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Dec 7, 2023

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[Morning Announcements](#): *Bookmark this link for daily updates*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon, Dec 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makers Making Change visit STEM 9:45 – 11:45 am</li> </ul>
Tue, Dec 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP Biology &amp; Pre-AP Life Sciences to Cap U 9:00am – 3:00pm</li> </ul>
Wed, Dec 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeteen for grade 10 students 8:30 – 11:20 am</li> </ul>
Thu, Dec 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students)</li> </ul>
Fri, Dec 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockridge PAC Staff Holiday Cookie Extravaganza! - see details below</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	
Tuesday, Dec 19	Rockridge <i>Tour of the Rock</i> 12:00 – 12:45pm for potential new students
<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**

While many folks will agree, this is the most wonderful time of the year, we also know there are families and students that find the holidays stressful. There can be a variety of reasons for this emotion, however, we do know that December is not only busy, but is often very expensive. It has been heartwarming once again this year to see the many fundraising initiatives being undertaken by clubs at Rockridge. This kind of community awareness, acts of kindness and actions by our students should help reinforce with our school community that our future is indeed in good hands with our students.

In the spirit of helping our school community better understand MYP we have added the weekly MYP Moment to the E-Bulletin. For families in grade 8-10 we hope this is helping you make more connections and build a better understanding of our teaching and learning at these levels. I mention MYP because of the IB world school philosophy and how I see it reflected in the students, especially in their efforts with various clubs this month. *The aim of all IB programmes is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.* So, like I ended the previous paragraph . . . our future is indeed in good hands with our students.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Winter Concert tonight - show starts at 6:30pm.

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for a showcase of celebrations, as well as, recent and upcoming events at the Rock.*

### **MYED BC Parent Portal**

Learning Update One was published digitally last week through the parent portal on Friday, Dec 1st. If you have not done so already please see the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account. Each parent or guardian has 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)

### **THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT**

Time for another Personal Project update! With the end of the year fast approaching, students have been working on completing a draft of their Personal Project Report. This means that students should have addressed the following criterions:

- Criterion A: Planning
  - State a learning goal, as well as a product goal.
  - Develop success criteria that will be used to evaluate the product.
  - Create a detailed plan to ensure that all components of the learning and product goals can be successfully completed in a timely manner.
- Criterion B: Applying Skills
  - Identify specific Approaches to Learning Skills (i.e. Communication, Social, Self-management, Research, Thinking) that will be necessary to achieve the learning and product goals.

Students will complete the remaining criterion (C: Reflecting) after Winter Break, once they have actually created their product (if they haven't already done so). So, over the holiday season, please feel free to ask your Grade 10 learner about how their product goal is going, as they may need an extra reminder to "wrap things up" in regard to the product-creation process!

For an extra bit of motivation and inspiration, students can look forward to a visit from Mr. Kolkea over the next week or so. Mr. Kolkea will be spending time with each CLE class to share his enthusiasm about the Personal Project, as well as next year's Exhibition on February 8th. It's just a few months away now, and we are absolutely brimming with eager anticipation!

**TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY** - Do you know a family that may be interested in registering at Rockridge in the future? Please pass along this information to them so they can join us at our next school tour date - **Tuesday, December 19th from 12:00-1:00pm. Inquiries and RSVP:** [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

**INCOMING GRADE 8 2024 OPEN HOUSE** - January 11th, 2024 @ 7 pm - see poster in Raven Life Please join us for an Information Night for incoming grade 8 students and families.

### **COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, December 14th**

During our upcoming collaboration time our staff will be focusing on MYP (Middle Years Program) ATs and connections within the BC curricular competencies. A reminder to students and families that 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. See the bell schedule for the day below.

### **COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULE**

<b>COLLAB DAY</b>	<b>Times</b>
<b>School Collab (55 min)</b>	<b>8:30 - 9:25am</b>
<b>Break (5 min)</b>	<b>9:25 - 9:30am</b>
<b>Period 1 (65 minutes)</b>	<b>9:30 - 10:35 am</b>
<b>Break (10 minutes)</b>	<b>10:35 - 10:45 am</b>
<b>Period 2 (60 minutes)</b>	<b>10:45 - 11:45 am</b>
<b>Break (10 minutes)</b>	<b>11:45 - 11:55am</b>
<b>Period 3 (60 minutes)</b>	<b>11:55 - 12:55 pm</b>
<b>Lunch (45 minutes)</b>	<b>12:55 - 1:40pm</b>
<b>Period 4 (65 minutes)</b>	<b>1:40 - 2:45 pm</b>

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### **ATTENTION ROCKRIDGE GRAD FAMILIES**

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### **Alumni Insights Event - Thurs, Dec 21 from 1:00-1:40 pm in Player's Hall - see poster in Raven Life**

We are reaching out to our 2023 alumni who are eager to share their diverse post-secondary experiences, spanning a wide range of paths such as gap years, trades work, international exchange, internships, university programs, clubs, athletics, and more. We are hoping their unique journeys can provide invaluable insights and inspiration to our current senior students who are navigating their own paths towards higher education and beyond.

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**RAVEN ATHLETICS: #GoRavens**

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Follow us on [Instagram @Rockridge.Athletics](#) Follow us on [X /Twitter @RockridgeAthlrc](#)  
Check out our daily announcements for schedules for all our Raven teams & see the gym schedule [here](#).  
Thank you for coming out to cheer on our athletes throughout the Fall Season!

If you are looking to keep up with our Winter Raven Athletics Events, just scroll through our [Morning Announcements](#). The second page of the announcements is dedicated to Raven Athletics teams, schedules, upcoming events and results.

**Rockridge Master Athletics Calendar:** For games, times and locations just follow this [link](#)

**Wrestling** - Google Classroom Code 4imnqny - Coach Stefanon E207

Congratulations to Christian Chorbajian, Raine Lofgren & Fischer Franke for outstanding performances last Friday @ the Port Moody Novice Tournament!

Thursday, Dec 7th we travel to Elphinstone for our first NSSSAA Tournament of the season

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

Google Classroom **tuvg3f**

- Confirmed team list will be posted outside the athletics office.
- One last consent form to fill out for the mountain.
- First race training day for members Wednesday Dec.20th

**BASKETBALL - All Grades:**

Access the Gym Schedule [here](#) or 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.

[A reminder to players to fill out your consent forms posted in your Google Classroom & pay your fees in SchoolCashOnline.](#)

**Basketball - Senior Girls**

- Dec 6th vs Howe Sound 48-25 - 1st win of the season for Rockridge!

**Basketball - Senior Boys**

- Thursday Dec 7 @ Sentinel | 7:30 PM
- Chilliwack Tourney Dec 14 & 15. The team will be away both Thursday and Friday to participate.

**Basketball - Juvenile Boys**

- Congratulations on a 2nd place finish at the Van Tech Tournament to open the season!
- Wednesday Dec 6 @ **HOME** vs Chatalech | 5:30 PM | **(44-40 WIN)**

**Basketball - Junior Boys**

- Thursday Dec 7 @ Windsor | 5:30 PM
- A reminder to players to fill out your consent forms posted in your Google Classroom & pay your fees in SchoolCash.

**Basketball - Bantam Girls**

- Players must register asap to play in the game on Friday
- Team meeting Thursday at lunch in the gym

- First game vs Argyle Friday 3:30pm

#### **Basketball - Bantam Boys**

- Wednesday Dec 6 @ **HOME** vs St. Thomas Aquinas | 4:00 PM | **(43-32 WIN)**

#### **INTRAMURALS**

Sign up for DodgeBall now with Mr. Armstrong

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

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### **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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#### **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.

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### **ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS**

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#### **Staff Appreciation Event: Holiday Cookie Extravaganza Fri, Dec 15 -[Online Signup Sheet!](#)**

We need your help to get to 90 dozen cookies and treats – PLEASE [sign up now!](#)

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers, support staff and administrators and are planning to show our gratitude by sending each staff member home with a box of treats to enjoy over the holidays. Any type of baked goods - cookies, squares, pies, tarts, pastries - whether they are store bought or homemade are appreciated! Drop off: Friday, Dec 15th - valet pick up at front of school roundabout (8am - 8:45am) or in the office (8am - 10:30am).

#### **A Not So Silent Night Fundraiser – Goal Exceeded!**

The Rockridge Events & Fundraising Team is happy to announce that we exceeded our \$10,000 fundraising goal at the November 25th event. With your support we were able to raise **\$12,672!!**

**Please mark your calendars:** June 13, 2024 for the 2nd Annual Rockridge PAC Golf Tournament & Social.

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

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## ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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### **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.

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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### **New Federal Mental Health/Suicide Crisis helpline: 9-8-8 Call or Text**

You deserve to be heard. A safe space to talk, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. <https://988.ca/>

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

#### **ADHD – the Real Deal - December 12 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PST**

Join us in watching a video by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

### **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.

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## ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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### **West Vancouver Rec Centre Happenings:**

**Winter Break camp registrations are now open:**

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

**Browse your recreation activities and programs here:**

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

**Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:**

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

### **VANCOUVER EPEE WORLD CUP 2023 – Volunteer Registration**

If you are interested in volunteering at this year's exciting Epee Fencing World Cup (being held December 7 to 10 at the Vancouver Convention Centre) please follow the link below to submit your application. Members of the West Van Schools Fencing Academy will be competing in this important Olympic qualification event. <https://forms.office.com/r/wRE81xBsV7>

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## **HOLIDAY INITIATIVES**

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### **COVENANT HOUSE - BACKPACKS - November 27th to December 8th - see details in Raven Life.**

This year we hope to give 200+ homeless youth, ages 16-24, backpacks full of gifts at the Covenant House Drop-In Centre's Annual Youth Christmas Party. Help us make a difference to these teens in need by donating a backpack or by contributing some of the items listed on the attached poster.

Rockridge Backpack Collection Box will be located in front of the office.

### **Critter Care Club Fundraiser 14th, 15th & 16th**

Critter Care Club will be hosting a Christmas bake sale this month on Dec 14th-15th in the cafeteria.

There will also be a bake and crafts sale December 16th at Caulfield Village. The club will be selling homemade treats, handmade wreaths and Christmas cards. All proceeds go to Critter Care Wildlife Society to assist in paying for surgeries, medication, food, and necessities for the animals being rehabilitated and rescued there. There is also a donation bin at the front office for used blankets, teddy bears, beanies, and hats to keep the newborn and mature animals warm during this cold winter period.

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## **FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION**

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### **WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES**

West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 am via the district and school websites as well as through social media and local news.

### **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.

### **ART SUPPLIES - Donations Welcome**

Do you have any art supplies you no longer need that are in new or gently used condition? The art department is always accepting donations of: pencil crayons, pencils, canvas, paint brushes, acrylic paints, watercolour paints, papers, sketchbooks and art tools such as rulers or protractors.

### **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](#)

### **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.