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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Thus, Dec 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TONIGHT -Rockridge Winter Concert <i>Sounds of the Season</i> 6:30 – 8:00pm
Fri, Dec 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HARVEST PROJECT FOOD DRIVE - See note below re: Grade 8 challenge ● ROPAC Plant Pick-up 2:00 – 4:00pm
Mon, Dec 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Active Living 11/12 to Laser Tag 12:15 – 2:45pm
Tue, Dec 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place for Sport Grand Opening - WVSS 1:00 – 3:00pm
Wed, Dec 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 11 AP Life Science to Cap U 8:30am – 2:30pm
Thurs, Dec 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safeteen Presentation (Gr. 10s) 8:30 – 11:00am ● Arts & Design Rotation 1 Reports Posted
Fri, Dec 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holiday Sweater Day - Watch for more themes from Student Council
Sat, Dec 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wrestling Team - Gym
UPCOMING	
Thurs, Dec 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alumni Insight Event - see details below
Fri, Dec 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12:00 PM Dismissal - Happy Holidays!
Winter Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dec 23 - Jan 3 - School Closed
Jan 7th, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents as Education and Career Coaches virtual presentation - Register here
Jan 9th, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information Night for Incoming Gr 8 Students and Families
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope your family will join us for an incredible Winter Concert this evening. Not only will this help build your festive and holiday spirit, but you will be amazed by the talent of our Rockridge musicians and artists.

This week I have been visiting Gr. 10 CLC classes to talk about the MYP Personal Project Exhibition . . . we call it the *Mr. Kolkea Inspirational Personal Project Tour*. Students have been planning and designing

with their CLC teachers to prepare for this grand event in February. I know it is still a few months away, but we have included our poster in the [Raven Life](#) for you to mark your 2025 calendars.

This week I wanted to remind our school community about our PDD expectations. Students should only be using Personal Digital Devices during instructional time when directed by their teacher. Students should keep their phones in their bag during class time and only bring them out as directed by their teacher. Where parents and guardians can help is by not calling or texting their child during the day unless at break times. As always, if there is an urgent matter, please contact our office and we will get the message to your child.

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

Hello Parent/Guardian Community!

Your Rockridge MYP Coordinators with one last updated policy for you to have a look at and a request.

[OUR INCLUSION POLICY: \(see attached PDF\)](#)

The last policy we'd like to share with you is our Inclusion Policy. This policy discusses how, as a school, we support the learning needs of all our students both inside the classroom and as a school as a whole. In our school population, we have students with a wide variety of learning styles/needs and we formally acknowledge through this policy how we meet all those diverse needs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

From **April 14 - 16, 2025** we will be having a virtual visit from the International Baccalaureate to evaluate the ongoing running and implementation of the Middle Years Program here at Rockridge. We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to participate in the evaluation of the program. Your commitment would mean that you'll:

- Try to attend two 'Coffee with the Coordinators' mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 (*January 21 & March 6*) to help set you up for the topics that would be discussed with the virtually visiting officials.
- The evaluation meeting with the IB evaluation team in April (*30 minutes maximum during school hours on Tuesday April 15*).

The evaluation meeting is a time for honest discussion with the IB team regarding your knowledge and thoughts regarding the MYP program here at the school.

Could this be you?

If so, please fill out [THIS FORM](#). Thank you!

Your RR MYP Coordinators,

Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare

[Annual Winter Weather Reminder - See Weather Closures and Procedures](#)

With the recent weather events and the potential of flurries, we wanted to remind everyone of the West Vancouver Schools *Winter Weather* protocols.

West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 am.

Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

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 tours will be Monday, December 16 and January 13th @ 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

Alumni Insights Event - Thurs, Dec 19th from 1:00-1:40 pm in Player's Hall

We are reaching out to our Rockridge alumni who are eager to share their diverse post-secondary experiences, spanning a wide range of paths such as gap years, trades work, international exchange, internships, university programs, clubs, athletics, and more. We are hoping their unique journeys can provide invaluable insights and inspiration to our current senior students who are navigating their own paths towards higher education and beyond.

Alumni interested in attending should email lalldred@wvschools.ca

Rockridge Grad Class Calendar 2025

To assist parents and students in the Grad Class of 2025, please see the following Rockridge calendar links:

- **For Students:** bit.ly/postsecondaryrockridge
- **For Parents & Guardians:** [Here is the link to view the calendar using your browser](#)

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

HARVEST PROJECT FOOD DRIVE- hosted by Student Council - see poster in Raven Life
ONE MORE DAY TO FILL THE BIN - THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER!

GRADE 8 ADVISORY TEAM CHALLENGE

Please bring your canned food for the Harvest Project! You can drop your donations off in the Careers office (next to the drama room) in the bag that is for your RAVENS team by 4pm on Friday, December 6th. The team that donates the most will receive 200 points!

Grade 8 Advisory Team	Team Points
RESILIENT Red Bulls	2280
ADAPTABLE Black Penguins	1155
VALIANT White Polar Bears	1265
EMPATHETIC Yellow Blobfish	1215
NOBLE Orange Tigers	1515
SUPPORTIVE Green Snakes	1305

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!

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 84% 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!*

Just one game on the Rockridge schedule today - watch next week's bulletin for Basketball highlights.

Basketball - Junior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Thursday Dec 5 | Game vs Seycove [Seycove Secondary School](#) | 4:30 PM

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Tomorrow at Rockridge – don't miss out! - flyer

P2P Coffee: Kick off your day with a cozy cuppa and some great conversation. Join us at 9:00 am at The Bakehouse at Dundarave.

Winter Plant Fundraiser: Time to pick up your pre-ordered winter plants! Swing by the front of the school from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Your support makes a difference – thank you!

Let's Spread some Holiday Cheer

Be part of the Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon – [sign up online](#)

Help us celebrate our incredible Rockridge teachers, support staff, and administrators with a memorable luncheon on **Friday, December 20**.

We're still looking for:

- **Homemade or store-bought dishes** – mains, sides, desserts or beverages
- **Festive poinsettias** to brighten up the event
- **Volunteers** to assist during the celebration

Click [here](#) to sign up now and show your support.

If you're unable to provide food, any monetary donations to help create a memorable meal would be greatly appreciated. [Click here to donate](#)

Questions? Reach out to Sophie Ukani at sophieukani@yahoo.com

Let's make this holiday season one to remember for our amazing Rockridge community!

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 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.

ROCKRIDGE 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.

MYED BC Parent Portal

For all students and parents, logging into the MYED portal is a very important step in supporting your child's learning and progress at Rockridge.

If you need assistance logging onto the parent portal, please use this link [MyEd Parent Portal](#) for instructions on registering your MyEdBC account. Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

School Drop Off/Pick Up Safety

As you are probably aware, there can be heavy traffic around our school site at opening and dismissal times. It is difficult for vehicles to enter and exit our school parking areas as well as the Caulfeild Mall. The passage of emergency vehicles would be impeded which is of considerable concern. Please consider carpooling, dropping off and picking up your children at a predetermined location away from the school property, and encouraging active transportation (biking, walking). Another helpful action, if possible, for those that have to drive is dropping off your child early. An 8:00 AM arrival is always a great plan and chance to hang in the cafeteria, get some work done at a hallway workstation, or connect with a teacher.

Please note that designated visitor parking spaces at the front of the school are a 'no parking' zone in the morning and after school. The driveway in front of the school entrance is a NO STOPPING zone. All numbered parking spaces are designated for individual staff members. Please do not park in these spaces at any time during school hours.

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.