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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Nov 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FRESH TO YOU Fundraiser - Produce Bundles ready for pick-up. ● STEM Outreach to Gleneagles Ch'ax'ay ● Sexual Assault Response presentation to Gr. 9 Students (Day 1 PE classes)
Mon, Nov 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 PM Tour of the Rock for potential registrants
Tue, Nov 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1:30 - 5 PM Elementary Volleyball Jamboree hosted by Rockridge
Wed, Nov 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1:30 - 6:30 PM @ WVSS - Win the Day THE WEST Volleyball Round Robin
Thu, Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1:30 - 5 PM Elementary Volleyball Jamboree hosted by Rockridge
Fri, Nov 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sexual Assault Response presentation to Gr. 9 Students (Day 2 PE classes)
Upcoming:	
Sat, Nov 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drumline Camp ● Ro-PAC "Not So Silent Night" See Ro-PAC section for details
Thu, Dec 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30 PM – Sound of the Season Concert
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I am looking forward to seeing lots of guests visit Rockridge next week. As you will see above, Rockridge is hosting all West Vancouver elementary schools next week for the volleyball jamboree on Tuesday and Thursday. Prior to these big events, we have several RSVPs for a *Tour of the Rock* on Monday for potential future students. All of these opportunities are a chance for us to share a glimpse of our great school with members of the community.

When it comes to learning and our students there are two main details for me to showcase this week. The first is for our MYP students (Grade 8 to 10). Please read on below for a helpful update on information parents/guardians need to know about levels and your student's first Learning Update, or report card. Many thanks to our MYP leaders Ms. LeSieur and Ms. Millare for this week's **MYP MOMENT**.

The second important item from me is for parents/guardians of all students in grades 8-12. Next Thursday, November 23 in FIT, all students will complete the second part of their ATL Student Self Reflection for Term (Learning Period) One. The reason I bring this to your attention is because many students have not completed part one of the ATL Student Self Reflection. This reflection is a new requirement throughout BC but is not new to our MYP learners. It is important as it helps our students think about their learning, set goals and comment on their progress. The other important aspect of the ATL Student Self Reflection is that these must be completed each term for students to be considered for Honour Roll at the end of the year. With this in mind, an easy way to support your student in completing their reflection is to look at their Google Classroom together. Details are in each grades Grad Class Google Classroom. All students should make sure that they click the “Turn In” button when they have finished Part 1 – Goal Setting, and Part 2 – Self Assessment of Goals for the Social and Self-Management ATLs. This should be turned in during FIT and no later than Friday, November 24 for those that are absent on the day.

You may be wondering “How can there be new additions to the *Raven Life* this week when there was a four-day weekend?” The answer actually lies in what I wrote about last week - there is a lot to keep up with here at the Rock! So, this week is a chance to catch up on some of the good news stories that have not been published and celebrated from recent weeks.

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

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

It’s hard to believe but Learning Update 1 is coming up! ‘Learning Update’ is the new name for report cards, and the first round will be released on **Friday, December 1st, 2023**.

All MYP courses (Grades 8 - 10) will have Levels 1 - 8 associated with their subject specific criterion categories. Here are 2 ‘tips’ to help you navigate through your MYP student’s first learning update:

1) What the Levels Mean

Your first reminder is the Levels are aligned with the new BC Proficiency Scale. So if you see a Level of 4 for a specific criterion, it does NOT mean that your student received a 4 out of 8. It means the following:

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Levels 1 - 2	Levels 3 - 4	Levels 5 - 6	Levels 7 - 8
Demonstrates an initial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the expected learning.

A passing level in a course is considered a 2.

If a 1 or an IE (insufficient evidence) is present, families will be emailed by the teacher to explain why the student has an IE in the course and the supports available to the student to help get them back on track. This will also be stated in the student’s Learning Update.

2) Not All Criterion Categories May Be Assessed in a Course At This Time

Because we are running in a linear system, the pacing is more spread out, so courses may not have had enough time to assess all four criterions for their subject area.

The minimum number of criterions to be assessed in a subject by Learning Update 1 is TWO.

This means, some courses will have two criterion categories assessed, others will have three, and others might have four! So, if you see a blank, don't panic!

(ALL subject areas will have ALL FOUR criterions assessed by Learning Update 2.)

RAVEN ATHLETICS: #GoRavens

Follow us on [Instagram @Rockridge.Athletics](#) Follow us on [X /Twitter @RockridgeAthlrc](#)
Check out our daily announcements for schedules for all our Raven teams.

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

- **Volleyball - Juvenile Girls**

The Ravens will be representing Rockridge at the provincial championships hosted in Surrey next week.

- **Aquatics**

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

- **Wrestling**

All students interested in wrestling please see Mr. Stefanon in E207, formal practices started this week. 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:**

You can now access the Gym Schedule via the QR Code posted on Mr. Armstrong's office door to find your grade's tryout day/time. Interested players should now have joined the teams' Google Classroom.

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

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENTION ROCKRIDGE GRAD FAMILIES

- Thank you to our Parent Contributors of Desserts for the 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 Portrait Retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th from 3:30 - 9 AM. *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 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**

ENVIRONMENT CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL THRIFT STORE OPENING SOON - ACCEPTING ITEMS NOW!

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**.

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

Vegetables have arrived and are ready for pick-up from room W114, the Foods Room. Please come by after school today, or before or after school on Friday to pick up your produce bundles. With your participation, we were able to raise \$658 for our Food Studies Program. Thank you, and happy cooking!

SEEKING GRAPHING CALCULATORS

We are asking for donations of TI-84 graphing calculators for the use of students in need. If your family is no longer using one, we would appreciate your donation 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 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

November PAC Meeting Update

We appreciated parents coming out to participate in last night's PAC meeting and are pleased to share the amended PAC budget and revised design drawings for the Outdoor Classroom. We're excited to be

moving forward with the Outdoor Classroom and be able to support so many of the wish list items submitted by the school staff this year! We were grateful for the talk by guest speakers: Nikta Razavi & Dani Renouf, who spoke about human rights in Iran and showed us how we can acknowledge, align and provide action from a grassroots level. To see their slides and resources including book recommendations by Iranian authors, please check out the [PAC guest speaker page](#).

“A Not So Silent Night” Holiday Party - Saturday, Nov 25, 7:00-11:30 pm - [buy tickets](#)

Only 9 days away and ticket sales are going well - thanks everyone who's already purchased! We're getting ready to finalize our numbers with the venue so if you haven't bought your tickets yet please do so this week to help the event committee with final planning. One of the many ways that you'll be able to support our school at the event is at our "Giving Tree" which will be filled with teacher's wish list items for this year ahead. There will also be many [exciting items & experiences at the silent auction](#).

Rockridge Staff Holiday Cookie Extravaganza

Looking for bakers and volunteers to bring in desserts for our lovely Rockridge staff. [Please sign up online](#) to help us show our appreciation by sending each staff member home with a box of treats to enjoy over the holidays. All types of baked goods - cookies, squares, pies, tarts, pastries - whether they are store bought or homemade are appreciated! Drop off Friday, December 15th.

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

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE AND ONLINE POLICIES & PROCEDURES FORMS

These are now long past due, and a significant number of parents/guardians have not yet completed them. We will be reaching out directly to these families.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

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

FEEDING FUTURES INITIATIVE

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

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 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 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

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.