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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Thurs, Feb 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rockridge PAC Meeting TONIGHT 6:30 – 7:30pm
Sat, Feb 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drumline Camp
Tue, Feb 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAST - SFA Training Day 1 1:00 – 9:00 pm
Wed, Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PINK SHIRT DAY Waterloo Math Contests 8:30 – 9:30am Library Learning Commons
Thu, Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration Day 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below)
Fri, Feb 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Justice to BCCLA Youth rights Conference
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
March 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Update #2 Published
Mar 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00pm Grade 11 Parent / Student Course Planning Evening 6:00-7:00pm
Mar 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rockridge Jazz Café - see details below
April 7-10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments - details to be emailed
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

Today has been a good day of reflection for me on some of the remarkable efforts being made around our school to support the growth and development of a healthy school community - one that strives to engage student learning and excellence in the classroom while also offering opportunities for students to participate in service learning and understand more about diversity and the world around them. Some recent and relevant examples that I have personally been involved in with other Rockridge students and staff this week beyond academics include:

- The Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics

- The Push-Up Challenge in support of mental health (My total is 881 so far)
- The Anxi-Tea hosted by our counselling suite
- Rockridge Interact club hosting Caulfeild iDEC grade 4's to complete special act of kindness cards for our staff
- Planning for next week's Pink Shirt Day

I sometimes wonder why I feel so busy, but when I pause and look at what there is to be involved in at The Rock, I am quickly reminded why my calendar is so full. I hope the students in your home are feeling busy and engaged with clubs, events and upcoming spring sports as I am this week.

DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK?

The use of Google Classrooms here at The Rock is a remarkable communication tool between teachers and students from Gr. 8 to 12. This digital platform is used by classroom teachers and allows for seamless interaction, ensuring that your child receives timely updates on assignments, class materials, and important announcements. Teachers can provide instant feedback on student work, leading to a more engaging and supportive learning environment. Additionally, Google Classroom's integration with other Google tools makes it easy for students to collaborate on projects and access resources from anywhere. Google Classroom (GC) is also used by our Raven school teams and each grade has their own GRAD CLASS GC. The Grad Class GC of 2025 to 2029 are used by selected staff to post specific messages and information such as dates for post secondary institutions visiting The Rock, community service opportunities and ATL reflection reminders to name a few. Parents, I encourage you to ask your child to show you through their GCs. It is like you looking through your *binders* when you were in high school. This is a great process to do once a week as it sparks conversations about assignments complete or missing and upcoming events specific to your child's grade. As parents, knowing more about your student's Google Classrooms will help you support their learning, their connections at The Rock and their success.

*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:

It's hard to believe, but the end of Learning Period 2 is fast approaching! Students will be able to access their "Learning Update" (the newer name for report cards) on MyEd on **Friday, March 7th, 2024**.

Students will receive a Level 1 to 8 on each of the four subject-specific criteria. These criteria are:

Subject	Criterion A	Criterion B	Criterion C	Criterion D
Language and Literature	Analysing	Organizing	Producing Text	Using Language
Language Acquisition	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Individuals and Societies	Knowing and Understanding	Investigating	Communicating	Thinking Critically

Sciences	Knowing and Understanding	Inquiring and Designing	Processing and Evaluating	Reflecting on the Impacts of Science
Mathematics	Knowing and Understanding	Investigating Patterns	Communicating	Applying Mathematics in Real-life Contexts
Arts	Investigating	Developing	Creating / Performing	Evaluating
Physical and Health Education	Knowing and Understanding	Planning for Performance	Applying and Performing	Reflecting and Improving Performance
Design	Inquiring and Analysing	Developing Ideas	Creating the Solution	Evaluating

The Various Criterion

The criterion across the subject areas are assessed using established MYP rubrics through a variety of assessment tasks. Your students should be clear on where the different criterion components are coming from at the end of the Learning Period. If they are not, we would strongly encourage the students to talk to their teachers for clarification.

In addition, these criterion will continue to be assessed throughout the remainder of the school year, so there is still opportunity for growth.

What do the levels mean?

The MYP levels are aligned with the BC Proficiency Scale. So if you see a Level 4 for a specific criterion, it does **not** mean that your student received a 4 out of 8. Instead, it means the following:

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Levels 1 - 2	Levels 3 - 4	Levels 5 - 6	Levels 7 - 8
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.

In the MYP, a **passing level** in a course is considered a 2. And, if a 1 or an I.E. (insufficient evidence) is present, students will be given a supportive action plan to help get them back on track for the remainder of the course.

We hope this initial information will begin to help prepare you for reading through Learning Update 2! We'll be back with some more information next week!

Best regards, *Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare*

P.S. A reminder to all our Grade 10 students, that they should be wrapping up their Personal Project Reports for submission to their CLE10 teachers this week. Parent/guardian community, some of our students need your support in reaching this finish line! Check in with your Grade 10s!

Pink Shirt Day - Feb 26th

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying held in Canada and New Zealand. Participants wear pink shirts and attend or host informative events to raise awareness about bullying, particularly in schools. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada, where it is held on the last Wednesday of February each year.

Rockridge 2025-26 Course Planning

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

Grades 8-10 students **should 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 - Mon, Mar 10th – 6-7pm in Players Hall.

A special in person course planning presentation for **Grade 11** students and parents will be held at Rockridge on March 10th. An overview of the Advanced Placement and Economic Strategies Program will follow this presentation.

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

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Feb 20th

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

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

PUSH-UP CHALLENGE - Join us in Support of Mental Health in our Community - FINAL PUSH

Rockridge is participating in a push-up challenge for participants to do 2000 push ups between Feb 11-28 and raise money for the North and West Vancouver branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. To 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 PAC NEWS

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

Don't forget to join us for our upcoming PAC meeting this evening at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. We've invited Ms. Ferrajohn, Rockridge's post-secondary advisor to talk about course selection and post-secondary planning. She'll guide parents through how students use myBlueprint to make informed course choices that align with post-secondary goals.

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

Before the meeting: Parent prep! To make the most of our discussion, we encourage parents to review the following resources beforehand:

- Grade 10 to 11 Student Presentation (*specifically slides 27-37*) – link [here](#)
- Course selection resources on our website – link [here](#)
- Courses & Descriptions:
 - [9 to 10 Course Selection Index](#)
 - [10 to 11 Course Selection Index](#)
 - [11 to 12 Course Selection Index](#)

Come ready with questions and let's navigate this process together!

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!*

Alpine Race Team @ Provincials

Congratulations to the following 4 racers who will be representing Rockridge at the BC High School Provincials at Troll Mountain from Feb 24th to 26th. Ben V W, Jonathan Y, Rhys W and Ryder H

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Grad Shop 2025

Family Services of the North Shore has created a pop up Grad Shop in Cap Mall for students graduating in 2025 who may be in need of assistance due to financial hardship or other life circumstances. The shop will open its doors to Grads in April but are accepting donations now. See details [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](#)

Interested in taking PHE outside next year?

The district is offering **Outdoor Recreation** for grades 10-12, with grade 9s eligible by teacher recommendation. It's like a field trip PHE class! This year, we've enjoyed kayaking, skating, swimming, hiking, camping, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and more. No experience needed!

When we're not on trips, we play games in the gym or practice outdoor skills like compass reading, knot tying, shelter building, or host guest speakers. Classes are scheduled last block, with extended hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays (3:30–5:30 pm).

Students earn credits for **PHE 10/11/12** and **Outdoor Education**. If you love being active outdoors, rain or shine, this course is for you!

Check out more details on the [website](#). See Poster: [here](#)

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.