self-reflecting on different areas of their learning skills and abilities from our ATLs. Today in FIT, all students in Gr. 8 to 12 were to complete the first part of their goal setting assignment to be able to self-reflect at the end of the term in November.

It was nice to see the unique Collaboration Schedule and FIT Schedule come together today to support communication of student learning. To learn more about this student reporting activity, just ask your child to open their Grad Class Google Classroom to show you the document posted by Mr. Baker this morning. Also, be sure to read [This week's MYP Moment...](#) below from our Middle Years Program coordinators, Ms. LeSieur and Ms. Millare.

As an aside, if students did not complete this assignment and submit it today, they should do so by the end of next week.

Thinking about the opportunities for students to be involved in *all things Rockridge*, it is important for me to also make note of the Rockridge PAC section below and their additions to the Raven Life. Parents, you too have some special opportunities to become more involved in our school community and connect with other parents/guardians. We would love to see you out at one of our upcoming school or PAC events.

*As always, please take a moment to scroll through the attached Raven Life PDF for a look at some of the amazing things happening at the Rock this past week from athletics to PAC events.*

### **Tour of The Rock Day**

...for any of our families who know other people interested in registering at Rockridge in the future that would like a school tour- [Monday, Oct 16th - please RSVP \[rockridge@wvschools.ca\]\(mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca\)](#)

### **HONOUR ROLL and MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM CERTIFICATES for 2022-23**

Our Rockridge students will be recognized for their achievements in the 2022-23 academic year via Honour Roll, Academic Distinction, and MYP Certificates, to be distributed along with student cards at a special homeroom on Tuesday, October 10th from 8:30 - 8:45 AM. Now that we are back on the linear schedule we will be able to recognize the 2023-2024 academic honours achievements of our students along with all of our regular awards at the end of June.

### **ROCKRIDGE AWARDED 2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

Rockridge was named to the AP School Honor Roll for the 2022-23 school year. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results and broadening access for students. Congratulations to our AP students and teachers!

Rockridge earned this recognition based on our ability to increase students' university readiness, to improve university-going culture, and to provide opportunities for students to earn college credit.

Rockridge had 64% of graduates write at least one AP exam during high school. We earned Gold status by having 36% of students earn greater than 3 on their AP exam. Research indicates students who score 3 or higher on these exams enjoy greater success in their post-secondary studies.

Rockridge Advanced Placement Coordinator Mr. Garth Thomson commented, "Rockridge is proud of the many learning opportunities we create for our students. With 12 different courses encompassing several areas of study, our AP program offers challenging curricula focused on developing critical thinking, analysis, collaboration, and meaningful exam preparation. We are grateful to our dedicated faculty who work tirelessly to receive training, to prepare and deliver engaging course work and to our students who enthusiastically engage in the work"

### **CAMP SUMMIT PARENT MEETING – Wednesday, October 11 at 6pm – Zoom**

Join Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87234607540?pwd=dUorR3psK1R0VkdZZZ29xSnRzN2VCUT09>

- Meeting ID: 872 3460 7540
- Passcode: 563212

### **This week's MYP Moment...**

Did you know that the wider BC Ministry Education has put in place new requirements for students to regularly set goals and reflect on their core competencies throughout the year for grades K-12? And did you know that these core competencies match quite well the Approaches to Learning (ATLs) from MYP? (Lots of public education governing bodies like to borrow from the International Baccalaureate programs!)

ATLs are all about 'learning how to learn'. They are meant to be skills that learners carry with them throughout their lives. The first two ATLs/competency students will set goals for (and later reflect on) are Social Skills and Self-Management. This is a set of abilities that relate to a student's identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. The Social & Self-Management competency encompasses what students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world. As they contemplate and set goals for themselves, they might choose to set goals within a school context, or they might set goals that are bigger and more holistic to their everyday living. The scope with which they set their goals will vary from student to student. It's where they recognize room for growth underneath the Social & Self-Management umbrella.

How can you participate?

You can ask them what goals they set for themselves to be completed over the next couple of months. Listen to what they say and ask them how you can be supportive! It takes an open, encouraging, safe community to help push us into new realms and skills. So, keep being there for your students!

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### *Action Items for Rockridge Parents/Guardians This Week*

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#### **STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS - Overdue**

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Many thanks to the hundreds we have already received, but we are only at **63%** and we need to be at **100%**. If your child has not returned these yet, please return to the office as they are now overdue. These forms are necessary to complete the Emergency Preparedness Plan per school district requirements.

#### **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. Again, we are only at **60%** and we need to be at **100%**. 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.**

**FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER - Order deadline** October 20th. Bundles will be ready for pick up sometime between November 15 - 25th. Specific dates to be determined. To order, click [here](#)

### 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](http://www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr)

**To book your preferred session time, please visit this link:**

**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](http://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](mailto:info@gradsbc.com)

### Rockridge School Photos

- 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.
- Retake *photos will automatically be selected for the yearbook.*

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

## **FAMILY SMART Monthly Online Events for Parents and Caregivers Fall 2023**

- **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.

## **Language CHALLENGE EXAMS**

1. The deadline for applications to the 2023/2024 Language Challenge Exams is **November 3, 2023**.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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](mailto:pmanuel@deltaschools.ca)) or call 604-940-5550.
5. 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. See here for application and more info.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams>

## **THE CANADIAN OPEN Mathematics Challenge (COMC) Thurs Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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### *Rockridge PAC News*

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**The Rockridge Parent-to-Parent (P2P) Group** is organizing parent social activities throughout the year. All Rockridge parents welcome! [First event: Rockridge Parent Pub Night](#) on Friday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm till close at The Orchard Gleneagles. For more details and information about future activities, [join our P2P WhatsApp group](#).

**Reminder - Next PAC General Meeting** is Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45am in the Learning Commons. Coffee, Tea and Guest speaker: Lisa McComb from Chartered Professional Accountants BC will discuss [“Teaching our Kids How to Manage Personal Finances.”](#)

**Save the Date for a [“Not So Silent Night” Parent Holiday Party & Fundraiser](#)** – Saturday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets go on sale mid-October.

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

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### *Rockridge School News*

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#### **RAVENS 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 to share the following **10 teams** are in action for the fall season:

- X-Country Running - Junior and Senior Boys & Girls @ Windsor today for series race #2.
- Volleyball - Senior Girls
- Volleyball - Girls JR Volleyball team is going to be very busy after school with regular practices and the 6 games coming up in the rest of October.
- Volleyball - Juvenile Girls
- Volleyball - Bantam Girls
- Field Hockey - Senior Girls
- Rugby - Bantam Boys
- Soccer - Senior Boys soccer defeated Seycove 6-2
- Soccer - Junior Boys
- Aquatics - Junior and Senior Boys & Girls

**Volleyball referees Needed** for the fall season. Referees are paid \$30 per game.

Please contact Mr. Armstrong if interested. [iarmstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:iarmstrong@wvschools.ca)

#### **Provincial Reporting Policy**

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)

- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided reporting information for parents and caregivers in the following languages: English, French, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional, Tagalog, Farsi, Urdu, Punjabi Gurmukhi

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me directly at [TKolkea@wvschools.ca](mailto:TKolkea@wvschools.ca)

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### *Community News*

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#### **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>

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### *REPOSTED & HELPFUL INFORMATION*

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#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.