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[WV School District Website](#)

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
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
Mon, Dec 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pro-D Day - Classes not in Session
Tue, Dec 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
Wed, Dec 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Environment Club Thrift Sale Dec 6-8 at lunch in the drama room
Thu, Dec 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Winter Concert Sounds of the Season 6:30 pm - see poster in Raven Life
Fri, Dec 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
Upcoming Events	
Tuesday, Dec 19	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 & THIS WEEK’S MYP MOMENT

This is the week parents! Tomorrow you’ll be able to access the learning update(s) (formerly known as report cards) for the Rockridge student(s) in your household.

Here are some helpful reminders (and RE-reminders!) as you navigate them:

1) What the Levels Mean in Grades 8 - 10

The MYP Levels are aligned with the new BC Proficiency Scale. So, if you see a Level of 4 for a specific criterion, it does NOT mean that your student received a 4 out of 8. It means the following:

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Levels 1 - 2	Levels 3 - 4	Levels 5 - 6	Levels 7 - 8
Demonstrates an initial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the expected learning.

A passing level in a course is considered a 2.

If a 1 or an IE (insufficient evidence) is present, students will be given a supportive action plan to help get them back on track in the remainder of the course. You will receive this from the teacher.

2) In Grades 8-10 Not All Criterion Categories May Be Assessed in a Course at This Time

With the linear system, the pacing is more spread out, so courses may not have had enough time to assess all four criteria for their subject area. So, if you see a blank, *don't panic!* (ALL subject areas will have ALL FOUR criterions assessed by Learning Update 2.)

3) Learning Takes Time

Perhaps your student isn't content with the levels they are receiving at this time. Remind them that growing and learning takes time. They will not remain at these levels throughout the year if they're willing to reflect on what has been and make some plans to lean into the spaces that need attention.

4) Look for the Teacher Comments not the IB Generated Comments

Lastly, we're going to encourage you to ignore the generic IB comments that are generated based on levels and instead look to the specifics from your teacher's comment (it will be indicated where it begins). The comments that are auto generated from IB for the MYP program are in the lengthy process of being updated on a global scale, and currently, the language does not align with where BC Assessment is moving. So, ignore them!

Look at the teacher's comment first. They know and can give the best feedback on your student.

We hope these reminders are helpful to you as you navigate through the first Learning Updates of the year for our MYP students!

For senior students in Grades 11 & 12, the percentages are aligned with the new proficiency scale but are still reported as a letter grade and percentage. You will also notice a page in the report card that outlines the percentage ranges as well as information on the proficiencies and what they mean. Teachers may have used the proficiency language to explain how students are progressing in their learning.

*Be sure to check out the attached **Raven Life** PDF again this week for a showcase of celebrations and recent or upcoming events at the Rock.*

MYED BC Parent Portal

Learning Update One will be published digitally 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

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 (please note date change) 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.

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.

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](#)

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 & 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](#)

Volleyball - Juvenile Girls

The Ravens represented Rockridge at the provincial championships hosted in Surrey last weekend. The appearance at this provincial tournament capped off a very successful season for our Rockridge girls.

Wrestling - Google Classroom Code 4imnqny

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!
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 [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:

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 - Juvenile Boys

- Thursday Nov 30 @ Van Tech Tournament vs TBA @ 3:30 PM or 5:00 PM
- Friday Dec 1 @ Van Tech Tournament vs TBA @ Time TBA

Basketball - Senior Boys

Congrats on your 83-80 OT win over Burnaby Central

Basketball - Bantam Girls

- Open skills Friday Dec.1st
- First game of the season Friday Dec.8th

Field Hockey - Senior Girls

Congratulations to Tristen S and Tatjana W for being named North Shore All-Stars in field hockey this school season! Please visit the PE office Day 2 for your certificate!

INTRAMURALS

Sign up for DodgeBall now with Mr. Armstrong

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

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

ENVIRONMENT CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL THRIFT STORE Dec 6-8 at lunch in the drama room

We are thrilled to introduce Rockridge Environment Club's second annual thrift store, aimed at promoting sustainable fashion and reducing textile waste.

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.

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

Thank YOU, Parents!!

A heartfelt appreciation to all the parents who joined us last Saturday for A Not So Silent Night, showing their support for our school. We're currently working on the final calculations and will soon reveal the total amount raised. Meanwhile, you can read the [minutes from the November PAC meeting](#) on the parent website.

Staff Holiday Cookie Extravaganza - [Online Signup Sheet!](#)

Time to dust off your baking hats and make your favourite treat for our incredible staff. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers, support staff and administrators. Let's show our gratitude by sending each staff member home with a box of treats to enjoy over the holidays. All types 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).

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

Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 630 pm

This free 60-minute session is being hosted by the Ministry of education and ERASE

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-765337273387?aff=oddtcreator>

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

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

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.

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.