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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Nov 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Update #1 Reports Posted (by 6:00pm) Indigenous Career Youth Conference 9:30am – 2:30pm
Mon, Dec 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Rotation 1 Last Day
Tue, Dec 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Rotation 1 Last Day Law 12 Field Trip
Wed, Dec 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Biology to UBC 8:30am – 3:00pm
Thurs, Dec 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rockridge Winter Concert 6:30 – 8:00pm FAST Program to The Hive
Fri, Dec 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROPAC Plant Pick-up 2:00 – 4:00pm
UPCOMING	
Jan 9th, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Night for Incoming Gr 8 Students and Families
<u>FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</u>	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week marks a significant point in our school year as we prepare to share the first formal learning updates for all students tomorrow. These reports provide a snapshot of your child’s progress and achievements to date, providing an opportunity to reflect on their growth, celebrate their efforts, and identify areas for continued development. I encourage families to carve out time together this weekend to review these updates together so that conversations can happen with your student (child) about their learning goals and next steps.

I’d also like to highlight the incredible community spirit demonstrated at last weekend’s ROPAC fundraiser. The event was a lovely celebration of the connections and partnerships that define our school community coming together to support a shared cause. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and collaboration made The *Make it Snow* fundraiser a resounding success, and I am grateful. Events like these demonstrate our collective efforts and reflect the strong bonds that unite us as a school

community here at The Rock. Thank you for being engaged in our school community, your child's learning and for making a difference!

*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.*

MYED BC Parent Portal

Learning Update One will be published digitally through the parent portal tomorrow, Friday, Nov 29th by 6:00pm.

If you have not done so already please see the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) today where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account.

Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are still having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

MYP Evaluation Year - Updated Language Policy - see attached PDF with today's email

Hello Parent/Guardian Community!

Your Rockridge MYP Coordinators are back again with another policy for you to have a look at!

OUR LANGUAGE POLICY:

The next policy we'd like to share with you is our Language Policy. This policy talks about how we support our learners in learning languages here at Rockridge! This includes our various English, English-Language-Learner, French and Spanish courses. The IB celebrates language learning and emphasizes the importance of being open to continually learning and developing our understanding of not only a student's best language, but other languages as well. The emphasis is to increase their understanding of other cultures (including their own), and explore important world ideas/issues through different perspectives.

We are very lucky to have a committed, dynamic languages team, including the support of our wonderful Library Learning Commons. Check out what they have to offer for our MYP grades!

LEARNING UPDATE 1 INFO:

The first update will be released TOMORROW!

All MYP courses (Grades 8 - 10) will have Levels 1 - 8 associated with their subject specific criterion categories.

Here are two tips to help you navigate through your MYP student's first learning update:

1) What the Levels Mean

Your first reminder is the Levels are aligned with the new BC Proficiency Scale. So if you see a Level of 4 for a specific criterion, it does NOT mean that your student received a 4 out of 8. It means the following:

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
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<i>Levels 1 - 2</i>	<i>Levels 3 - 4</i>	<i>Levels 5 - 6</i>	<i>Levels 7 - 8</i>
Demonstrates an initial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the expected learning.

A passing level in a course is considered a 2.

If a 1 or an IE (insufficient evidence) is present, students will be given a supportive action plan to help get them back on track in the remainder of the course.

2) Not All Criterion Categories May Be Assessed in a Course At This Time

Because we are running in a linear system, the pacing is more spread out, so courses may not have had enough time to assess all four criterions for their subject area.

The minimum number of criterions to be assessed in a subject by Learning Update 1 is TWO.

This means, some courses will have two criterion categories assessed, others will have three, and others might have four! So, if you see a blank, don't panic!

(ALL subject areas will have ALL FOUR criterions assessed by Learning Update 2.)

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

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*

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 82% 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!*

Wrestling - Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Join the [Google Classroom \(Code - 4imnqny\)](#) All boys welcome, no experience required & NO CUTS!
- **NOTE - THURSDAY MEET CANCELLED AS STEFANON IS AWAY (Check Google Classroom)**

- Friday Nov 29 | Grade 10-12 Blitzen Blast [Argyle Secondary School](#) | 3:30 PM (**Dismissal 2:25 PM**)

Alpine Race Team - Ski & Snowboard

- [Team Schedule](#)
- **Please complete payment this week on SchoolCash or your spot will be given to the next in line.**

Basketball - Senior Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Monday Dec 2 | Game vs Argyle @ [Argyle Secondary School](#) | 7:30 PM
- Wednesday Dec 4 | Game vs Sutherland @ **HOME** | 7:30 PM

Basketball - Senior Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Monday Dec 2 | Game vs Collingwood @ [Collingwood School - Morven Campus](#) | 7:30 PM

Basketball - Junior Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Monday Dec 2 | Game vs Argyle @ [Argyle Secondary School](#) | 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Dec 4 | Game vs Lionsgate Christian Academy @ **HOME** | 6:00 PM

Basketball - Junior Girls

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

Basketball - Juvenile Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Wednesday Dec 4 | Game vs St. Thomas Aquinas @ **HOME** | 4:00 PM

Basketball - Bantam Boys

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Friday Nov 29 | Rebel Classic Tournament @ [Burnaby South Secondary School](#) | Time TBA (**Dismissal TBA**)
- Wednesday Dec 4 | Game vs St. Thomas Aquinas @ [St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School](#) | 4:00 PM (**Dismissal 2:45 PM**)

Basketball - Bantam Girls

- [Team Schedule](#)
- Friday Nov 29 | Rebel Classic Tournament @ [Burnaby South Secondary School](#) | Time TBA (**Dismissal TBA**)

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon - [Sign-Up to Bring a Dish & Volunteer](#)

The PAC is delighted to host this year's holiday luncheon for our dedicated Rockridge staff and we're seeking volunteers to assist on the day, as well as contributions of [homemade/store-bought dishes](#). The lunch will take place on Friday, December 20th. If you're unable to provide food, any monetary donations to help create a memorable meal would be greatly appreciated. [Click here to donate](#). If you have any questions, please email [Sophie Ukani](#).

Save the Dates! Upcoming ROPAC Meetings & Events

Next P2P Coffee will be Fri, Dec 6, 9:00 AM at The Bakehouse.
Winter Plant Fundraiser Pick up: Friday, Dec 6th, 2:00 - 4:00 PM at Rockridge.
Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon on Friday, Dec 20th
PAC Meeting: Thursday, Jan 16th, 9:45am at Rockridge Learning Commons.

Get Social with ROPAC: [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#) - WhatsApp Groups: [Parent Info](#) (brief one-way information) and [P2P](#) (parent conversation).

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Nov 30: Youth Wellness Conference: Connecting Over What Matters - see poster in Raven Life

On Saturday, November 30th, join us for this FREE fun-filled day packed with meaningful opportunities for youth to connect and learn about mental wellness and resilience through facilitator-led conversations and activities!

What you can expect:

- Connecting with other like-minded youth and making friends.
- Learn about available mental health resources.
- Learn the value of moving your body and having fun while doing it!
- Hear from a speaker with lived experience of mental health and resiliency.
- Practice tools to strengthen your resilience and to support your peers.
- Win gift card prizes throughout the day by engaging in fun games and challenge breaks presented as you learn.
- Snacks and dinner will be provided.
- Shuttle bus available.

Register here: [Youth Wellness Conference: Connecting Over What Matters](#)

Please contact Shakila at samiri@westvancouver.ca for any questions or to request shuttle bus service.

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.