



# ROCKRIDGE

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### ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

[Rockridge Secondary School website](#)

[WV School District Website](#)

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[Morning Announcements](#) - *this is a great link to use and save for students and parents/guardians.*

*Information at this link is updated daily by 8:30am.*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mon, Sept 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Academy Programs Commence</li></ul>
Thurs, Sept 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>TERRY FOX RUN In FIT   10:55 - 11:45</li><li>Meet the Teacher &amp; Open House   5:00 – 7:30pm (<b>Indish Food Truck Onsite!</b>)</li></ul>
Fri, Sept 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ROPAC New &amp; Gr 8 Family Welcome Breakfast   7:15am—8:30am</li><li>Grad BBQ @ Lunch</li></ul>
UPCOMING	
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a>	
<a href="#">2025-26 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
<a href="#">West Vancouver Schools Registration click <u>HERE</u></a>	
<a href="#">WV Youth Services click <u>here</u></a>	

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

If you are returning to Rockridge, you'll know that my weekly message in the E-Bulletin is a place to share updates and keep everyone connected. With so much information to take in during this first week, I'll keep things brief and point you toward key details and action items for students and families.

To start us off, we've attached this year's edition of *The Raven Life*. This is a snapshot of our school community, filled with photos and highlights from life at The Rock. This week you'll also find two ROPAC posters included. There truly is something here at Rockridge for everyone.

For those of you who are new to Rockridge, I encourage you to join us at the Pancake Breakfast tomorrow morning before school (details in the ROPAC section below). It's a wonderful way to meet people and start the year on a positive note. I also hope to see you at our *Meet the Teacher* event on Thursday, September 11th. That evening will also include special sessions for families of Grade 8 students, families of Grade 10 students learning about the MYP Personal Project, and families of Grade 12 students who want to know more about graduation year and AP courses. (Please note that there are no Grade 9 or 11 presentations, though you're welcome to attend any of the other sessions.)

**PARENT/GUARDIANS TO DO TODAY:** To ensure a safe and successful start to the school year, we ask you to complete two important forms for each student in your household. One is reviewing and signing the single paper form called the Student Verification Form. Have your child return it to their Homeroom

teacher by Friday morning. The second form to complete is the Online Policies & Procedures Form; <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

Both forms must be submitted. Without them, your child's participation in activities throughout the school and classroom will be limited. See the attached letter called *2025-2026 Required Annual Parent/Guardian Forms Communication* to review for full details.

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## ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

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### **MEET THE TEACHER CURRICULAR EVENING - THURS., SEPT. 11, 5 - 7:30PM**

We are looking forward to this in-person event that will give parents a personal opportunity to visit our freshly polished learning spaces, meet our teaching staff and learn more about our courses and all the additional opportunities available to students. We will also have Indish Food Truck onsite ready to serve families from 4pm onwards.

For more information and the schedule for the evening click the link [HERE](#)

### **Terry Fox School Run - Thursday, September 11th @ 11am**

Please consider joining us and donating to our annual Terry Fox School Run next Thursday during FIT block. 2025 marks our 15th consecutive year hosting this event. We will be taking cash, tap and online donations from now through to the end of September. Donate here - [Rockridge Terry Fox School Run](#)  
Thank you to the Conquer Cancer Club and Leadership students for hosting the event.

### **Clubs Day Monday, September 22, 2025**

Students, please use this Google Classroom code: 5urvbgp to view all club activities and events, fill out a request for fundraising, check fundraising schedules and any other information that might be relevant to your club.

To register your club for the Clubs Day Event, complete: [Google Form](#)

**LOCKERS** - Lockers have been assigned to all grade 8 students. Students in Grade 9 to 12 can sign up for a locker through the link in their Grad Class Google classroom. The codes for the Grad Class are also included in Action Items below.

### **SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION 2025-26 – Questions - [transportation@wvschools.ca](mailto:transportation@wvschools.ca)**

To register your child(ren) for school bus service, please [Here](#)

For details on eligibility, routes, and service guidelines, please visit our Student Transportation webpage: [Student Transportation Information](#)

### **Join Student Council – Applications Now Open!**

Want to make a difference at our school, plan exciting events, and be a voice for your peers? Rockridge Student Council is looking for motivated students to join our team! It's a great way to get involved in an engaging extracurricular activity, meet new people, and build leadership skills, while also earning school service hours. Applications are due by September 12th and can be completed [here](#).

Hope to see you all at interviews!

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## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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### Thank You for Joining Us!

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the parent coffee yesterday! It was a wonderful way to kick off the school year. We're excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming social events and PAC meetings. For a list of events in September, click [here](#).

If you couldn't come today but would like to get involved helping the PAC team organize events, support staff appreciation efforts, etc., you can still sign up – just email [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca).

### Pancake Breakfast for New and Grade 8 Families Tomorrow – **flyer**

If you have a Grade 8 student or are new to the school, don't miss our pancake breakfast on **Friday, September 5, from 7:30 – 8:30** am in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to come together, meet other families, and kick off the school year.

### September PAC Meeting

Join us for our first PAC meeting of the 2025-26 year on Tue, September 16th, 6:30 pm, Learning Commons. Principal Trevor Kolkea will be our speaker, sharing exciting plans and updates for the year ahead at Rockridge.

### Get Social with ROPAC

There are many ways to stay connected with the Rockridge PAC executive team – find the one that works best for you! Join our WhatsApp groups and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date.

- *School Information* – Receive brief one-way messages from the PAC executive team through this WhatsApp group. For example, “Reminder: Tomorrow is Collab Day.”
- *Parent to Parent (P2P)* – Rockridge parent WhatsApp group that connects parents together in conversation and shares information about parent and social events, school activities, and opportunities to support our school.

For security reasons, we don't post public links to our WhatsApp groups. **To join please click this [link](#) to email us** at with the following information:

- o Your name
- o Your child(ren)'s name(s) & grade(s)
- o Your phone number
- o Which group(s) you'd like to join (ROPAC and/or P2P)

Please note that each parent/guardian must send their own email to join.

- **Facebook** – Follow 'Rockridge Secondary PAC – ROPAC' or click [here](#).
- **Instagram** – Follow [@rockridgepac](#) or click here.

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## ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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**Fall Sports:** Boys Soccer, Swim Team, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Bantam Boys Rugby

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. The **Raven Life** will also feature highlights from our Rockridge Athletics teams..

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 as a coach or assistant or have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to our Athletic Director Mr. Brychan Williams [bwilliams@wvschools.ca](mailto:bwilliams@wvschools.ca) **Go Ravens!**

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### ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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For "**Community Connections**" including local North Shore programs, events, and resources click [HERE](#)  
**DPAC Parent Evening - Dr. Graeme Mitchell - Tues, Sept 23rd, 6:30-8:00 pm Kay Meek Theatre - see RL**

#### 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.

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### OTHER ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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**A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT:** Parents do not have access to Google Classrooms (GC), however, we feel it is important to review your child's GC regularly with them so that they can inform you about their classes, learning and upcoming or incomplete assignments. This looks like sitting down with your child at their laptop and having them open and scroll through their GC. A helpful thing for parents and guardians to see this week are the Grade Level (or Grad Class Google Classroom) for Homeroom Presentations from Opening Week. Each Rockridge student should be a member of their Grad year Google Classroom. If your child is not already connected, they can join using the following codes:

Grad Class of 2030 (Current grade 8's): pr5xsotl  
Grad Class of 2029 (Current grade 9's): ecuxnrk  
Grad Class of 2028 (Current grade 10's): 77pe2df  
Grad Class of 2027 (Current grade 11's): 2xp55nq  
Grad Class of 2026 (Current Grade 12's): ibcy3ua

#### MYED BC Parent Portal - Accessing your child's timetable

If you have not done so already please visit the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account. You only need to do this once when you first begin in WV Schools. Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. Your child's **schedule** and

**learning updates** are accessed in MyEd, so parent access is essential for supporting your child's learning and success at Rockridge.

Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

If you have further questions, please email [Rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:Rockridge@wvschools.ca)

### **OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE for Families**

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

### **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](mailto:tkolkea@wvschools.ca) or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto: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.

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## **COUNSELLORS' CORNER**

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### **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](#).

### **FOUNDRY Drop In Counselling @ Rockridge - Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:30 pm**

- Located in the office beside the counselling area
- For more info: Shannon 236 558 2489

Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Their integrated services make it possible for young people to access five core services in one convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer support, and social services. For more information, please visit the [Integrated Youth Services website](#).

**FAMILY SMART Monthly Events - [LINK](#)** - Online & In-Person for Parents and Caregivers 2025.

### **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.

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### **FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION**

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#### **STUDENT PARKING AT ROCKRIDGE**

Parking is available for Senior Students (Priority is given to Grade 12) in the Upper Lot east of the Gym. Students must complete a parking [Registration form](#), noting vehicle details, insurance expiry, obtain parent signature and submit to the office. The \$25 decal fee must be paid through [School Cash Online](#). Once the form is returned and payment completed, we can issue a decal.

***Note: At no time are students permitted to park in Visitor or Staff designated spots***

#### **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](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) If your student will be arriving late, leaving early, or missing part of the day, please include approximate times of arrival and dismissal in your email.

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!

#### **SMS for Parents/Guardians:**

Parents and guardians have an option to receive text messages for school emergencies or other important alerts: Part of the WV Schools communication system allows families to opt into receiving important information additionally by text. For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

#### **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, especially now that spring has arrived. 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