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**ROCKRIDGE LINKS:**

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Friday, Sept 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC Welcome Breakfast   7:30 – 8:30 am</li> <li>• Grad BBQ @ Lunch</li> </ul>
Monday, Sept 9	
Tuesday, Sept 10	
Wednesday, Sept 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Truck - Indish on site at Rockridge   4:00 - onward</li> <li>• Open House Meet the Teacher Event   5-8 pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, Sept 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Fox Run during FIT</li> </ul>
Friday, Sept 13	
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a>	
<a href="#">2024-25 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
<a href="#">WV Youth Services click here</a>	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

If you are returning to Rockridge you will be familiar with my weekly messages here in the E-Bulletin. Given the volume of information for you to address in this first week, I will simply direct you to review some details and action items for students and families this week.

To kick off this week we have attached *The Raven Life PDF* as there are some great pictures I wanted to share along with three ROPAC posters to keep you connected with ‘all things Rockridge. We really do have something for everyone here at The Rock.

Your child’s Grad Year Google Classroom has a slide presentation posted that offers some helpful start-up information including details about student login to MYED which is a very important step in viewing student schedules and Learning Updates - Reports.

Finally, if you are new to Rockridge, I really hope you will join us for the Pancake Breakfast tomorrow morning before school (see details in the ROPAC section below). I also hope you are all planning to attend here next Wednesday, September 11th for our Meet the Teacher event followed by the special curricular presentations for new Gr. 8 families; Gr. 10 families to learn more about the MYP Personal Project and Gr. 12 families to learn more about the graduation year and AP courses.

**Homeroom Presentations from Opening Week can be reviewed by students in Google Classroom using the following codes:**

Grad Class of 2029 (Current grade 8's): ecuxnrk  
Grad Class of 2028 (Current grade 9's): 77pe2df  
Grad Class of 2027 (Current grade 10's): 2xp55nq  
Grad Class of 2026 (Current grade 11's): ibcy3ua  
Grad Class of 2025 (Current Grade 12's): nyscbkr

**MYED BC Parent Portal**

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)

**MEET THE TEACHER CURRICULAR EVENING - WED., SEPT. 11, 5 - 7:30PM**

We are looking forward to this in-person event that will give parents a personal opportunity to visit our freshly polished learning spaces, meet our teaching staff and learn more about our courses and opportunities available to students.

For more information and the schedule for the evening click the link [HERE](#)

**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](#)).

**Personal Digital Devices Procedures:**

- At secondary schools personal digital device expectations are for instructional time.

Personal digital devices are not to be used without the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator.

If a personal digital device is required for instructional purposes, or to support a student's medical and health or accessibility and accommodation needs, teachers/staff will provide clear guidelines and expectations around their use for these purposes and ensure that use is adequately supervised. Considerations for personal digital device use will also be made to ensure equity to support learning outcomes for any student who may be disproportionately impacted by the lack of access.

Additional guidelines and expectations include but are not limited to:

- Students who bring personal digital devices to the school are expected to comply with all parts of the school's [code of conduct](#).
- The use of personal digital devices should not interfere with others. This includes sound, light, and other distractions.

- Personal digital devices are not to be used in private settings such as change rooms, washrooms, or counseling rooms that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
- In an emergency such as a lockdown or evacuation, personal digital devices should not be used until told otherwise.

### Student lockers

Student lockers will once again be available this year. Lockers will be assigned to all grade 8 students on the first day of classes via their homeroom teachers, and grade 9 - 12 students can request a locker by signing up [HERE](#). This form will be open until Thursday, September 12th 12pm. Lockers are recommended for students participating in athletic academies or programs that require them to bring a lot of equipment and/or supplies daily. All lockers are equipped with school locks for student use, and these must not be removed from the locker, or a \$10 fee will be added to the student's SchoolCash account. No personal locks are to be used, unless approved through school Administrators.

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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).

#### Art Department Wish List

- small clear jars (eg. baby food) or plastic mini containers with lids (condiment containers).

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### ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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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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#### Thank You for Joining Us!

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the parent coffee this morning! We had a fantastic turnout, helped in part by the lovely weather today. It was a wonderful way to kick off the school year! We're excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming parent social events and PAC meetings. If you missed the event but would like to get involved helping the PAC team organize events, support staff appreciation efforts, etc., you can still sign up – just email [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca).

#### Pancake Breakfast for New and Grade 8 Families – [flyer](#)

If you have a Grade 8 student or are new to the school, don't miss our pancake breakfast on Friday, September 6, from 7:30 – 8:30 am in the cafeteria. Enjoy pancakes, coffee, and tea as you connect with other families!

#### September PAC Meeting

Join us for our first PAC meeting of the 2024-25 year on Thursday, September 19th, 6:30 pm, Learning Commons. Principal Trevor Kolkea will be our speaker, sharing exciting plans and updates for the year ahead at Rockridge.

#### Save the date: [Rocktoberfest!](#) - [flyer](#)

Raise your steins and join the fun at Rocktoberfest—a night of beer, pretzels, and lively conversations! This event kicks off our Parent-to-Parent (P2P) social gatherings for the school year, offering the perfect chance to connect and catch up with fellow Rockridge parents. Tickets will be available next week – watch the P2P for updates.

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

**Location:** Biergarten at The Orchard Restaurant

### **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/IFid2BPD9UJFhPgLlbVx4S>

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

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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**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.

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

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.

### **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.