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Morning Announcements: *Bookmark this link for daily news, updates and Rockridge Athletics schedules*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Thursday, Sept 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday, Sept 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ProD Day - classes not in session
Saturday, Sept 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pride Plunge at the WV Community Centre - see Raven Life for details
Monday, Sept 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs Day during FIT
Tuesday, Sept 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Photo Retakes
Thursday, Sept 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students - see details below)
Friday, Sept 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORANGE SHIRT DAY
Monday, Sept 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL CLOSED - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
UPCOMING	
Monday, Oct 21	Tour of the Rock 12:00PM to 1:00 PM
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I wanted to be sure everyone receiving today’s E-Bulletin was aware that Rockridge hosted a homeroom this morning to distribute a number of important documents for students. Every student who had their photo taken on September 5th received their Student ID cards today. All students in grade 9 received Immunization forms which require parents to review and sign so that students can return these to the school next week. There are some students who had not yet brought home the paper forms issued on the first day of school. If your child was late registering with us, or were away the first day of school, please make sure you are asking your child for the envelope with the permission forms that require a parent/guardian signature and are now past due. For students who had recently requested a locker, these students were issued their combination and locker location.

Lastly, today’s homeroom was an opportunity for us to celebrate our students by recognizing their academic excellence in 2023-24. Today qualifying students in Grade 11 received their MYP certificates recognizing their completion of the Middle Years Program (Gr. 8, 9 and 10).

Any students in Grade 9 through 12 also received their Honour Roll certificates from 2023-24. Envelopes were provided with each certificate so we hope they have arrived home looking as

spectacular as they did coming off the presses last week. If your child has a question about MYP or Honour Roll certificates, please see your grade level administrator.

If your child was away today and did not attend their homeroom, students can visit the office on Monday to pick up any items.

ROCKRIDGE CALENDAR

To assist parents and students in accessing the Rockridge calendar the following links were shared during the Meet the Teacher Curricular Presentations:

- **For Students:** bit.ly/postsecondaryrockridge
- **For Parents & Guardians:** [Here is the link to view the calendar using your browser](#)

*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 FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Course Fee additions are still in progress. These will be posted later this month.

You can find Registration SCO Instructions [here](#). Please contact Rockridge Accounting 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

CLUBS DAY - Monday, September 23rd

Clubs Day 2024 will take place during FIT. There will be a special schedule for the day so that FIT and lunch can align to allow students more time to visit tables and learn about the amazing opportunities to connect with people who have common interests. Grade 8 and 9 students will use this opportunity to learn about all the ways that they can connect with the Rockridge community and complete an assignment related to the Career Education curriculum.

Period 1 (2-3)	8:30 - 9:37
Break (10 min)	9:37 - 9:47
Period 2 (2-1)	9:47 - 10:55
Break (10 min)	10:55 - 11:05
Period 3 (2-2)	11:05 - 12:10
FIT	12:10-12:55 (Clubs Day)
Lunch	12:55 - 1:40
Period 4 (2-4)	1:40- 2:50

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, September 26th

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

Advanced Placement @ Rockridge

2024 AP Capstone Graduates - Our first AP Capstone cohort completed the program in June. Four Rockridge Grads were awarded the AP Capstone Diploma. Congratulations to Mary Tian, Derrick Pan, Yaou Zhang and Hidi Gu on earning this achievement. Additionally 12 students earned the Capstone Certificate while 59 students were awarded an ‘AP Scholar’ for their exceptional exam scores.

Course Registration and Fees- Students are joining course sections on their MY AP account, giving them access to a number of supporting materials for the course. The week of October 1st Course and Exam fees will be attached to your School Cash Online account. Fee payments for these courses are due November 1st so the school can accurately complete our exam order.

Exam News *New for 2025*; all AP exams in courses Rockridge offers will be digital using Bluebook secure technology. Students will complete Multiple Choice sections digitally while completing the Free Response using a computer coupled with a paper/pencil exam booklet. Students will have the opportunity to write a practice exam with their teacher in the weeks leading up to the exam to familiarize themselves.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC) takes place on Thursday October 30th from 8:30 am - 11:00 pm (2.5 hours). COMC is addressed to all grades: "any student with an interest in and grasp of high school math." For more information please see:

<https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/comc2024/>

If any student is interested in writing this contest, please contact your math teacher and then pay \$35.00 on School Cash Online by October 14th.

GRAD 2024 BOAT CRUISE

The first school-sponsored Grad Event is the Boat Cruise on October 17th from 6-9:30pm. Beginning Monday, September 23rd until October 7th you can purchase a ticket for your child on [School Cash Online](#). This along with [Boat Cruise permission form](#) need to be completed and returned to the school to confirm participation.

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 or call 604-461-3722 Mon to Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THIS WEEK

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 Mr.

Kolkea tkolkea@wvschools.ca or to 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.

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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
Go Ravens!

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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. Find the agenda [here](#).

Optional PAC Donation – School Cash Online

Rockridge PAC thanks all parents who make the annual contribution to ROPAC to support your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2024/25 Optional PAC Contribution is available on [School Cash Online](#). You have the option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75. You can contribute more than once and at any time throughout the year!

Last year your contributions helped to fund many special projects and purchases for the school – see summary [here](#). We hope you can help us to support our teacher's wish list items again this year by including the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment.

Hurry and grab your tickets for Rocktoberfest! - [flyer](#)

Registration is still OPEN for our first P2P parent social 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

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 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/IFid2BPD9UJFhPgLibVx4S>

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

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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.

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Memorial Library News

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently

have French storytime running on Saturdays!)

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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 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.

MYED BC Parent Portal

For all students and parents, logging into the MYED portal 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

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.