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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Friday, Sept 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ORANGE SHIRT DAY ● Camp Summit Registration Deadline
Saturday, Sept 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drumline Camp - Rockridge
Monday, Sept 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SCHOOL CLOSED - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Friday, Oct 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
UPCOMING	
Monday, Oct 21	Tour of the Rock 12:00PM to 1:00 PM
<u>FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</u>	
<u>2024-25 At A Glance Calendar</u>	
<u>WV Youth Services click here</u>	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week we celebrated student learning excellence for 2023-24 with the presentation of Honour Roll (Gr 10-12) & Raven-Distinguished Learner Awards (Gr8&9). I received a few questions from students and families about the criteria for this recognition. In some cases it was clarifying what students had accomplished in their previous grades, in other cases it was planning and goal setting for the year ahead. For criteria details for Honour Roll and Raven-Distinguished Learner Awards please click [here](#) to visit the Honour Roll Policy section of our website.

Orange Shirt Day tomorrow is about reflection and educating our community. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation continues to be a process of seeking awareness and understanding for not just our school community, but our whole nation. While not every student will wear an orange shirt, button or ribbon tomorrow, I appreciate the classroom lessons, visual displays, and resources throughout the school that provide us all an opportunity to pause and honour this important time each year.

*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.*

Grade 8 students to Camp Summit - October 9-11, 2024

The deadline for grade 8 students to secure a spot for the Camp Summit is this Friday, September 27.

Payment can be made through school cash online and forms can be found through email and on the grade 8 Google Classroom. Our goal is to connect as many grade 8s as possible by embarking on a trip together to Camp Summit where we will develop collaboration, communication and teamwork skills with the aim of bringing us all together and creating new friendships and connections.

ROCKRIDGE CALENDAR

Rockridge Full Website Calendar

- Please click the following link to access the [FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR](#)
- Then click *Subscribe* in the task bar above the calendar.

Grad Class of 2025

To assist parents and students in the Grad Class of 2025, please see the following Rockridge calendar links that 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](#)

SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Course Fee additions are still in progress. These will not be posted to School Cash Online (SCO) accounts for families until the beginning of October. We will communicate with families when these fees are posted and you will see them in your SCO dashboard.

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 for our next school tour. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

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 offered 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 (and Retakes) - 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 or call 604-461-3722 Mon to Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm.***

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!

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THIS WEEK

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.

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

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

2024/25 Student Transportation - Online Registration Request Form

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.
- 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!

Field Hockey - Senior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)

Rugby - Bantam Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- All grade 8 boys welcome, no experience required!! See Mr. Stefanon for details.
- Thursday Sept 26 | Game vs St. George's School @ **HOME** | 4:00 PM KO
- [Google Classroom Code \(4riwpyg\)](#)

Soccer - Senior Boys

- Team Schedule
- Thursday Sept 26 | Game vs Seycove @ [Ambleside Park | West Vancouver](#) Field D | 3:30 PM KO
(Dismissal 2:40 PM)

Soccer - Junior Boys

- Team Schedule
- Thursday Sept 26 | Argyle Junior Boys Tournament | Day 1 (*Excused All Day*)
 - Game #1 vs Jules Verne @ [William Griffin Park](#) | 9:00 AM KO
 - Game #2 vs Mulgrave @ [William Griffin Park](#) | 1:00 PM KO
- Friday Sept 27 | Argyle Junior Boys Tournament | Day 2 (*Excused All Day*)
 - Game Times dependent on Thursday results

Cross Country - Coach - Mr. Kolkea [Google Classroom Code kkgicpw](#)

- We had 12 racers on Wednesday at the first race of the NSSAA series.
- Top finishers were Ciel F in the Junior Girls race running to an impressive second place finish. Christian C finished 8th in his first high school cross country race among a strong Junior Boys field.

Aquatics

- Practices begin this week, see Google Classroom for details!
- [Google Classroom Code \(yvveg4x\)](#)

Volleyball - Bantam Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)

Volleyball - Juvenile Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)

Volleyball - Junior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Thursday Sept 26 | Double Header @ **HOME**
 - Game 1 vs Elphinstone | 3:30 PM
 - Game 2 vs Sentinel | 5:30 PM

Volleyball - Senior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

September PAC General Meeting

A big thank you to Mr. Kolkea for presenting at last week's PAC meeting and outlining the school's goals for the year. You can find the link to his presentation [here](#) and the meeting minutes [here](#).

Don't miss: Rocktoberfest TONIGHT! - [flyer](#)

It's not too late – tickets will be available at the door for \$15, which includes admission, one drink (beer or wine) and a Bavarian pretzel!

- **Date:** Thursday, September 26th, from 5:30 pm till close
- **Location:** Biergarten at Gleneagles Clubhouse at 6190 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

Save the Date: Let it Snow - [flyer](#)

Mark your calendars! ROPAC are putting together a festive and fabulous parent party to kick off the holiday season

When: Saturday, November 23, 7 pm – late.

Stay tuned for more details!

Optional PAC Donation – School Cash Online

The Rockridge PAC thanks all parents who contribute to ROPAC, supporting both classroom and extra-curricular activities. The 2024/25 Optional PAC Contribution is available via [School Cash Online](#). You can choose to donate \$25, \$50, or \$75. You can contribute more than once and at any time throughout the year!

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

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/Fid2BPD9UJFhPgLIbVx4S>

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.