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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Oct 30 - Nov 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GLA 12 Literacy Assessments - see details below
Tues, Oct 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hallowe'en
Wed, Nov 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take Our Kids to Work Day - Grade 9 Students ● Scholarship Information Session 6:00-7:30 PM on Teams
Thur, Nov 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grad Boat Cruise
Fri, Nov 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Language Challenge Exam Deadline - Application and information
Upcoming:	
Nov 7 - 10 & 14	Grad Cap & Gown & Buddy Photos - 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM 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
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:

Our first learning update of the year will be posted today in the MYED Portal for students and parents/guardians to review. This report is a chance for teachers to communicate home on what we define as an informal or interim report. I hope this communication creates a chance to start a conversation with your student about their classes from the perspective of what is going well and what they can do to improve an aspect of their learning. For example, asking “What is going well in *this* class?” is a good place to start. Another good question is “Can you tell me more about what you have been learning in *this* class?” If there is a comment about an outstanding assignment, looking through the Google Classroom with your student is a helpful step to seeing and understanding more about what needs to be completed.

It is important to note that the Informal reports consist of only comments from teachers as a way to update students and parents/guardians about their progress thus far in the year. For our MYP informal reports, one piece to note is that each course has its own page so you will have multiple pages to scroll through to view the comments on your child's current progress at the bottom of each page.

If you have any specific follow-up questions after reviewing the informal reports, please contact your child's teacher for clarification. There is certainly a lot to celebrate about each student's progress, but as there are many more weeks until the end of June, there is much more learning ahead for all of us here at the Rock. Thank you, parents/ guardians, for your support, especially when spending extra time like today in reviewing your child's informal reports.

*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!*

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AT SCHOOL

Rockridge students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Tuesday, October 31st but they are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. To better define this, please see the bullets below:

- Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked.
- It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any costumes that would be deemed offensive.
- While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. We want to ensure that culturally based and identity-based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures and identities are not costumes.
- Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

When Halloween falls on a weekday it always adds a lot of energy to our building and community. Students are encouraged to keep safety top of mind so that responsible decisions are made throughout the day and into the evening. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building, and we always look forward to seeing the creativity demonstrated by students and staff.

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**. **Inquiries and RSVP:** rockridge@wvschools.ca

This Week's MYP Moment -

Want to know what the teachers were up to during the collab time? We were aligning, in our departments, the BC Curriculum's Big Ideas with the Key Concepts of the MYP. Key Concepts, in the IB, are the 'big ideas' (sound familiar?) that engage students in higher-order thinking. They are meant to help students connect facts and topics with more complex conceptual understanding and provide a focus for connections across subject areas. The 16 different key concepts are:

- Aesthetics
- Change
- Connection
- Communities
- Connections

- Creativity
- Culture
- Development
- Form
- Global Interactions
- Identity
- Logic
- Perspective
- Relationships
- Systems
- Time, Place & Space

Think about your own career. Think about the stories, the dynamics, the skills that have led you to where you are today. Where do the Key Concepts exist for you in your own life? Where can they reach out and make connection with others, both within our fields and our wider community?

The emphasis is, that we all have a connection to each other, in some way. It is our hope that we would continue to build a world of people who are open to connecting with others in the ways we can. It starts with us. It continues with our students. Let's keep identifying how we relate.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Take Our Kids to Work Day - Grade 9 Students

Each year, Grade 9 students across Canada are asked to participate in the *"Take Our Kids to Work"* Day. This year the event occurs on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Teachers of Grade 9 students will not be delivering lessons on this day, so they really need parent/guardian support in helping them find an opportunity! If you cannot bring your child to your workplace, please ask a relative, friend, or neighbour.

Since parents/guardians play a pivotal role on this day, they have been asked to complete a Google Form by Friday October 27th (sent via email). The goal of this form is to create a record of what Rockridge students actually do on Wednesday, November 1.

For more information [HERE IS A LINK](#) to a letter from Mr. Campbell (also sent via email), which contains important information about the particulars of this day.

UPCOMING GRADUATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT 12 - OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3

All 12s must complete the Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA) the week of October 30-Nov 3. The assessments have been scheduled. Students can find their exact time and location in their school email. Emails were also sent to the families of grade 12 students. If students have a conflict or any questions, please contact Mr. Baker ASAP.

For students applying to UBC - a proficient (level 3 of 4 levels) score must be achieved on this assessment. To prepare for this assessment please see [this document](#) - with links to practice assessments.

'Unlock Your Future' - the Key to Scholarships - Nov. 01, 6:00-7:30 PM - See details in Raven Life (Virtual Event)-everyone welcome

Students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Join Brittany Palmer of Unlock your Future as she debunks common scholarship myths and breaks down this complex process into a manageable form. From building your foundation to finding scholarships, this seminar outlines a step-by-step program that will help you maximize your potential.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device [Click here to join the meeting](#)

*Please note this session will not be recorded

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.

X-Country Running

NSSSAA & Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone race took place yesterday - Wednesday October 25 at Jericho Beach. Rockridge was well represented in all junior and senior races. The Rockridge Jr. Girl's team just missed qualifying for Provincials, but we had one student qualify individually: Congratulations Ciel F. on her 5th place finish.

Volleyball - Senior Girls

SENIOR NIGHT Thursday Oct 26 @ HOME vs Argyle 7:00 PM This is our last game of the regular season, and we are honouring our 6 graduating students.

Volleyball - Junior Girls

Thursday Oct 26 @ West Vancouver vs West Vancouver 4:00 PM

Volleyball - Juvenile Girls

Congratulations Juvenile Girls on their awesome game defeating West Van this week to take over the #1 spot in the league, also leaving them undefeated this season! So proud of them!

Coach Charlotte

Volleyball - Bantam Girls

Congratulations to the Bantam Girls volleyball team on their win vs Elphinstone on Monday Oct 23. The team was down the first two sets but came back to win the game 15-12 in the fifth set - a hard-earned victory!

Friday Oct 27 @ Handsworth Volleyball Tournament

Rugby - Bantam Boys

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

Soccer - Senior Boys

The senior boys soccer team has made the playoffs.

Soccer - Junior Boys

Aquatics

Zones this week Friday, be sure to check in regarding your events!

Wrestling

All students interested in wrestling please see Mr. Stefanon in E207, formal practices begin in November
Google Classroom Code 4imnqny

Basketball - All Grades

Stay posted to the bulletin for open gym dates to prep for tryouts this winter season!
Get in the gym!

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.

Rockridge Grad Photos

Grad Cap and Gown + Fashion Photos + Video 'Shout Out' AND Buddy sessions will take place from November 7-10 & 14, at the school. Buddy sessions are also scheduled on November 14th. For more information on the sessions please visit www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr which 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

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>

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

“A Not So Silent Night” Holiday Party & Fundraiser

Support our school while enjoying delectable bites and dancing the night away under the twinkling lights at “A Not So Silent Night” party & fundraiser on Sat, Nov 25, 7:00 – 11:30 pm at the Gleneagles Clubhouse. Cocktail attire. [Tickets now on sale!](#)

Teaching Your Kids Personal Finance

[Guest speaker's slides and worksheets](#) from last week's PAC meeting are available online. The worksheets (*Goal Setting, Value Validator, Role Model Self-Assessment and Monthly Budget for Teens*) are the handouts from Lisa McComb's, CPA BC, talk on financial literacy for pre-teens, teens and emerging adults. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next PAC meeting is Wed, Nov 15th

Guest speakers: Nikta Razavi and Dani Renouf will discuss the work they are doing with schools and educators around the history of Iranian women's plight for freedom and justice, their own personal stories of the lived experience of the diaspora and share strategies and ideas on how parents and

schools can continue to educate students about social justice, women's rights and human rights from a grassroots level.

Mark your calendars: Nov 15, 6:00pm 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. 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 Smart Monthly [Online Events](#) for Parents and Caregivers October 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 - 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.