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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Feb 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISTRICT READING BREAK-SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon, Feb 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY-SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue, Feb 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 9 Sexual Assault Response Program Presentation 8:00 – 8:30 am
Wed, Feb 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UBC Indigenous Experience Gr. 9-11 9:30am – 2:00pm Chilly Ravens Take the Plunge 10:00 – 11:00am
Thu, Feb 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROPAC Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm - see details below
UPCOMING	
Mar 6 - 8 @ 7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theatre Company Performance in Player’s Hall “She Kills Monsters- Young Adventurers Edition” - see poster in Raven Life
Mar 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00pm
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This past Tuesday across the West Vancouver School District we celebrated WVMEA Day. This is a chance for our school communities to celebrate the support staff who make a difference here at Rockridge (and in WV Schools). Just to be sure everyone knows who we are talking about when we refer to the WVMEA, this includes our Educational Assistants, Custodians, Office Staff, Teacher Assistants and Youth Workers. Our front entrance at The Rock was decorated with photos and expressions of thanks to our WVMEA staff beginning on Tuesday through today. It was nice to see so many students visit the display of these very special people who make a difference at The Rock! In fact, to learn a bit more about our EA team please keep reading to the . . . **DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK?**

Have a great long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Tuesday.

DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK?

Academic achievement at Rockridge is a source of pride for our school community. Our recent posts in this section of the E-Bulletin have reflected our student's success and accomplishments especially around graduation and post secondary institutions. The success of each of our students is our priority, and as such, the supports that are available at Rockridge are personal, effective and timely. In some cases, some students work with Educational Assistants in their classes from individual support to small groups. The following blog post from our District Vice-Principal of Innovation & Technology Cari Wilson is an excellent opportunity to hear about our Rockridge Educational Assistants and how they are harnessing AI to support students in meaningful ways.

thishattuesdaystechnologytips.wordpress.com/2025/02/11/using-ai-to-support-students/

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF.*

*You'll see updates on student learning, sports accomplishments, posters of upcoming events, photos and more from this week at **The Rock**.*

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Personal Project Exhibition Wrap Up

Thank you to our school community for all the ways you showed up to support our Grade 10s in their Personal Project Exhibition. Despite the struggles with the snow and the Bowen Island Ferry, it was magical to have so many members of our school community and district come to see, ask questions and celebrate our unique learners.

Please check out the collage in the attached Raven Life with pictures from the event!

Students in Grade 10 are still working on wrapping up their reports due at the end of the month to their CLE10 teachers. At this point, they should be working on the portion of the report where they reflect on their whole goal-setting and learning process.

What's Next for Us This Evaluation Year?

The MYP cycle continues throughout the year on a regular basis - however this year is extra special because, as we have mentioned previously, we are being evaluated by the International Baccalaureate. Considering we are at the end of a 5 year evaluation cycle with the IB, throughout the past year, we have been updating and submitting documentation showing our work with and through the MYP. More recently, we completed and submitted a school-wide reflection process called the Self Study. All that officially remains in this process is the official visit which will take place mid-April. We are busy scheduling the visit and preparing our various teams for their meetings with IB officials. These evaluation days will arrive sooner than later! Send us all your organizational energies! ☺☺

Rockridge 2025-26 Course Planning -

An MS Team Town Hall was held on Tuesday for all Rockridge families to attend - You can view the [Rockridge 25-26 Course Planning Slides](#).

Grades 8-10 students will be able to enter course requests beginning February 18th to March 30th. Students can amend and repost their choices at any time.

Rockridge 2025-26 Course Planning - Grade 11s - SAVE THE DATE

Grade 11 students and parents are encouraged to join the Advanced Placement and Cohort Program session. An in person presentation is scheduled for Grade 11 on **Monday, March 10th – 6:00-7:00pm** in **Players Hall**.

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

The next tours are Monday March 10th & April 28th. Tours are 12:00 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 SCHOOL NEWS

Push Ups for Mental Health Challenge!

Feb 11th marks the start of the Canadian Mental Health Association Push Up challenge. Join Team Rockridge in our quest to raise money for mental health and reach our goal of 2000 push ups in 24 days! To join our team or donate, click [here](#)

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL 2024-25 YEARBOOK

Students, check out a selection of photos outside the office and Learning Commons!
Don't forget to purchase your book before **February 28th, \$55** on [School Cash Online](#)

Note: We have had many parents inquiring about the yearbook purchases; the yearbook has been posted on student accounts since November 15, 2024. Some parents purchased the yearbook earlier in the year and may have forgotten.

Parents can check their purchase history by logging in to School Cash online and clicking the History tab in the top right corner of the screen.

She Kills Monsters-Young Adventurers Edition by Qui Nguyen-see poster in Raven Life

Presented by Rockridge Theatre Company

A comedic romp into the world of fantasy role-playing games, *She Kills Monsters* is a high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and 90s pop culture – a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

See Trailer here: [Rockridge Theatre Company Presents- She Kills Monsters.mov](#)

- When: March 6, 7, 8 @ 7pm
- Where: Rockridge Players Hall
- PG-13

Purchase Tickets [here](#) and **Follow us on Instagram @rr_theatre_company**

Rockridge Jazz Café - March 11th

At the Jazz Café, you will hear from the Rockridge “A” and “B” Big Bands and combos. Complimentary treats will be provided by several of our wonderful local sponsors!

This year, we are excited to have Erika Chow as our featured artist. Erika is an exciting up-and-coming saxophonist in the Vancouver jazz scene, and we are overjoyed that she and her band will be performing to kick off our evening. Check her out!

We hope to see you there! First-come, first-served tickets are now available on schoolcash online, and will sell quickly. Get yours now for \$15, or \$20 at the door.

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/32364/105/False/True>

ROCKRIDGE LSP is taking the plunge, again!

That's right! We loved this freezing cold fundraiser so much last year that we have registered "**The Chilly Ravens**" once again! If you would like to sponsor our team, please click [here](#)

Rockridge LSP will participate in the **North Shore Polar Plunge** next week on February 19th at Ambleside. This awesome and icy cold event raises money for Special Olympics BC.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – Thursday, February 20th @6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

We're switching things up for our next PAC meeting! Since we didn't receive many parent questions for the planned "Fireside Chat", we're focusing on something that's top of mind for many families – **course selection and post-secondary planning**.

To help guide us, we're thrilled to welcome back **Ms. Ferrajohn, Rockridge's post-secondary advisor** from the Careers Department. She'll walk parents through how students use **myBlueprint** to explore their options, select courses, and align their choices with post-secondary goals. You'll gain valuable insight into how to access program requirements and understand how prerequisites vary across different institutions.

If you've ever wondered, "*How do I help my child choose the right courses for the future?*" – this session is for you! Plus it's a great follow up to Ms. Ferrajohn's fall presentation on myBlueprint. We look forward to seeing you.

Click [here](#) for the meeting agenda.

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) Rockridge WhatsApp Groups: **Parent Info** (brief one-way info) and **P2P** (parent conversation).

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. See this week's *Raven Life* for some highlights from the past week.

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 Athletic Director Mr. Stefanon, mstefanon@wvschools.ca *Go Ravens!*

7 Rockridge students made the BC Karate team and will represent BC at the 2025 Canada National Championships in Richmond. Athletes will compete in kumite (sparring)

Congratulations to: Frances C-T, Coco S, Kate B, Jack M, Quinn L-C, Sparkes L & Dylan T

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

For "**Community Connections**" including local programs, events, and resources click [HERE](#).

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS

West Vancouver Schools has created a richly woven learning experience designed to educate the 'whole child' through academics, athletics, citizenship and the arts. Click here to view [WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS](#)

Applications from students registered in any one of the school district's secondary schools are now being accepted. See the links below for further information about the following Premier programs.

- **2025-2026 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES** Learn more [here](#) and apply [here](#)
- **Computer Information Systems 12 – Cybersecurity & Artificial Intelligence** [Apply Now](#)
- **Yoga Teacher Training Information Session – Tues Feb 4th 5:30 p.m. WVSS Library - [Apply Now](#)**
- **YELL Entrepreneurship 12 - [APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!](#)**
- **PHE Outdoor Recreation program - [Click here for more information and Apply now](#)**
- **FAST (First Aid Swim Training) Program - [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY NOW!](#)**
NEW DATE Program Information Night - **Tuesday, February 18th, at 6:00 PM at Rockridge**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE: Applications OPEN - due Fri, Mar 7th, 2025

Offered by North Vancouver School District in partnership with Langara College, and open to West Vancouver School District students entering grade 11 or 12. This program is perfect for students passionate about working with young children and provides the opportunity to learn about child development and apply this knowledge to practical work placements in daycare and/or primary school settings. Learn from a Langara faculty member and those who work in the field, earn 8 high school credits, an Emergency Child Care First Aid and CPR Certificate and have the credentials for paid summer employment. Applications are OPEN until March 7, 2025. Learn more and apply [here](#), or email jkinakin@sd44.ca. [Click here for the application package](#).

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.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Online Policies & Procedures Form 2024-2025 - NOW 88% 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.

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.

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.

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.