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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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[Morning Announcements](#): Bookmark this link for daily updates including the block rotation.

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon, Nov 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accounting 11 to Sauder School of Business 8:00am – 3:00pm
Nov 7 - 10 & 14	Grad Cap & Gown & Buddy Photos - 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM (See more info below) To book your preferred session time, please visit these links: Grad Cap and Gown https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=3507613 Buddies https://gradsbc.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=9057679
Tues, Nov 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wed, Nov 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thur, Nov 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students)
Fri, Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remembrance Day Ceremony 10-11 am - See attached expectations & schedule
Upcoming:	
Nov 13	Remembrance Day Observed - School Closed
Nov 14	Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This week Superintendent Kennedy shared an email with all members of our school district community. It got me thinking about our efforts here in West Vancouver Schools and more specifically at Rockridge, around the work we do to create a safe, supportive and inclusive school community. Students are at the centre of what makes our school a great place to be, but it is the leadership of our staff and their dedication and care for all our Ravens that leads to a Rockridge everyone feels part of. The other important piece that helps make all of this work is a strong relationship with our parents/guardians and connections to our community. In our students, we are growing future leaders and community members who are going to make a difference in our city and beyond. This is no easy task and requires a team to ensure every student's joy, success and sense of belonging.

The calendar above is not jam packed with a lot of information this week, but what is there is important to note. So too are some of the schedule adjustments coming up next week and our long weekend that begins after our special Remembrance Day assembly next Friday. Don't forget to review the Informal Report information below if you did not yet access your student's report last week.

*Be sure to check out the attached **Raven Life** PDF for a look at some things that have and will be positively adding to our school culture at the Rock!*

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, our next tour date is - **Monday, November 20th 12:00-12:30**. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

ATTENTION ROCKRIDGE GRAD FAMILIES

If you have not yet booked a grad cap and gown appointment, read on! GradsBC will be at our school next week, bringing their studio on location to make it easy for our Grads to participate. The photos from these sessions will be displayed at Rockridge on the legacy grad wall composite, in the yearbook and available online for family purchase. As part of your participation in the program, GradsBC will also be providing each student with photos and a commemorative video from the grad commencement ceremony and banquet. You can find more details on the booking link below.

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>

If your family is in a vulnerable position 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

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

This week, we would like to encourage you to check in with your Grade 10 learners about how things are going with their Personal Project! As part of the planning process, students have been busy finalizing their project proposals with the help of their CLE teachers. These proposals require students to formulate a personalized learning goal, which they ultimately hope to achieve through the creation of a product.

Here are some of the learning and product goals that students have outlined so far:

Innovation:

Learning Goal: To understand the process of application creation, including the drafting, prototyping, building, coding and publishing phases of the journey.

Product Goal: To create a fully functioning, intuitive, simple-to-use application designed to educate its users on the anatomy of rockets.

Activism:

Learning Goal: To inform people about the importance of animal welfare.

Product Goal: To volunteer at, and fundraise for, "Critter Care Wildlife Society".

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Research:

Learning Goal: To learn how to produce and conduct a credible survey.

Product Goal: To create an academic poster that conveys the survey results.

The MYP team is incredibly excited to see how students will continue to navigate their Personal Project journey, and we can't wait to celebrate their tremendous efforts at our annual Personal Project Exhibition on February 8th, 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

INFORMAL REPORTS - Check in from last Thursday:

Rockridge Parents/guardians, if you did not yet review your student's Informal Report last week, we wanted to help you do so today. The informal Learning Updates provide a summary of each student's attendance, work habits, learning habits and/or engagement in each of their courses up to this point. A reminder, there are only comments made, no grades are provided on these reports.

Family Portal Important Notes: Please be sure to log on to your MyEd Family Portal account as soon as you can so that you can access your child's report card that is posted.

- **Family Portal Link:** <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do>
 - **Portal Help page:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal/#1582137227642-38c8a1cb-8ca3>
 - [Video](#) instructions (4 min)
 - [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)
- **Username/Password/Password Recovery** – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your 'password recovery' function to allow you to reset your own password.

If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at Rockridge School rockridge@wvschools.ca

COLLABORATION DAY

During our upcoming collaboration time, the school is open, and students are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory (attendance will not be taken during this time). Students may use this time to complete assignments and other incomplete work. Students who are in attendance during collaboration time will be stationed in the cafeteria where we will have staff supervising. For students planning to work from home, they are reminded to arrive on time for their first block of the day which begins at 9:30 am.

SCHEDULE – Thursday, Nov 9th

COLLAB DAY	Times
School Collab (55 min)	8:30 - 9:25am
Break (5 min)	9:25 - 9:30am
Period 1 (65 minutes)	9:30 - 10:35 am

Break (10 minutes)	10:35 - 10:45 am
Period 2 (60 minutes)	10:45 - 11:45 am
Break (10 minutes)	11:45 - 11:55am
Period 3 (60 minutes)	11:55 - 12:55 pm
Lunch (45 minutes)	12:55 - 1:40pm
Period 4 (65 minutes)	1:40 - 2:45 pm

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.

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.

Reminder all AP Fees are due Friday, Nov 3rd. If you are opting out of the Exam, please notify Garth Thomson GThomson@wvschools.ca by Friday.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY - Grade 9 Students

A massive thank you to all the Rockridge families who supported learners this week for "Take Our Kids to Work Day". Family-school engagement can sometimes be challenging, but with 135 responses via Google Forms, we really appreciate the open communication, positive feedback, and assistance in helping us better understand what learners did on this day!

There were 7 families who volunteered to take on more than one learner, and experiences ranged from coding, to baking, to law enforcement, to teaching, and nuclear medicine! Look for photos to be shared from this event in next week's E-Bulletin.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

PURDY'S Chocolate Fundraiser

The Rockridge Interact 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>

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. We would love to have you come out to cheer on our athletes at one of our home or away contests this week.

X-Country Running

The BC Cross Country Running Provincials are coming up on Saturday in Surrey. Best wishes to Ciel F. who will represent Rockridge in the Junior Girls race.

Volleyball - Senior Girls

Senior's night was a huge success, and we appreciated the Rockridge community support and the Drumline. After defeating Argyle, we finished 3rd in Premier (AA). Next game Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 4:45pm at STA for a chance at the banner. All fans are welcome!

Volleyball - Junior Girls

Junior Volleyball season concluded last week. Our team achieved remarkable growth and improvement through excellent dedication and perseverance. Wonderful team effort, JR Volleyball players!

Volleyball - Juvenile Girls

Juvenile girls have their first playoff game Today against Carson Graham at 5:30pm at Rockridge!

Volleyball - Bantam Girls

WVSS Bantam Volleyball Cake Tournament Friday November 3rd @ West Van Secondary (Games at 4pm, 5pm and 7:15pm)

Rugby - Bantam Boys

Thursday Nov 2 @ HOME NSSSAA Semifinal vs Handsworth 4:00 PM KO

Soccer - Senior Boys

Sadly, they lost 1-0 to Mulgrave. The boys fought hard until the end.

Soccer - Junior Boys

The Junior Boys soccer team advanced to the finals of the North Shore "B" Cup with a 5-1 win over Mulgrave. They face Argyle in the final this Friday at Fen Burdett @ 3:30.

Aquatics

Provincials coming up in the next two weeks - stay tuned.

Wrestling

All students interested in wrestling please see Mr. Stefanon in E207, formal practices begin in November.

Google Classroom Code 4imnqny

Basketball - All Grades

- Check Gym Schedule to find your grade, tryouts begin November 6
- Open Gym for all grades Wednesday Nov 1 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Tryout Information**
 - **Senior Girls - Nov 7 & 8 @ 4:00 PM**
 - **Juvenile Girls - TBA**
 - **Bantam Girls - TBA**
 - **Senior Boys - Daily 5:30 - 7pm**
 - **Junior Boys - TBA**
 - **Junior Girls - Nov 7 @ 3pm**
 - **Juvenile Boys - Tuesday at 3pm**
 - **Bantam Boys - Monday at 3pm**
 - **Bantam Girls - Nov 8 & 9 from 3-4 PM**

***Parents,**

Basketball coaches are needed for: grade 10 boys and grade 9 and 10 girls. Interested parents, please contact: Athletic Director, Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca

The season starts next week and ends in early February.

"A Not So Silent Night" Parent Party - Saturday, Nov 25, 7pm at Gleneagles Clubhouse

Now is the time to purchase tickets for this parent event – a GREAT way to kick off the holiday season and support our school at the same time! [Click here for more information and to buy entry & raffle tickets.](#)

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 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. Again, we are only at **65%** 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.**

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Library Study Club for Bowen Island Students

Bowen Library is running a free Study Club program for high school students starting in the new year. We would appreciate it if you could share this information with interested students.

Here are the details, which are also listed online at bipl.ca/studyclub

- Wednesdays at 4-5 pm, Jan 10- Feb 28
- Held in the Bowen Library Flex Room
- Those interested in volunteer peer tutoring can email info@bowenlibrary.ca

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Family Support Institute of BC Education Series: Post Secondary Options - see poster in Raven Life

Please join us on Tuesday evening November 7 for a learning session on Postsecondary Education Options for students with diversabilities. Steps Forward will be with us to explain their program. We have also invited Fiona Whittington-Walsh of KPU and Kyla Ashman of OKC to speak about their innovative programming. [Register HERE](#)

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

PROUD2BE Parent Panel Education Event presented by [Family Services of the North Shore](#)

Join us Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm online for an informative parent panel discussion where parents will share experiences around supporting the process of name change and obtaining trans and gender marker ID for their children. This panel discussion is for parents, caregivers and professionals. [Register Now](#)

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 [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.