

Dec 14, 2023

ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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[WV School District Website](#)

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon, Dec 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Crepe Truck onsite - French & Spanish classes & Rockridge Community● STEM Class visits BICS
Tue, Dec 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 12 PM Tour of the Rock
Wed, Dec 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ski & Snowboard Team Training at Blackcomb Mtn.
Thu, Dec 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Alumni Insight Event 12:50 – 1:35pm Player's Hall
Fri, Dec 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 12 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!● 11:55am - Bus riders dismissed● 12:05pm - Buses Depart Rockridge
Upcoming Events	
Jan 8, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● First day back after the Winter Break
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last year I was introduced to the term *Rockridge Magic* by a number of veteran staff here at the Rock, and we are sure feeling that Rockridge Magic as we plan for the activities of next Friday that will be enjoyed before we send our students off for the winter break at 12pm. So often I am highlighting the teaching and learning that happens here at The Rock in my bulletin message, but this week you will see many highlights of the teaching and learning pictured in *Raven Life*. This week my message is dedicated to sharing the excitement that is building for next Friday. Check out the bulletin board in front of the office to see all the great things we have planned from Breakfast with The Band to schoolwide trivia; the Video showcase, to Dancing in the Gym. The Rockridge Magic will be in full swing - we want to see everyone in their PJs!

*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

The **Grade 8 ADST & Fine Arts Learning Update for Rotation #1** will be published today, Thursday, Dec 14th.

If you need assistance logging onto the parent portal, please access the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) for instructions on registering your MyEdBC account, or .

Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

ROCKRIDGE SPIRIT WEEK

Student council is hosting a school wide spirit week beginning Monday! Get your Holiday outfits ready!

- Monday - Ugly Holiday Sweater Day
- Tuesday - Canadian Winter Wonderland Day
- Wednesday - Holiday Hat Day
- Thursday - Holiday Character Day
- Friday - Pajama Day.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

Rockridge Student Council welcomes all students and staff to attend our annual Santa's Breakfast on Friday, Dec 22nd. Cost is by donation (suggested donation \$5) with all proceeds supporting community philanthropic initiatives.

THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

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 Curricular Competencies* and the **MYP Subject-Group Objectives**. Both the competencies and objectives reflect the skills, strategies and processes that students will develop over time. Here are a few examples of what this alignment looks like:

- Mathematics: MYP Criterion A is **Knowing and Understanding**, which corresponds to *Understanding and Solving* in the BC Curriculum.
- Language and Literature (English): MYP Criterion B is **Organizing**, which corresponds to *Creating and Communicating* in the BC Curriculum.
- Arts: MYP Criterion C is **Creating/Performing**, which corresponds to *Creating and Communicating* in the BC Curriculum.
- Design: MYP Criterion D is **Evaluating**, which corresponds to *Sharing* in the BC Curriculum.

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!

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY - This is our last tour day until the new year! 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

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.

ATTENTION ROCKRIDGE GRAD FAMILIES

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.

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 & 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](#)
Rockridge Gym Schedule Winter 23/24 - click [here](#)

Wrestling - Google Classroom Code 4imnqny - Coach Stefanon E207

- Thursday Dec 14 Meet @ St. Thomas Aquinas (Early Dismissal 2:20 PM)
- Friday Dec 15 Meet @ Collingwood (Early Dismissal 2:40 PM)
- Saturday Dec 16 HMCS Discovery Cup @ [HMCS Discovery Naval Reserve](#) 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Ski and Snowboard Race Team

Google Classroom tuvvg3f

- Meeting Friday Dec 15th in LSP room W116 @ lunch
- Confirmed team list posted outside the athletics office.
- First race training day for members Wednesday Dec.20th. Be at the school for 6:35am

Basketball - Senior Girls

- Tuesday, Dec 12th WIN vs WVSS
- Wednesday Dec 13 @ Seycove | 6:00 PM

Basketball - Senior Boys

- Tuesday Dec 12 @ **HOME** vs Whistler | 5:30 PM - see photo of the WIN in Raven Life
- Thursday Dec 14 to Saturday Dec 16 @ G.W. Graham Tournament
- The team will be away both Thursday and Friday to participate.

Basketball - Juvenile Boys

- Thursday Dec 14 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs
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- Friday Dec 15 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs
- Saturday Dec 16 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs

Basketball - Junior Boys

- Tuesday Dec 12 @ Seycove | 6:00 PM
- Friday Dec 15 @ Sutherland Sabres Tournament Game vs
- Saturday Dec 16 @ Sutherland Sabres Tournament Game vs

Basketball - Bantam Girls

- Cap U Tournament Dec. 15th 4pm game (early dismissal 2:45pm please)
- Cap U Tournament Sat. Dec. 16th 9:45am and 2:45pm
- Players check our google classroom

Basketball - Bantam Boys

- Wednesday Dec 13 @ HOME vs Chatalech | 4:45 PM
- Thursday Dec 14 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs Burnaby Central | 3:15 PM (Early Dismissal 1:45 PM)
- Thursday Dec 14 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs Notre Dame | 8:15 PM
- Friday Dec 15 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs Matthew McNair | 11:30 AM (Early Dismissal 9:15 AM)
- Saturday Dec 16 @ Capilano Blues Tournament Game vs Pitt Meadows | 5:45 PM

INTRAMURALS

DodgeBall on now with Mr. Armstrong

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

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

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.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Looking forward to tomorrow's Cookie Extravaganza..... see poster in Raven Life

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](#)!

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

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 14 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 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 - Trevor Kolkea tkolkea@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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>

HOLIDAY INITIATIVES

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 Caulfeild 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.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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.

MYED BC Parent Portal

Learning Update One was published digitally through the parent portal on Friday, Dec 1st.

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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.

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 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.