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[Morning Announcements](#): *Bookmark this link for daily news, updates and Rockridge Athletics schedules*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Monday, Sept 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor Rec Trip September 16 – 18, 2024</li> </ul>
Tuesday, Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAST to Deep Cove Kayak</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Sept 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian University Event (CUE) 6:00 to 8:00PM @ WVSS - see poster in RL</li> </ul>
Thursday, Sept 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockridge Surf Trip September 19 – 22, 2024</li> <li>FIT - Grade 8 Assembly - "See Something, Say Something"</li> </ul>
Friday, Sept 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ProD Day - classes not in session</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
Monday, Oct 21	Tour of the Rock   12:00PM to 1:00 PM
<b><a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">2024-25 At A Glance Calendar</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">WV Youth Services click here</a></b>	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It was lovely to see such a great turnout for our Meet the Teacher and Curricular Event last night, and to connect with so many of you. The energy was high and there was a definite buzz of excitement throughout the building and grounds about the school year ahead. If you did not have a chance to attend, you can always connect with our staff through email if you have any questions about courses as the year gets underway. Please know we value, encourage and appreciate parent participation in all aspects of your child’s learning and development here at The Rock on their road to graduation.

Speaking of positive energy, our Terry Fox Run today had beautiful skies for our Ravens to run, race, walk or stroll. My personal challenge of donating \$2 for every student that beat me on the long course was met with some fierce competition. Congratulations and thanks to our many student and staff volunteers who helped keep everyone safe, on course and inspired to embrace the spirit of Terry’s Dream.. We have already surpassed our \$1200 goal . . . and I have not added my \$128.00 for the 64 students who beat me today! To donate on behalf of Rockridge School to the Terry Fox Foundation, click [here](#).

*Be sure to check out this week’s attached **Raven Life** PDF for sports updates, posters of upcoming events and more from this week at The Rock.*

### **School Drop Off/Pick Up Safety**

As you are probably aware, there can be heavy traffic around our school site at opening and dismissal times. It is difficult for vehicles to enter and exit our school parking areas as well as the Caulfeild Mall. The passage of emergency vehicles would be impeded which is of considerable concern. Please consider carpooling, dropping off and picking up your children at a predetermined location away from the school property, and encouraging active transportation (biking, walking). Another helpful action, if possible, for those that have to drive is dropping off your child early. An 8:00 AM arrival is always a great plan and chance to hang in the cafeteria, get some work done at a hallway workstation, or connect with a teacher.

Please note that designated visitor parking spaces at the front of the school are a 'no parking' zone in the morning and after school. The driveway in front of the school entrance is a NO STOPPING zone. All numbered parking spaces are designated for individual staff members. Please do not park in these spaces at any time during school hours.

### **MYED BC Parent Portal**

At last night's Meet the Teacher event there were still some new parents/guardians who were not familiar with logging into the MYED portal. This is a very important step in supporting your child's learning and progress at Rockridge.

If you need assistance logging onto the parent portal, please use this link [MyEd Parent Portal](#) for instructions on registering your MyEdBC account. 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](mailto:Rockridge@wvschools.ca)

### **SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

The course add/drop period closes on Friday, September 13, course fees will be added to your student's school cash online account on Monday, September 16. Please ensure your students' fees are paid as soon as possible.

You can find Registration SCO Instructions [here](#). Please contact Rockridge Accounting [rockridgeaccounting@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridgeaccounting@wvschools.ca) in the main office if you have any questions or require assistance with logging in.

### **TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY**

The next tour will be Monday, Oct 21 @ 12:00PM to 1:00 PM. 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. Inquiries and RSVP: [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

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## **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **Grade 8 Presentation - Grade 8 Careers Class**

Thursday, September 19 - "See Something, Say Something" - "The onset of highschool can be overwhelming, as youth may be exposed to activity such as domestic violence, bullying, images of sexual

exploitation of children, threats, intimidation, and they may not recognize these activities as criminal. Students will also be educated on harm reduction information to understand the growing issue of overdosing in BC. Giving them the skills and knowledge to help themselves and their peers.” The grade 8 program will focus on bullying, mental health and social media awareness (including the rising danger of sextortion and reporting crime).

### **Canadian University Event (CUE), Sep.18, 6:00 to 8:00PM @ WV Secondary School in the North Gym**

Interested in attending university in Canada? Everyone is welcome to attend the largest fair our school district hosts this year. There will be 50 universities coming from all over Canada to talk to students and their parents about different opportunities each of these institutions offer. If you are unsure of what questions to ask please see this [Link](#). For more information about CUE see this [Link](#).

### **Clubs Day September 23, 2024**

Students, please use this Google Classroom code: 5urvbgp to view all club activities and events, fill out a request for fundraising, check fundraising schedules and any other information that might be relevant to your club.

To register your club for the Clubs Day Event, complete: ([Google Form](#)).

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS - GradsBC**

Thank you for participating in the recent School Photo Day portrait sessions! ***If you have questions regarding the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com.***

#### 3 Easy Steps to View & Order Your Portraits:

1. **Visit Gallery Link:** <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
2. **Enter your Online Code:** Your Student ID Number and 2-digit DAY of birth. **Example:** if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, the online code is 0012303. ***\*The code can also be found on the QR code sheet that you were given on photo day. You can scan the QR code to easily access your gallery.***
3. **Enter the Gallery Password:** rkr123!

#### **Order deadline Information: To receive discounted shipping, place your orders on or before Sept 22nd.**

A new order deadline will be in place for retakes. \*Shipping fees will increase after order deadlines. If you are ordering for siblings, remember to click 'view another gallery' to access their portraits and purchase all family members at once for one easy checkout.

**Retakes?** We're positive you rocked your first photo session... but just in case you decide to have a retake, we'll be back on **September 24th**.

*Retakes are for yearbook photos only and personal orders. You will not be receiving a second ID card from your retake session. If you would like a second ID card or would like a new one with your retake photo, you can purchase an additional card online.*

**Questions? Please email [orders@gradsbc.com](mailto:orders@gradsbc.com) or call 604-461-3722 Mon to Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm.**

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## ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THIS WEEK

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### STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the week. Please return as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

#### Online Policies & Procedures Form 2024-2025-<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 in September, as the upload gets very onerous with multiple submissions. 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.

#### 2024/25 Student Transportation - Online Registration Request Form now Open!

Please visit our [School District Student Transportation website](#) for more information.

- **IMPORTANT!** All Returning & New students' parents/guardians must submit an online request form for their eligible student(s).
- In order to adhere to legislated requirements to maintain accurate bus lists, registration is required for all school bus riders.
- Registration must occur prior to July 15 of each year through an online request form on the district's website to be considered during the bus routing process.
- Please note that school bus space may not be guaranteed for students that do not submit an Online Registration Form (<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/transportation-form>) or register after the deadline (July 15, 2024).

### FEEDING FUTURES

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 or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) 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 ATHLETICS

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If you are looking to keep up with our 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.

We are always looking for passionate individuals who want to create positive experiences for our student athletes. If you are keen to volunteer your time with us next year, please complete the Coaching Expression of Interest form linked below: [Expression of Interest Form](#)

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to our new Athletic Director Mr. Stefanon, [mstefanon@wvschools.ca](mailto:mstefanon@wvschools.ca)  
*Go Ravens!*

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## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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### September PAC Meeting

Join us for our first PAC meeting of the 2024-25 year on Thurs, September 19th, 6:30 pm, in the Learning Commons. Principal Trevor Kolkea will be our speaker, sharing exciting plans and updates for the year ahead at Rockridge. The agenda will be posted at the end of the day [here](#).

### Buy your tickets: Rocktoberfest! - [flyer](#)

Registration is LIVE for our first P2P get together of the year, Rocktoberfest! Tickets are \$12 and include admission, one drink (beer or wine) and a Bavarian pretzel! Get your tickets early: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/cde45b83-40f1-4342-bb46-220fb1f234e8>

**Date:** Thursday, September 26th, from 5:30 pm till close

**Location:** Biergarten at The Orchard Restaurant

### Looking to get involved?

If you would like to get involved helping the PAC team organize events, support staff appreciation efforts, etc., please sign up – just email [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca).

### Two Easy Ways to Connect with the Rockridge Parent Community - [flyer](#)

Want quick reminders about important school events? Join the WhatsApp Parent Group, where brief one-way messages will be sent (no replies or discussions). To join, email [ropacwhatsapp@gmail.com](mailto:ropacwhatsapp@gmail.com) with your name and your child(ren)'s name(s) and grade(s), and your cell number.

If you're interested in connecting with other Rockridge parents through informal coffee mornings, fun outdoor activities, pub nights and opportunities to support our school, sign up for the Rockridge P2P group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fid2BPD9UJFhPgLibVx4S>

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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### West Vancouver Schools Counselling

At West Vancouver Schools, we acknowledge the importance of high school course selection, post-secondary guidance and the role of schools in supporting improved student mental health outcomes. We have created a new website with the collaboration of district I.T staff and our counselling teams from Rockridge, Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary. In this website there are an abundance of resources for students that will help guide them to whatever level of education they desire: from grade school to graduate school.

You can find the [Counselling site](#) under the DEPARTMENT tab on the [Rockridge Secondary School website](#).

**FAMILY SMART Monthly Events - LINK** - Online & In-Person for Parents and Caregivers 2024.

### 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/>

### Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Educators and School Communities

[Language Matters! An Introductory Guide for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Educators and School Communities](#) is now officially available on the [mental health and well-being](#) erase website.

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## FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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### 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.

### 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 and reason for absence 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.