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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Thurs, Nov 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROPAC Meeting 8:30 am - Library Learning Commons • Last night for GRAD PORTRAITS - see details below
Mon, Nov 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00pm
UPCOMING	
Sat, Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROPAC - LET IT SNOW EVENT 7:00 PM - 11:30 PM Gleneagles Clubhouse
Tue, Nov 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPAC hosts Post-Secondary & Careers Evening - See info and Link Below
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week our winter sports seasons are getting underway, but as a result of their skill, strength and success our Raven girls are still on the court and in the pool this week! Be sure to scroll down to the **ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS** section below to catch up on all the athletics details including tonight’s game at 7:30pm.

Learning Updates for Term One will be published in MyEd for all students in just two weeks time. This translates into a busy time for both students and staff as they prepare for the end of this first learning period of the school year. One of the actions all students need to take and complete each learning period is their ATL reflection. To help students and parents understand these self-reflections and the importance of them, I have included some helpful information below.

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

Understanding IB MYP ATL Reflections and Their Importance in the BC Curriculum

The **International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP)** emphasizes the development of students as independent learners through its **Approaches to Learning (ATL)** framework. ATL skills focus on the following 5 key areas as they relate to a student's learning: thinking, communication, social skills, research skills and self-management skills.

What Are ATL Reflections?

ATL reflections are a critical component of the MYP IB program at Rockridge, where students regularly reflect on their learning processes and the development of their ATL skills. These reflections encourage students to think about how they learn, identify their strengths and areas for improvement, and set goals for future learning. This is a reflective practice that encourages a growth mindset amongst our students and promotes lifelong learning habits

Importance of ATL Reflections in the BC Curriculum

In British Columbia (BC), the curriculum emphasizes **competency-based learning**, which aligns closely with the IB MYP's focus on ATL skills.

How are the ATL Reflections implemented in classrooms at Rockridge?

Integrating IB MYP ATL reflections into the BC curriculum enhances students' learning experiences by promoting self-awareness, critical thinking, communication, personalized learning, and resilience. These reflections not only support academic success but also prepare students to be thoughtful, adaptable, and proactive individuals in their future endeavours. At Rockridge, we provide space and time for all of our students to complete their ATL reflections by attaching their goals for growth to meaningful and relevant activities within each course's subject matter. The ATL reflections are found in each student's grade level Google Classroom and are to be completed within specific courses throughout the year. For example, in learning period 1, all students in grades 8-12 are expected to complete the first of 3 ATL reflections and turn in to Google Classroom by **November 25, 2024**, in the following courses:

- Grade 8 - Math 8 classes
- Grade 9 - PHE 9 classes (Academy students to complete on their own)
- Grade 10 - CLE 10 classes
- Grade 11 - CLC 12 classes
- Grade 12 - CLC 12 classes

Students can find the ATL reflections under the classwork tab - ATL Reflections 2024/25

Please note that a requirement of the **Rockridge Honour Roll is that all students complete all of the ATL reflections in order to remain eligible for Honour Roll Certificates. This is also outlined on our website under the Student tab - Honour Roll [Here](#)

“Take Our Kids to Work” Day TOKTWD 2024

Special thanks to all the amazing community support and to Mr. Campbell for coordinating this year's TOKTWD. Please see *The Raven Life* today and over the next few weeks for photos from our Grade 9 students.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions 2025/2026 opened Tuesday October 15th at 8:00am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 in-catchment students.

Out-of-Catchment and **Out-of-District** student Admissions open - 8:00 am Wed, Jan 15th, 2025.

For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/>. Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

***Information Night for Incoming Gr 8 Students and Families-Jan 9th, 2025 | 6-7:30 pm - see Raven Life**

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

The next tour will be Monday, Nov 18 @ 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. The Tour of the Rock is hosted and led by our principal or vice-principal and senior student leaders. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

ROCKRIDGE SENIOR STUDENTS' INFORMATION

UPCOMING DPAC PARENT EVENING Post Secondary & Careers- Information and Registration [HERE](#)

Parents are invited to join our Post-Secondary and Careers evening, where our expert panel will explore the world of higher education and career pathways. This event will provide you with valuable insights into career pathways, program selection, application processes and how to best support your child's journey beyond high school. Get personalised advice from our school and district professionals and learn how to guide your child toward making informed decisions for their future. Don't miss this opportunity to gain the knowledge you need to help your child succeed!

Rockridge Grad Class Calendar 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](#)

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY:

Our whole school assembly last week was a very special and powerful event coordinated by Mr. Thomson along with a talented team of students and staff. A special note of thanks to Mr. Parker and Ms. Collins for the music and choir performances along with coordinating sound for the performance. To Ms. Corbett whose Drama group shared an original script along with Flanders Fields. Thank you to Ms. Lehman for updating and beautifying our backdrop with poppies to help tie the stage together. To Mr. Lam, who beginning in late September worked together with the Emcees, Ben H. and Maria L. to develop a thoughtful and appropriate script then tied it together with the Performing Arts team. *Please see [The Raven Life](#) for photos from the event.*

ROCKRIDGE Toy Drive 2024 - *Please see [The Raven Life](#) for more information*

Every year for the past four years, Jonathan Yeung has been gathering toys, phones and tablets for the incredibly brave kids at BC Children's Hospital. His goal has been to collect as many awesome gifts as possible to give to the kids and their families over the holidays.

Join us in spreading cheer and making a difference for young patients at BC Children's Hospital! From now until November 27th, Rockridge will accept new and unwrapped toy donations which can be dropped off at the office and will be delivered to BC Children's Hospital on December 4th.

HARVEST PROJECT FOOD DRIVE- hosted by Student Council

Hey Rockridge Families - Student Council has organized a FOOD DRIVE in support of The Harvest Project. The Harvest Project serves vulnerable individuals and families on the North Shore. The Harvest Project has seen a huge increase in need this year. Donations will be accepted from Monday, November 18 to

Friday, December 6 in THE BIN OUTSIDE THE OFFICE. Cash donations can be made outside the office in the final week. Just look for the table!

Some of the most needed items include:

- Gluten free foods, Canned vegetables and fruit, Coffee (1lb. max), Flour, sugar, salt (1lb. max), Oils, vinegar (500 ml max), Ketchup + mustard, Soap, shampoo, conditioner, Rice, Grocery gift cards, Canned soups and vegetables, Cereals

Thanks in advance for your generous donations!

The GetReal Movement is coming to Rockridge on Wednesday, November 27. We are excited to host the GetReal Movement at our school as they are going to present to all of our grade 8's. The grade-wide workshops encourage all of our students to continue to show respect, collaborate with each other and be empathetic to the diversity of all people that attend our school. One of the objectives of the BC curriculum and adapted to the MYP program which is central to student development is the ATL reflections. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to British Columbia's K-12 curriculum and assessment system and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens. For more details about the GetReal Movement please see [HERE](#)

SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- Course Fees have now been posted to School Cash Online (SCO) accounts.
- 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.

Art Room

- **Wish List:** plastic FLAT STYLE takeout containers, unused canvas and pencil crayons.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THIS WEEK

Online Policies & Procedures Form 2024-2025 - Now at 81% of online consent forms completed!

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.

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 - *The Winter Season Begins!*

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!*

Aquatics

- Congratulations Kisely Barbic who has qualified for 3 events for the Provincial Championships next week Nov 15 & 16 @ [Watermania!](#)

Volleyball - Junior Girls

- [Team Roster](#) & [Team Schedule](#)
- Massive **WIN** for the junior girls Tuesday night as they went the distance with STA coming out on top 3-2 and ***securing a place in both the NSSSAA finals Thursday and the junior girls invitational championships*** played later this month.
- Thursday Nov 14 | NSSSAA Final vs Handsworth @ [Handsworth Secondary](#) | 7:30 PM

Wrestling - Boys

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - 4imnqny\)](#) All boys welcome, no experience required & NO CUTS!
- Practices begin Wednesday | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ Player's Hall

Alpine Race Team - Ski & Snowboard

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - tuvvg3f\)](#)
- There will be a meeting for all interested athletes Friday Nov 15 @ Lunch in E201.

Basketball - Senior Boys

- The team roster has now been posted to the Google Classroom, thank you to all those who attended tryouts.

Basketball - Senior Girls

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - 3zk2a4c\)](#)
- Tryouts next week, times TBA!

Basketball - Junior Boys

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - 4lv7kv4\)](#)
- Thank you to all who attended the first tryout Wednesday evening, the next tryout will occur Friday.
- Friday Nov 8 | Tryout #2 | 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Basketball - Junior Girls

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - tnd6ep6\)](#)
- Tryouts next week, times TBA!

Basketball - Juvenile Boys

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - mmdox5x\)](#)
- Tryouts next week, times TBA!

Basketball - Bantam Boys

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - ur6lb7s\)](#)
- Tryouts next week, times TBA!

Basketball - Bantam Girls

- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - nss7hj3\)](#)
- Tryouts next week, times TBA!

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Get Ready! Let it Snow Party is Next Weekend – [Buy Tickets!](#)

It's not too late to get tickets to our biggest fundraiser of the year! We're excited to see many parents already signed up. If you don't have your tickets yet, please register asap to help our committee finalise plans! Check out the amazing [items in our Silent Auction](#) and don't forget to [buy event & raffle tickets today!](#)

Event: Saturday, November 23, 7:00 - 11:30pm at Gleneagles Clubhouse. View [invitation](#).

Winter Plant Sale for Rockridge – [flyer](#)

Get ready for the holidays and purchase beautiful greenery and poinsettias at this fundraiser. [Click to order plants](#). Order deadline: Thu, Nov 21, noon. Pick up: Fri, Dec 6 at Rockridge.

November PAC Meeting

A big thank you to Ms Ferrajohn for teaching us parents how myBlueprint can be a valuable tool in navigating a student's high school plan, starting post-secondary applications, and building a resume. For more careers resources, be sure to visit the [Careers Department website](#). Meeting minutes will be posted next week.

Save the date: Next P2P Coffee will be on Fri, Dec 6 at 9:00 am at The Bakehouse.

Follow ROPAC! [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#) - WhatsApp Groups: [Parent Info \(brief one-way information\)](#) and [P2P \(parent conversation\)](#)

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 maintain a collaborative website with the 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

For "Community Connections" including local programs, events, and resources click [HERE](#).

Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the West Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live in West Vancouver to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

Share your home and your heart

1. \$28,000* in reimbursements
2. Full-service homestay team support
3. Single placements and 5-month students available

*Based on two international students both hosted from September to June.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our Homestay Coordinators at homestay@wvschools.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on our website at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

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 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

ROCKRIDGE CALENDAR

Rockridge Full Website Calendar

- This is a very helpful resource to access for daily block rotations and school events.
- Please click the following link to access the [FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR](#)
- Then click *Subscribe* in the task bar above the calendar.
- Please ask your child if they have subscribed as well!

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 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.

ATTENTION DOG WALKERS

The Rockridge sports field is a Classroom space, used by classes and teams, many of which have begun regular practices and games this fall. There has been a large amount of Dog Poop that is not only a distraction and slipping hazard, but also a health issue. We remind our community members that West Vancouver Bylaw prohibits dogs on the field and thank you for your cooperation in respecting this outdoor classroom space. *We would appreciate it if you would pass this on to other community members who should have this information.