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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Nov 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● P2P Parent Coffee Morning @ Dundarave Bakehouse (See ROPAC News) ● Rock Band Camp Nov 1-2
Monday, Nov 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 12 Indigenous Experience UBC 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday, Nov 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Ed Talks - Youth & Vaping 7:00pm (See ROPAC News)
Wed, Nov 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 TOKTWD - see details below ● Accounting Field Trip to Sauder School of Business
Thurs, Nov 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students - see details below) ● GRAD PORTRAITS - see details below ● Brittany Palmer Scholarship Presentation 6:00 – 7:30pm - see details below
Fri, Nov 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GRAD PORTRAITS - see details below ● REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY 10:00
UPCOMING	
Monday, Nov 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● REMEMBRANCE DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To begin this week’s E-Bulletin I’d like to make a special shout out to our hardworking Class of 2025 who completed their Graduation Literacy Assessments (GLAs) this week. They are yet another step closer to graduation as we wrap up this final day of October.

Halloween was celebrated here at The Rock today with lots of costumes and treats. The annual costume contest in Players Hall was packed with staff and students once again and certainly reflects the positive school spirit that makes our school a special and fun place to be. This time of year, and tonight especially, always sparks the topic of safety. It is important to note the sale and use of fireworks are banned in West Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver. The District of North Vancouver permits private pyrotechnic displays on a limited basis but permits are required to be purchased by those 19 years of age and older.

A second safety topic for conversation this weekend is for those families that have a Raven who commutes to school by bike, especially Ebike. If you notice your student is not wearing a helmet, please take time to discuss safety regulations in BC with your child. Our staff have had conversations with any students we have seen not wearing a helmet out of an abundance of care and concern. If you wish to have more information about cycling safety please see the following link [ICBC Road Safety - Cycling](#)

Next Friday, all of Rockridge will take part in our annual Remembrance Day assembly at 10:00am. Staff and students have been preparing for many weeks to create a special school-wide gathering to honour the memory of the fallen and pledge to care for the living. We will remember them.

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

“Take Our Kids to Work” Day (TOKWD) Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Each year, Grade 9 students across Canada are asked to participate in the “Take Our Kids to Work” Day (TOKWD). All Grade 9 families should have received a [Letter](#) emailed from Curtis Campbell CPCampbell@wvschools.ca outlining the program. Thus far, we have received 108 responses. We are awaiting response from 37 families. If you need assistance or have further questions, please contact Mr. Campbell CPCampbell@wvschools.ca

You as the parent/guardian play a pivotal role on this day. Therefore in the event that you do not complete the [Google Form](#), and the G9 student does not show up to school on this day, then the student will be marked absent. The event aims:

- ✓ To provide students with a view of the world of work
- ✓ To have students understand the responsibilities and opportunities of work
- ✓ To allow students to make connections between school endeavours and future careers
- ✓ To encourage students to discuss and explore career-related topics with adults

MYED BC Parent Portal - A Reminder from last week.

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

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Nov 7th

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

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

Unlock Your Future - the Key to Scholarships - see poster in Raven Life

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.

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

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

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

Lost and Found

We have numerous sets of Earpods, jewelry, bank cards, umbrellas - please come to claim them in the office. Also there are many lost items accumulated in the lost and found clothing 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, unused canvas and pencil crayons.
- **ART STUDIO W104 CLEAN OUT...** Come get your artwork from LAST YEAR by THIS FRIDAY! Did you leave your artwork in the art studio last year? Please come and claim it by THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st. Unfortunately we don't have room to store it indefinitely.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THIS WEEK

Online Policies & Procedures Form 2024-2025 - 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](#), 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](#)
- Congratulations to the team on a strong season, unfortunately the girls fell short of Provincial qualification with a 2-0 loss to defending provincial champions Seycove.
- Please return your washed jerseys to Mr. Stefanon in W208.

Rugby - Bantam Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- The team knocked off Handsworth in Quarter Final action 55-35. David V with 20 points, and Rory B right behind with 18 points in the end! The team advances to the semi finals vs Collingwood next Tuesday at Klahanie, 3:15 PM KO!

Soccer - Senior Boys

- The senior boys have advanced to Zone Playoffs for the first time in a while after a massive 2-0 win over Sutherland!
- Thursday Oct 31 | Wild Card Final vs Notre Dame @ [Trillium Turf](#) | 3:15 PM KO (**Dismissal 1:40 PM**)

Soccer - Junior Boys

- The team pulled out a tight one vs Seycove 3-2 in quarter final action, on to the semi finals!!!
- The junior boys caught the injury bug in the semi final but put their best foot forward regardless. Unfortunately it was not enough to overcome a determined Handsworth team who took the win 3-1 to advance to the NSSSAA Finals next week. Congratulations on a wonderful season, the future is bright for soccer at Rockridge!

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

- Congratulations to our provincial qualifiers; Ciel F, Vaya F, Christian C, and Rhys F!
- Saturday November 2 | Provincial Championships @ [Jericho Beach Park](#) #GoRavensGo

Aquatics

- Congratulations Kisely B who has qualified for 2 of her 3 events for the Provincial Championships!

Volleyball - Bantam Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Monday saw mixed results for our bantam girls volleyball teams. Our Rockridge White team played well against a familiar opponent but ended up losing 3-1. Our Rockridge BLue team got their first win of the season going the distance vs Windsor Grey 3-2!
- Wednesday Rockridge hosted yet another double header. Rockridge White lost 3-1 to Sutherland, and Rockridge Blue lost in straight sets 3-0 to Mulgrave.
- Rockridge White has advanced to NSSSAA playoffs facing off against West Vancouver Black Monday Nov 4 @ 4:00 PM at West Vancouver Secondary School.
- Monday Nov 4 | NSSSAA Round of 16 vs West Van Black @ West Vancouver Secondary School | 4:00 PM

Volleyball - Juvenile Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Juvenile Girls lost their last game of the season 3-0 to West Van despite some close sets throughout. Congratulations on your hard work representing Rockridge this season! Eyes forward to Basketball season soon!

Volleyball - Junior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- The junior girls rounded out their regular season with a 3-0 win over Windsor!
- Playoffs Tuesday vs Sutherland (quarterfinals) @ RR| 4:00 pm

Volleyball - Senior Girls

- Please return all jerseys!

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

P2P Parent Coffee Tomorrow – [flyer](#)

Join us for our very first P2P Parent Coffee this **Friday, Nov 1 at the Dundarave Bakehouse from 9 - 10:30 AM**. All Rockridge parents welcome. Sip on a hot cup of coffee, connect with fellow parents, and enjoy some lively conversation.

Let it Snow: Tickets on Sale now! – [Buy Tickets!](#)

Don't miss our biggest night of the year! Join us for an unforgettable winter party and fundraiser for Rockridge parents and friends, bring our community together to support a great cause. Get your tickets today! Find the event invitation [here](#) and [get your tickets today!](#)

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

Parent Education Talks: Youth and Vaping

Did you know that 60% of BC youth who vape start between the ages of 12-14?

Attend our event on Tue, 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.

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.