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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

[Rockridge Secondary School website](http://westvancouverschools.ca/rockridge-secondary/)

[WV School District Website](http://westvancouverschools.ca/)

[Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/rockridgess/)

[Follow Rockridge Secondary on X / Twitter](https://twitter.com/RockridgeSS)

[Morning Announcements](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQbp5w3LPw3eE66VkeWIXM4q0tNWhe4Rx0GUve2RdTkn6quHDjmRV8VAANQr4lS1EyGouFgjvS0hBxO/pub): *Bookmark this link for daily news, updates and Rockridge Athletics schedules*

| CALENDAR UPDATE | |
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| Thurs, Nov 7 | * Scholarship Information Seminar (virtual) |
| Fri, Nov 8 | * GRAD PORTRAITS - see details below * REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY | 10:00 |
| Monday, Nov 11 | * Remembrance Day Observed - School Closed |
| Tuesday, Nov 12 | * Pro-D-Day - No Classes In Session * GRAD Buddy PHOTOS - see details below |
| Wed, Nov 13 | * GRAD PORTRAITS - see details below |
| Thurs, Nov 14 | * GRAD PORTRAITS - see details below |
| Fri, Nov 15 |  |
| UPCOMING | |
| Monday, Nov 18⋅ | * Tour of The Rock | 12:00 – 1:00pm |
| [FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR](https://westvancouverschools.ca/rockridge-secondary/events/) with BLOCK ROTATIONS | |
| [2024-25 At A Glance Calendar](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L5BnFHCvRXX32pyaI-HZwBv2RoalH-WM/view) | |
| WV Youth Services click [here](https://nsyouth.ca/services/west-vancouver-youth-services/) | |

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This is one of those weeks where updating our school community through the E-Bulletin highlights why I am so proud to be the principal of Rockridge. On every calendar, update below and click of your mouse, the students and staff at Rockridge are making a difference, they are learning, they are engaging in meaningful activities and there are many ways for families to be engaged with The Rock too. This week alone, we have had two different parent information sessions - tonight you will not want to miss the Scholarship Information Seminar (info below). Next week ROPAC is hosting our monthly meeting where myBlueprint information will be featured from our Careers Department. The MYP coordinators are also looking for your engagement in our policy updates - they have included a helpful piece for you to read below too. Be sure to check out the sports highlights this week. As the fall season wraps up, the Ravens have many accomplishments to communicate and celebrate.

Last week Ms. Lehman and the Student Council helped us celebrate Halloween. Tomorrow, many students and staff members will help lead us in recognizing and honouring Remembrance Day. Gathering together in the gym will be a special experience to provide reflection and pay tribute to the courage and sacrifices of those who served, as well as to honour the peace we strive to maintain. Don’t forget Tuesday is a Professional Development Day so classes are not in session until Wednesday.

*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.*

Your Rockridge MYP Coordinators reporting here:

Last year, we were in touch with you via the parent E-Bulletin on a weekly basis, and this year, to start, we haven’t appeared yet. Why? Well, we have been very busy getting the school prepared for our upcoming evaluation by the International Baccalaureate in April. This involves updating several documents, including our school policies. As you can imagine, with the amount of new information and reflection required, this is no small feat! However, we’d like to inform you of the updated documents.

The first one we’d like to share with you is our updated Academic Integrity policy! *You will find the policy attached to this week’s E-Bulletin email along with the Raven Life.*

The main portions of it were shared with you last week, but please take the time to read through the policy. We really want to emphasize that our students’ authentic learning and growth is at the heart of this policy. That their own voice matters and credit should be given where it’s due.

*We’ll be back next week with another updated policy to show off! See you then!*

“Take Our Kids to Work” Day TOKTWD 2024 - a massive success!

A special thanks to all the amazing community support, we couldn't have done it without you.

Next week, Mr. Campbell will be asking students if they are comfortable sharing some photos from the day as it never fails to stoke curiosity and conversation, as well as building a sense of community.

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://westvancouverschools.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](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

Rockridge Senior Students Information

Unlock Your Future - Scholarship Information Seminar TONIGHT - see poster in Raven Life

Rockridge PAC is once again generously hosting the very informative [Key to Scholarships Session](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-uhWaNdKtt33ie6MaMEvonUeIUbesSfQ/view) virtually on November 7th at 6:00PM. Use the link above to join tonight’s session. Students in all grades and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is never too early to get started. This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Through this seminar, we will debunk common scholarship myths and break down the complex process into a manageable form.

GRAD CAP & GOWN YEARBOOK PORTRAITS, FASHION PHOTOS AND BUDDY SESSIONS  
A friendly reminder that Grad Cap and Gown Yearbook Portraits, Fashion Photos AND Buddy sessions are quickly approaching! Sessions will take place November 7th and 8th, and 12th - 14th at Rockridge. For more information and to book your preferred session time, visit: [www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gradsbc.com%2Fschool%2Frkr&data=05%7C02%7Ctrowbotham%40wvschools.ca%7C9763e113881c4d07e63c08dcf2cdcd20%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638652212928378872%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HLJkwa%2B%2BBKDaXS8ZMKBAKljN8RQoPQafrolDTnb58ls%3D&reserved=0)

The above link will give you specific program details on the services and products you will be receiving from GradsBC; starting with fall portraits all the way to your year end grad events. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to celebrate and mark this memorable time of your life! These photos will be included in the yearbook, on the grad wall composite and will include a proofing gallery for you to view and order.

Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com)

GRAD HOODIES - ORDER BY NOVEMBER 13th

The Rockridge Grad Committee has created a hoodie design and we have a Shopify store open for orders until November 13th. Sweatshirts will be delivered to the school by the first week of December.

Order - [rockridge-grad – Rockridge Secondary School](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foddballworkshop.com%2Fcollections%2Fschool-rockridge-grad&data=05%7C02%7CGThomson%40wvschools.ca%7Cdc1f95b57221491cba9308dcf86d9767%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638658396786407014%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KcPu7gqJh1oHBSReSmdPdlGd%2Bltqk4fcrGNZp7QtNQ8%3D&reserved=0)

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](http://bit.ly/postsecondaryrockridge)
* For Parents & Guardians: [Here is the link to view the calendar using your browser](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c_4s52k9b984f0bit15b6dbqjevs%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver)

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 8 RAVENS Competition - see photos in Raven Life

Our grade 8 students will be connecting with their grade 10 mentors throughout the year during FIT for their grade 8 advisory sessions. These sessions will vary from small groupings where grade 8s connect with their mentor, medium-sized sessions where students in their whole team connect with one another and grade-wide sessions where the RAVENS teams compete against one another for team points. Congratulations to our Resilient Red Bulls for kicking off our grade 8 advisory competition with a strong win! All teams still have a chance to reach 1st place this term, Go RAVENS Go!

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| Grade 8 Advisory Team | Team Points |
| RESILIENT Red Bulls | 1315 |
| ADAPTABLE Black Penguins | 425 |
| VALIANT White Polar Bears | 600 |
| EMPATHETIC Yellow Blobfish | 560 |
| NOBLE Orange Tigers | 820 |
| SUPPORTIVE Green Snakes | 910 |

CULTURE OF YES - Features Mr. Dickinson this week!

If you do not already read Superintendent Kennedy’s blog, here is another great reason to do so! Mr. Dickinson was one of our WV teachers who participated in an AI project with ALP, Dell, C21 Canada and Dean Shareski. The short video at the link below shows the many entry points for gen AI in the classroom. <https://cultureofyes.ca/2024/11/04/when-ai-meets-education-the-power-of-diffusion-over-replication/>

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](https://westvancouverschools.ca/rockridge-secondary/events/)
* Then click *Subscribe* in the task bar above the calendar.
* Please ask your child if they have subscribed as well!

SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

* Course Fees have now been posted to School Cash Online (SCO) accounts.
* You can find Registration SCO Instructions [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MJobaysUhZzegXEKWOi9B3Vh8JKAyG3DWmvVDv49rVI/edit?usp=sharing). 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.

ROCKRIDGE Toy Drive 2024

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.

New for this year, Jonathan has asked his new school, Rockridge, to support him in his efforts to collect new toys that can be donated to Children’s Hospital on Rockridge’s behalf.

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.

Let’s come together to make a difference and brighten the holidays for these amazing kids. Your generosity can bring a world of joy!

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](https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Account/Login?rr=Form/PandP) - Now at 78% of online consent forms completed!

*Please complete this requirement this week and avoid an email from the principal next week.*

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](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/growbc-feedbc-buybc/feed-bc-and-the-bc-food-hub-network/institutional-partnerships/feed-bc-in-k-12-schools), 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](mailto:tkolkea@wvschools.ca) 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.

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

If you are looking to keep up with our Raven Athletics Events, just scroll through our[Morning Announcements](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mxmtflg0_YwPOdFv6R4jp6maf2f14zXA25SxFswpBVw/edit). 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](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YjMB2J6ji0WUV2dM8JGnl69NOWNfG7xDkp_-02awiNpUQ0Q4WjFEREoyUkU1SU5NNEhRS1NCRDNCTy4u)

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!*

Rugby - Bantam Boys

* [Team Schedule](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Welu1NsXq2IivjayqtflrUNerkrNtgrBcBpK1LIIOT0/edit?usp=sharing)
* The team closed out their season with a physical thrashing of rivals Collingwood School in the NSSSAA Semi Finals. The boys opened the scoring with a try by David Vasquez & conversion by Loic Winny, but the Cavs answered with a try of their own keeping it locked at 7-7 for the first 20 mins. Loic Winny added a penalty going up 10-7 before they returned fire back and forth ending the half 26-17. The Ravens continued their bruising beating of the Cavs with huge tackles by Rory Bentall, Saxon Coker, and Lincoln Foster! Unfortunately, Collingwood took advantage of a lapse in the sustained pressure in the second half and took home the final result 66-27. The future is bright for rugby at The Rock!

Soccer - Senior Boys

* The Senior Boys’ run to provincials came to a stop Thursday losing 2-1 in extra time to Notre Dame in a heart breaker. Strong play by Mateo Chow, Anson Cheng, Matthew Hippel, and Fischer Franke kept us in it right till the very end!

Cross Country - Coach

* Congratulations to our Raven XC team on bringing their best race of the season to the BC Provincial Championships this past weekend. Ciel Fitzpatrick led the way for Rockridge in her third XC Provincial appearance with an incredible 10th place finish in a field of 266 athletes. Congratulations to Vaya Fitzpatrick, Christian Chorbajian, and Rhys Finley for their focused preparation and solid placings in their first XC Provincial appearance of their careers!

Aquatics

* Congratulations Kisely Barbic who has qualified for 3 events for the Provincial Championships next week Nov 15 & 16 @ [Watermania](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Watermania/data=!4m2!3m1!19sChIJT7b3FsTfhVQRaaMfpShqtNE)!

Volleyball - Bantam Girls

* [Team Schedule](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UJFDlf5V_SQWxt0EaiRX0pJuvMRsjjlm33GRU-PnUhU/edit?usp=sharing)
* Congratulations to the Bantam Girls who made the Round of 16 this year, but fell to West Vancouver on Monday 3-0. Well done ladies!

Volleyball - Junior Girls

* [Team Schedule](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UJFDlf5V_SQWxt0EaiRX0pJuvMRsjjlm33GRU-PnUhU/edit?usp=sharing)
* The junior girls easily dispatched Sutherland 3-1 in NSSSAA Quarter Final play and now advance to the Semi Finals next week with a berth to junior provincials on the line!
* Tuesday Nov 12 | NSSSAA Semifinal vs St. Thomas Aquinas [Handsworth Secondary](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Handsworth+Secondary/data=!4m2!3m1!19sChIJ_wAttMNvhlQReIMAekx-wNs) | 5:30 PM
* Thursday Nov 14 | NSSSAA Final TBA

Wrestling - Boys

* Team Roster & Team Schedule
* Join the Google Classroom (Code - ) All boys welcome, NO CUTS!
* Practices begin next week Wednesday | Time TBA

Alpine Race Team - Ski & Snowboard

* Team Roster & Team Schedule
* 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 Tryouts next week - TBA

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Order Winter Plants & Support Rockridge! – [flyer](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fscl%2Ffi%2Fr64iuerqn80b5rmw2427t%2FWinter-Plants-24.png%3Frlkey%3Db6zdc00ggqndg6xcwff1dxw4k%26st%3Dd2jvkb5f%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393695884%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HbrdS1YhfW3gpv%2BUjDD4lkDdRQ8CY3MVWU6k%2BjZh4gU%3D&reserved=0)

Get ready for the holiday season with beautiful greenery and poinsettias at this fundraiser. [Click to order plants](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frockridgesecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com%2Fhome&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393717987%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LWdHUvnlU%2BPJ3qzv31VaPx03k%2B%2FqoRK1xDfG4Fm6e2I%3D&reserved=0). Order deadline: Thu, Nov 21st, noon. Pick up will be at Rockridge on Fri, Dec 6th.

Let it Snow Winter Party: Only 2 Weeks Away! – [Buy Your Tickets!](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.zeffy.com%2Fen-CA%2Fticketing%2F63b0b54d-55f1-4151-9320-84907f7cdf87&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393762436%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OzJ2idLgKbbqtxOSN0ubHgMPiZSDXHt08acp1vncmeQ%3D&reserved=0)

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching! To help our event team finalize details, we kindly ask that you [purchase your tickets in advance](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.zeffy.com%2Fen-CA%2Fticketing%2F63b0b54d-55f1-4151-9320-84907f7cdf87&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393787469%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z9u7ufY64OjfI%2BQRn0wH3tIKGU%2F5sRGMv%2BtAl%2FHzj94%3D&reserved=0).

Sneak peek alert! Check out some of the amazing [items in our Silent Auction](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttps-3A__www.dropbox.com_scl_fi_ry4uq91bc4ng4v5fsiruc_Thank-2Dyou-2Ddonors-5Flist.jpg-3Frlkey-3Du7446ah6sepghrjz7oq9o9ku7-26st-3Dikppe5gw-26dl-3D0%26d%3DDwMFaQ%26c%3DeuGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM%26r%3DinS0oWp_qyOroUHssDZuT7MB4qWgOoL_5j9VPXizuz0%26m%3DFCSBGFPF8TKoSzynts2LjdzRFOMrhUVglFMDUZKi2zkstOyZUXNCgNIUEu3pa6DP%26s%3D_MDVQ1nW5X1BgABE2xdFFQlL6lQycsUoTeDXf4q3msM%26e%3D&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393811421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xUHvLvvI%2FLntQc8nbukMUtVr4Q9C01gLZI3uzSRkQyA%3D&reserved=0) - you’re not going to want to miss this! It’s going to be a fun night with snowflakes, DJ, and dancing, all for a great cause. Join us on Saturday, November 23rd, 7:00 - 11:30pm at the Gleneagles Clubhouse. [Get your tickets today](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttps-3A__www.zeffy.com_en-2DCA_ticketing_63b0b54d-2D55f1-2D4151-2D9320-2D84907f7cdf87%26d%3DDwMFaQ%26c%3DeuGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM%26r%3DinS0oWp_qyOroUHssDZuT7MB4qWgOoL_5j9VPXizuz0%26m%3DFCSBGFPF8TKoSzynts2LjdzRFOMrhUVglFMDUZKi2zkstOyZUXNCgNIUEu3pa6DP%26s%3DNqUcPz1pdoui1HAkXydpGRdHq9MWPIpmy3Q8wGS3FEo%26e%3D&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393834147%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JWgX4uaPJhRL8F0GkPrj0faPqmCi1RBbO4AY5hDss1s%3D&reserved=0) and be a part of an unforgettable evening! View [event invitation](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fscl%2Ffi%2Fihl5yeg6z4t33cri3kf5z%2FLet-it-Snow-handouts.png%3Frlkey%3Dnzc4tlhoh6q6dr028wkt5bad4%26st%3D8ka1cle2%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393857818%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iiNu0JIYDperUMAFO6W0CUWCuAVQfcO2e0Tli%2BLltCM%3D&reserved=0).

November PAC Meeting - [meeting agenda](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fscl%2Ffi%2Fjc27uhjpuif3xe5kokx1a%2F2024-NOV-14-ROPAC-Agenda.pdf%3Frlkey%3Dpfkq1w7un8lnkuny0bbvfyitm%26st%3D9fqb21yt%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7CMSmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C47553458746042b7770e08dcfec4c91f%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638665368393880108%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9vZNwy7h%2BGygxKmpomMVtMPyRT%2Fb4JEmxnDVR7xwPJU%3D&reserved=0)

Mark your calendars for Thu, Nov 14th, 8:45am for the next Rockridge PAC Meeting in the Learning Commons. We’re excited to welcome guest speaker Bianca Ferrajohn, Careers Teacher, who will be sharing how students in grades 8-12 use myBlueprint. She’ll also discuss how the student portfolio can be a valuable resource for post-secondary applications, resume building, and more.

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COUNSELLORS’ CORNER

[West Vancouver Schools Counselling](https://westvancouverschools.ca/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](https://westvancouverschools.ca/counselling/) under the DEPARTMENT tab on the [Rockridge Secondary School website.](https://westvancouverschools.ca/rockridge-secondary/)

FAMILY SMART Monthly [Events - LINK](https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/) - 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](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/138FEAD04C8546BCB90D8B41546D2AAD) is now officially available on the [mental health and well-being](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/mental-health) erase website.

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

# "Community Connections" including local programs, events, and resources click: [link](https://westvancouverschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2425-Community-Connections-Ebulletins-Oct-31.pdf)

Legion National Foundation Youth Remembrance Contest

Through the annual National Youth Remembrance Contests, the Legion National Foundation, with the support of The Royal Canadian Legion and schools across the country, invite Canadian youth and children to honour Canada’s Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through visual art, writing, and video. Information and entry forms can be found at<https://www.remembrancecontests.ca/>

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://westvancouverschools.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](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1470KvhOWluaPWlCooK_MMARuP9NXuNzSl-3zx31zV9c%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C01%7Cmsmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C1b21e6de3ccd4697541e08dbaff588a5%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C638297241461284777%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fdskZamcj%2Be7qEtPDDoFAUVcbnHn8LDjsfeFTLxH500%3D&reserved=0) 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](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwestvancouverschools.ca%2Ffamily-portal&data=05%7C01%7Cmsmithers%40wvschools.ca%7C9e15b884b3a44bf2c00d08da91ea5d3b%7Cd8013362a39e458b9457674cf091a797%7C0%7C0%7C637982733014327041%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=x3gaH9XnuYSHCJDFYEGkLzuNGdGdXUItxmZXhyeqCpQ%3D&reserved=0) 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRaL4VphEz4). If you have further questions, please email [Rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:Rockridge@wvschools.ca)

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](https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/StudentApplicationDocuments). 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.