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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Thursday, Oct 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal Progress Reports Posted to MyEd • Indigenous Circle - Inglewood Secondary 3:30 – 4:45pm • AI in Education Parent Night - Empowering the Future 7 - 8:30pm - see poster in Raven Life
Friday, Oct 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Pro-D-Day - No classes in session
Monday, Oct 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Literacy Assessment 12 8:30am -12:30 pm Oct 28 – Nov 1
Tuesday, Oct 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLA 8:30am -12:30 pm • Educationplanner BC Webinar 6:30 – 7:30pm Register HERE
Wed, Oct 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLA 8:30am -12:30 pm • COMC Challenge Exam W113 8:30-11:30 am
Thurs, Oct 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLA - starts 8:30 am-12:30 pm • Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students - see details below) • Hallowe'en - Costume Contest
Fri, Nov 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLA 8:30am -12:30 pm • Rock Band Camp Nov 1-2
UPCOMING	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week I highlighted the Informal Reporting process . . . today those reports have been posted to the MyEd portal. Families and students can log in now to review the comments regarding their learning progress at this point in the first learning period. Our statistics show that some students and parents/guardians do not access their MYEd accounts in a timely manner. We would ask that you prioritize reviewing the Informal Report today. In the event there are concerns or questions, families can help our students make plans to address their learning goals. It may also be a great way to celebrate together on the positive progress made to date. Please contact teachers directly with questions you have about your child’s progress in a specific course.

For the Class of 2027 Informal Reports have one course that has not yet been reported on which is their Personal Project course listed as - IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM 10. This is because it is a 2-credit course

and students have just started their initial exploration of topics that they would like to focus their Personal Project on. A comment will be provided on students' term one report card to show their progress with their personal project report.

It is another busy week ahead at The Rock following tomorrow's Professional Development Day. GLAs, Hallowe'en, fall sports playoffs and more will keep our Ravens busy as we wrap up the month of October.

*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.*

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AT SCHOOL

Rockridge students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Tuesday, October 31st but they are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. To better define this, please see the bullets below:

- Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked.
- It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any costumes that would be deemed offensive.
- While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. We want to ensure that culturally based and identity-based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures and identities are not costumes.
- Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

When Halloween falls on a weekday it always adds a lot of energy to our building and community. Students are encouraged to keep safety top of mind so that responsible decisions are made throughout the day and into the evening. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building, and we always look forward to seeing the creativity demonstrated by students and staff.

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 named to AP Scholar School Honour Roll

Earlier this month Rockridge was named a **Silver Member of the 2024 AP School Honour Roll!** **College Board's AP School Honour Roll** recognizes schools whose Advanced Placement (AP) programs are delivering results and broadening access for students. For the first time we also received the **AP Access Award** with our data demonstrating a clear and effective commitment to AP Equity. Rockridge was one of just 35 schools – and one of 6 public schools in Canada - to be named to the AP School Honour Roll.

During the 2023-24 school year, 178 Rockridge students enrolled in one or more of the **13 AP courses** the school offers. In total, 321 AP exams were taken this past spring resulting in the following achievements:

- 27 AP Scholars (students scoring 3 or higher on three or more exams)
- 15 AP Scholars with Honors (students scoring an average of 3.25 or higher on all AP exams and 3 or higher on four or more exams)
- 16 AP Scholars with Distinction (students scoring an average of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams and 3 or higher on five or more exams)
- 4 AP Capstone Diploma recipients. (Completion of the AP Capstone Research Project and 4 or more AP courses and exams)
- 12 AP Capstone Certificate recipients (Completion of the AP Capstone Research Project)
- More students scored 3 or higher on their exams than any other year in the past five years.

These achievements are a result of the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. We are honored to be able to provide an inclusive, engaging and purposeful AP Program which compliments and builds upon our IB MYP, specialty and cohort programs at Rockridge.

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, October 31st

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

Student Vote Results are in!

Students experienced the voting process on October 15th by casting ballots for the official candidates in the West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky riding running in the 2024 Provincial Election. Rockridge students elected a Conservative candidate by a narrow margin. Our voting breakdown:

- **Conservative - 294 ballots**

- **Green - 207 ballots**
- **NDP - 161 ballots**
- **Spoiled ballots - 7**

Across the Province, nearly 180,000 votes were reported from 1,034 schools, with results from all 93 electoral districts. Students elected a BC NDP minority government, and the BC Conservative Party formed the official opposition.

- **BC NDP: 44 seats, 36.7% of the vote**
- **BC Conservative Party: 40 seats, 36.2% of the vote**
- **BC Green Party: 9 seats, 19.2% of the vote**

MADD Canada Presentation - ALL Grade 11 & 12 students attended this valuable presentation today. Students learned firsthand some of the dangers of impaired driving as well as promoting safe and responsible choices. To see photos of the event please visit our Instagram account @rockridgess

West Vancouver Schools Admissions 2025/2026 open 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.

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

UBC is hosting [Discover UBC Okanagan](#) for interested Northshore students and parents at West Vancouver Secondary, Oct. 30th at 6:30PM. Registration is not required for this event.

Unlock Your Future - the Key to Scholarships

Rockridge PAC is once again generously hosting the very informative [Key to Scholarships Session](#) virtually on November 7th at 6:00PM. 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.

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](#)

Advanced Placement @ Rockridge

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

Lost and Found

We have had numerous sets of Earpods handed in to the office - please come to claim them. Also there are many lost items accumulated in the lost and found bin already.

Parents of Grade 8 Students Re: WV Library Cards

Students have registered for or updated their West Vancouver Memorial Library cards this week. If your student was absent, we encourage them to complete this at home at bit.ly/wvml123. They have access to the West Vancouver Memorial Library with their own WVML card. This card gives students access to audiobooks, ebooks and additional digital resources that are not provided by the school. Please see [this letter](#) for more details.

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!

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 or unused canvas or pencil crayons.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THIS WEEK

Online Policies & Procedures [Form 2024-2025](#) - Now at 75% 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](#), 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](#)
- The team has booked their ticket to the NSSSAA Finals for the second time in 3 years and will face off against rivals Collingwood.
- Friday Oct 25 | VS2S Placement Finals vs TBA @ [Crofton House School](#) | Time TBA

Rugby - Bantam Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Reflecting after a big loss to Carson Graham 68-28

Soccer - Senior Boys

- Thurs Oct 24 | NSSSAA Playoff Match & Opponent TBA (@ Mulgrave or Ambleside Field D)

Soccer - Junior Boys

- Thursday Oct 24 | Game vs Argyle @ [Ambleside Park | West Vancouver](#) Field D | 3:30 PM

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

- See photo in Raven Life
- BC Provincial Championships November 2nd at Jericho Park

Aquatics

- Friday Oct 25 | Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone Meet @ [Watermania](#)

Volleyball - Bantam Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- **No Practice Thursday October 24th!** Enjoy the long weekend!
- Monday Oct 28 | Games vs Windsor @Rockridge Secondary 4:00 PM
 - Rockridge White vs Windsor Green
 - Rockridge Blue vs Windsor Grey
- Wednesday October 30th | Games vs Sutherland Secondary and Mulgrave International School
 - Rockridge White vs Sutherland 4:00pm @Rockridge Secondary
 - Rockridge Blue vs Mulgrave 4:00pm @Mulgrave International School

Volleyball - Juvenile Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Monday Oct 28 | Game vs Handsworth @ **HOME** | 5:30 PM
- Wednesday Oct 30 | Game vs West Vancouver [West Vancouver Secondary School](#) | 4:00 PM

Volleyball - Junior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Thurs Oct 24 | Game vs Howe Sound @ [Howe Sound Secondary School](#) | 5:30 PM
- Friday Oct 25 | Neil Salkus Tournament @ [Handsworth Secondary](#) | [Schedule](#)
- Sat Oct 26 | Neil Salkus Tournament @ [Handsworth Secondary](#) | [Schedule](#)
- Tues Oct 29 | Game vs Windsor @ [Windsor Secondary](#) | 6:00 PM

Volleyball - Senior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)

- Last practice is Monday this week, please bring your jerseys to return!

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Let it Snow: Parent Party & Fundraiser – [Buy Tickets!](#)

Get your tickets now for our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year! You won't want to miss this winter wonderland featuring delicious hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing to a fantastic DJ. Support the PAC by taking part in the silent auction, trying your luck at the \$500 raffle or choosing a special item from the Giving Tree. Let's make this a night to remember and reach our fundraising goals together!

Find [event invitation](#).

- **When:** Saturday November 23, 7:00 - 11:30 pm
- **Where:** Gleneagles Clubhouse
- **Tickets:** \$85 per person - [click link to buy tickets](#).

Help us make this a success!

We're seeking donations for our Silent Auction, a key component of the [Let it Snow](#) Fundraiser. Consider contributing gift certificates, artwork, event tickets or even a stay at your vacation home. Last year, the silent auction brought in \$6,000, and with your help, we aim to reach that goal again. To make a donation, please reach out to Rachel at 604-836-9153 or ihp.rachel@gmail.com Thank you for your support!

Parent Education Talks

- Don't miss tonight's talk about "AI in Education" at Rockridge, 7:00pm. Hosted by DPAC. Click the link [to register](#).
- *Did you know that 60% of BC youth who vape start between the ages of 12-14?* Attend our event on Nov 5th, 7:00 pm at Rockridge Players Hall to learn about the impacts of vaping, prevention strategies and support options. Don't miss this presentation followed by a Q&A with VCH, Foundry and Principal Kolkea. No registration needed. See [event flyer](#) for more details.

October PAC Meeting Minutes

A big thank you to everyone who attended last week's PAC meeting for an engaging discussion with Principal Kolkea and Carolyn Broady, WV trustee and Board Chair and BCSTA President. You can find the minutes to the meeting [here](#).

P2P Parent Coffee – [flyer](#)

Join us on Friday, Nov 1 at 9 - 10:30am at The Bakehouse Dundarave for the first P2P Parent Coffee Morning.

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) Rockridge WhatsApp Groups: [Parent Info](#) (brief one-way info) 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 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

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

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://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

2024/25 Student Transportation - Online Registration Request Form

Please visit our [School District Student Transportation website](#) for more information.

- 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).