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**Morning Announcements:** Bookmark this link for daily updates including the block rotation.

CALENDAR UPDATE	
<b>Nov 7 - 10 &amp; 14</b>	Grad Cap & Gown & Buddy Photos - 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM (See more info below) Time is running out! <b>To book your session time, please visit these links:</b> <b>Grad Cap and Gown</b> <a href="https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=3507613">https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=3507613</a> <b>Buddies</b> <a href="https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=9057679">https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=9057679</a>
Mon, Nov 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remembrance Day Ceremony</li> </ul>
Tue, Nov 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Instructional Day - No Classes in Session</li> <li>Grads BC - Buddy Photos at Rockridge - see above link</li> </ul>
Wed, Nov 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:15 AM - 5:00 PM - Sr. Drama to Promethean Theatre Production, <i>Tragedy, Slander and Wine!</i></li> <li>6:00 PM - PAC Meeting in the Library Learning Commons</li> </ul>
Fri, Nov 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr. 9 Students will attend a Sexual Assault Response presentation in PE Classes</li> </ul>
Upcoming:	
Mon, Nov 20	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM - Tour of The Rock
Tue, Nov 21 & Thu Nov 23	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM WVS Annual Elementary Volleyball Jamboree @ Rockridge
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a>	
<a href="#">2023-24 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

Student participation has really stood out for me at Rockridge in this fall term. For the first two months of 2023-24 we have enjoyed some positive energy around special events including both academic and extracurricular activities. The day-to-day classrooms at Rockridge are often highlights I write about or include in the *Raven Life*. This week, I was struck by how busy I have been attempting to keep up with our staff and students outside their classrooms. As the x-country coach it has been a busy fall season, but I also see myself as a key cheerleader and supporter for all 10 of our fall teams. Luckily, I have two fantastic vice-principals (Mr. Thomson and Mr. Baker) who help make the rounds to the courts, fields, and sidelines to watch and cheer on our Ravens in action.

Teams, however, are not the only opportunities that our students are engaging in. For example, over the past two weeks we have had two trips to UBC, club fundraisers over lunchtime, a math contest, Gr. 9 Take our Kids to Work Day and a successful and fun Grad Boat Cruise. I make special mention of some of these experiences because getting involved in your school is what helps make high school memorable, special, rewarding, and joyful. Positive involvement also leads to healthy minds and bodies, academic success, and experiences to even add to your resume!

For parents and guardians with time next week on Wednesday evening, we hope you will join our November PAC meeting. Our executive members have been planning together this week - you will find a link to the agenda for the meeting below.

*Be sure to check out the attached **Raven Life** PDF for this week's celebrations and showcase of events at the Rock!*

### REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY DISTRIBUTION - DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund. On Thursday November 10th students will be receiving a Poppy. Please consider giving what you can as donations go directly to support veterans and their families within our community.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY Ceremony - Friday, November 10, 2023, 10:00 am - BELL SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:40	Block 2-1
9:40 – 9:48	Break
9:50	Students go to 2-2 class and teachers escort them to the Gym.
10:00 – 11:00	Remembrance Day Ceremony
11:00 – 11:50	Block 2-2
11:50 - 12:00	Break
12:00 – 12:50	Block 2-3
12:50 – 1:35	Lunch
1:35 – 2:55	Block 5

We ask that students give special consideration to the nature and purpose of Remembrance Day ceremonies, and understand that this is a solemn event to consider all those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

**TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY** - Do you know a family that may be interested in registering at Rockridge in the future? Our next school tour date is - **Monday, November 20th from 12:00-12:30. Inquiries and RSVP: [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)**

### ATTENTION ROCKRIDGE GRAD FAMILIES

Thank you to our Parent Contributors of Desserts for last week's Boat Cruise! Please pick up your trays/pans/containers from the office.

**GRAD WEAR** is ready to order! Thank you to our student team on working collaboratively and tirelessly to finalize their design. The shopify store is open now until November 28th.

[Rockridge Class of 2024 Grad Wear Store – Paddle Vancouver by Oddball](#)

### Grad Cap & Gown and Buddy Photos

There is still time to book your grad cap and gown sitting for this evening or tomorrow (3:30 - 9:00 PM slots) or Tuesday between 10am and 6pm. See the links below and don't miss out! GradsBC will be bringing their studio to Rockridge! These photos will be displayed at Rockridge on the Legacy Grad Wall Composite, in the yearbook and will be available online for family purchase. Also included in this sitting fee are photos and a commemorative video from this year's Grad Commencement Ceremony and Banquet. To book your preferred session time, please visit the links below:

#### Grad Cap and Gown

<https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=3507613>

#### Buddies (Friend group photos)

<https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=9057679>

*If your family is in financial need and cannot afford the booking fee, please reach out to your school principal or counsellor and arrangements will be made discreetly. We want everyone to be included:)*

This 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)**

### THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT - see Personal Project poster in Raven Life

Want to know what the teachers were up to during today's collaboration time? We were busy updating our scope and sequence documents to ensure that our units address the *BC Curriculum Big Ideas* and the **MYP Key Concepts**. Here are a few examples of what this alignment looks like:

- Language and Literature (English): "*Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make **connections** to others and to the world.*" This is addressed in Grade 8 through our novel study unit on *The Outsiders*.
- Individuals and Societies (Social Studies): "*Emerging ideas and ideologies profoundly **influence** societies and events.*" This is addressed in Grade 9 through our units on the Industrial and French Revolutions.
- Sciences: "*DNA is the basis for the diversity of living things (**systems**).*" This is addressed in Grade 10 through our unit on genetics.

Both the BC Curriculum and the MYP promote "a concept-based approach to learning [...] to foster deeper, more transferable learning". At Rockridge, we hope that our units will allow students to accomplish this through relevant and engaging learning experiences. We look forward to sharing more information about our units in future E-Bulletins. Stay tuned!

**RAVEN ATHLETICS: #GoRavens**

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

Check out our daily announcements for schedules for all our Raven teams. Thank you for coming out to cheer on our athletes throughout the Fall Season!

A reminder to return team uniforms in the coming days. They can be returned to coaches or Mr. Armstrong.

### **Soccer - Junior Boys**

The Junior Boys soccer team won the NSSSAA 'B Cup' Final last Friday. The team won a hard fought battle against Argyle 1-0 to claim the Cup victory. The team qualified for the final with a convincing 5-1 win over Mulgrave in the semi-final. Congratulations to Coach Roger Kuypers and all our Junior boys on a terrific season.

### **Volleyball - Bantam Girls**

Congratulations to the Bantam girls on a tremendous season! The team fought hard to earn themselves a spot in the playoffs! Hope to see everyone out again next year!

### **Volleyball - Juvenile Girls**

After winning the quarter finals against Carson Graham and then winning a hard fought semi finals contest against Argyle the Juvenile Girls then took on STA for the NSSSAA Banner last night. The Ravens were not able to capture the banner, but by finishing second, they will now go on to play at the Provincial Championships that will be hosted in Surrey.

### **Rugby - Bantam Boys**

The Bantam boys won 19-17 in the semi final over Handsworth in the last four minutes of the game to close it out! They played on Monday in the North Shore Final vs rival Collingwood but fell short. They dominated play for most of the first half trailing by a score of 5-3, when Collingwood struck late and scored twice in the final two minutes of the half to spread the gap to 12 points going into the break 15-3. Rockridge came out flying in the second half but Collingwood capitalized on a turnover to score the other way opening the gap to 22-3. The game ended with a 26-8 scoreline with Makai J. scoring the lone try for Rockridge!

### **X-Country Running**

Congratulations to Ciel F. on representing Rockridge at the provincial championships last weekend. Always with a smile, she toughed out a solid finish completing her second provincial race appearance in as many years. Sophia A. was also recognized this week for her 5th place finish in the NSSSAA series races for Gr. 8 girls.

Well done Ravens on a great season of fun and improvement - Coach Kolkea is proud of each of our runners.

### **Aquatics**

After a strong showing at the Vancouver Sea to Sky Championships, Rockridge swimmers qualified for the provincial championship in Nanaimo November 17th and 18th.

### **Wrestling**

All students interested in wrestling please see Mr. Stefanon in E207, formal practices begin Wed., November 15th in Player's Hall, 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM. Google Classroom Code 4imnqny

### **Ski and Snowboard Race Team - Open to students in Grade 9 - 12**

Google Classroom **tuvg3f**

The first meeting will be on Friday November 17th at lunch in W113. Two training and two race dates will be in January and February on Blackcomb. Stay tuned!

### **Basketball - All Grades:**

Check the Gym Schedule on Mr. Armstrong's office door to find your grade's tryout day/time. Interested players should now have joined the teams' Google Classroom. Tryouts continue next week.

**\* Scorekeepers Needed! See Mr. Armstrong for details.\***

### Seeking Parent Coach

A parent coach is needed for the grade 10 boys basketball team. Interested parents, please contact: Athletic Director, Ian Armstrong [iarmstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:iarmstrong@wvschools.ca) The season will run until early February.

## ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

### ENVIRONMENT CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL THRIFT STORE OPENING SOON!

We are thrilled to introduce Rockridge Environment Club's second annual thrift store, aimed at promoting sustainable fashion and reducing textile waste. To make this initiative a success, we need your support!

- **How You Can Help:** Please consider donating your gently used clothing items to our thrift store. Your contributions will not only give your clothing a second life but also help reduce the environmental impact of fast fashion.
- **Drop-off Locations:** Find our collection bins in front of the office all day from **Nov 15 - 27**.

### LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS: Makerspace 3D Printer

Do you have a student who is interested in 3D printing? Thanks to help from the ROPAC, the Library Learning Commons has a 3D printer that is available for student use. Students can bring their own designs to print, but they must have their skills assessed the first time to determine how much guidance they need. Please have students stop by to speak to Ms. Conbere or use Google classroom code **lusicjf** to join the Library Learning Commons classroom and access the 3D Printer Schedule sign up. Students only pay .07 per gram of filament which is used to replace the filament. Happy designing!

### SEEKING GRAPHING CALCULATORS

We are asking for donations of TI-84 graphing calculators for the use of students in need. We appreciate your consideration and support.

### SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:

Thank you to those families who have already looked after paying this year's school fees for your student(s). As a reminder, the 2023/2024 School Course Fees are available for payment on School Cash Online now. All school fees and field trips are added to this site and can be paid easily [online](#). If you have not signed in before, you will need your child's Student Pupil number which can be found on MyEd or on a previous report card. You can find Registration Instructions [here](#). Please contact Rockridge Accounting [rockridgeaccounting@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridgeaccounting@wvschools.ca) in the main office if you have any questions or assistance with logging in.

### PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The Rockridge Interact Club will be hosting a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser until December 3rd. Buy a Box of Purdy's Chocolate today to help support Shelterbox, an organization dedicated to providing shelter and relief in disaster-stricken countries. Orders will close on December 3rd, and all chocolates will be distributed at school in the last two weeks of school. Use the following link to place an order today! <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1830690-112588>

## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

**PAC MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 PM IN THE LEARNING COMMONS - [Agenda](#)**

At this month's meeting we have a full business agenda – we hope we will join us to learn about plans for the coming year.

### **Outdoor Classroom Update**

Presentation on the history and current planning for the Outdoor Classroom project, including review of donations and expenses. Following the presentation the PAC will vote on a motion to proceed with an amended Outdoor Classroom design and budget.

### **Proposed Amended 2023/24 ROPAC Budget**

In light of the amendments to the scope and budget of the Outdoor Classroom, and after consultation with Principal Kolkea on school and teacher wish list items, we will be presenting an amended annual budget for the current school year for consideration and approval.

### **A Not So Silent Night: Sat, Nov 25th - [Buy Tickets!](#)**

Get ready to kick off the festive holiday season at “A Not So Silent Night” Party & Fundraiser to support the PAC in raising funds for projects and programs that directly benefit our students.

Follow Rockridge PAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Join the [P2P](#)!

## **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 they are a necessary requirement for us 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. We seem to have stalled at **65%** and hope to spur on the remainder of our families.

- 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.**

**\* If there are any changes to address, legal custody, or citizenship status, please upload documentation to support the changes using [this link](#). The changes will not be reflected until the documentation is submitted.**

## **COUNSELLORS' CORNER**

**[Family Smart Monthly Online Events for Parents and Caregivers November 2023](#)**

## **FAQ & 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](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 – 2024 Host Family Fee Increase**

**Apply now** and welcome a student:

- 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 [MyEd Parent Portal](#) enables you to view your child's timetable, attendance, and report cards. Each parent or guardian will have their own separate account. If you are still having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email [Rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:Rockridge@wvschools.ca)

### **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**

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.