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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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[WV School District Website](#)

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Nov 23 & 24	Gr. 9 Invitational Volleyball Provincials in Surrey - GO RAVENS!!
Fri, Nov 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Last Day of Learning Period 1● Sexual Assault Response presentation to Gr. 9 Students (Day 1 PE classes)
Sat, Nov 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Drumline Camp● Ro-PAC "Not So Silent Night" Auction & Social
Mon, Nov 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Learning Period 2 begins
Tue, Nov 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
Wed, Nov 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● International Program Parent Cafe 10:30 am - 12:30 pm● Grad Portrait Retakes 3:30 – 9:00 pm
Thu, Nov 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students)● Law Students Court Watching Field Trip
Fri, Dec 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Last Day of Fine Arts Rotation #1 (Mu to Art / Art to Dr / Dr to Mu)● Reports Posted for LP 1
Upcoming Events	
Mon, Dec 4	Pro-D Day - Classes not in Session
Thursday, Dec 7	Rockridge Winter Concert <i>Sounds of the Season</i> 6:30 pm - see poster in Raven Life
Monday, Dec 18	Rockridge <i>Tour of the Rock</i> 12:00 – 12:45pm for potential new students
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

It was a busy FIT Block today as all students from Grade 8 to 12 were engaged in completing their ATL Student Self Reflection for Learning Update #1. As shared last week, The students only need to complete the Self-Management and Social ATL reflection.

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

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY - Do you know a family that may be interested in registering at Rockridge in the future? Our next school tour date is - **Monday, December 18th from 12:00-12:30. Inquiries and RSVP:** rockridge@wvschools.ca

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.

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, November 30th

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. See the bell schedule for the day below.

COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULE

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

ATTENTION ROCKRIDGE GRAD FAMILIES

- **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 next **Wednesday, November 29th from 3:30 - 9 PM**. *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**

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

Another reminder that **Learning Update 1** is approaching!

- **'Learning Update'** is the new name for report cards, and the first round will be released on Friday, December 1st, 2023.
- This week, we want to remind you that MYP is a growth focused program. This means that we acknowledge that learning takes time. There needs to be room to try, make mistakes and grow from there.
- When students are assessed for the different criterion, they are assessed throughout various tasks against a rubric that matches the BC Proficiency Scale. It may be that at this time, they are not yet reaching levels that they've seen in the past. That is ok! There is plenty of time for them to reflect on what has been, set goals to adjust and then grow from there.
- When it comes to assessment, criterion levels are based on most-recent and consistent scoring. This means that as they grow and deepen their skills in the criterions, the levels will grow and adjust accordingly!
- Just like a tree, growing takes time. LEARNING takes time. As we look towards Learning Update 1, walk alongside your students with patience and encouragement. Help empower them in the spaces that need support. Help them set goals and establish healthy structures and work habits that make sense for them and their context.

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!

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 beginning this afternoon.

Aquatics

The Ravens were well represented at the BC Aquatics Provincial Championships last weekend with a **GOLD** in the 100m backstroke by Natascha B. Congratulations Natascha on becoming a 2023 provincial champion.

Wrestling

Wrestling continues to grow with close to 58 boys registered this season thus far! If your son is interested in joining, please have him see Mr. Stefanon in E207, no experience required. Our first competition is slated for December 1st at Pinetree Secondary in Coquitlam!
Google Classroom Code 4imnqny

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

Google Classroom **tuvvg3f**

*** Deadline** to sign up and pay fees is **November 30th**

Race dates this year.

1. Wednesday, December 20th - TRAINING at Blackcomb Mountain
2. Wednesday January 10th - TRAINING at Blackcomb Mountain
3. Wednesday, January 17th - TRAINING at Blackcomb Mountain
4. Friday, January 26th - RACE Terrain Park GS
5. Thursday, February 1st - RACE (Slalom) NS Championships

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

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

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**.

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

BuyTickets - "A Not So Silent Night" Parent Holiday Social

Only 2 days until A Not So Silent Night parent holiday party & fundraiser! We're excited for an evening of delicious bites, silent auction, giving tree, DJ and dancing. If you haven't [bought your tickets](#) yet,

please get them [online](#) to help our event team with final planning.

There's over 50 fantastic items in the silent auction – [see what's available!](#) As well as a Giving Tree – adorned with ornaments representing wish list items to enhance our students' school experience. Interested parents can choose an ornament and make a donation at our registration table.

"A Not So Silent Night" is this Saturday at the Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse. Nov 25, 7:00 - 11:30 pm.

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.

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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>

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.

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.

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

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.