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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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[WV School District Website](#)

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[Morning Announcements](#) - Daily updates for students and parents/guardians. Information at this link is updated daily by 8:30am.

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Thurs, Oct 23	INFORMAL PROGRESS REPORTS Posted to MyEducation - see details below
Fri, Oct 24	Pro-D-Day - No Classes in Session
Tues, Oct 28	- BC Post Secondary Event @ The Rock 2-1 - Brittany Palmer-Key to Scholarships Virtual Presentation 6:00 – 8:00pm
Wed, Oct 29	Economics 12 Field Trip - SFU Downtown Campus
Thurs, Oct 30	- COLLAB DAY- 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below) - COMC Math Contest 9:30am – 12:00 pm - LLC - Coffee House Open Mlc @ Lunch - E103 - GRAD BOAT CRUISE 6:30 – 9:30 pm - Coal Harbour Marina
Fri, Oct 31	- Hallowe'en Costume Contest @ Lunch - PH - Grade 8 Assignment: ATL Reflection 1 - Self-Management - Math
UPCOMING	
Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9) – Wednesday November 5th	
Remembrance Day Ceremony - Friday, Nov 7 10-11 AM (Block Rotation Day 2 - 2,3,1,4)	
GLA 12 Assessments - November 3-6, 2025	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2025-26 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE	
WV Youth Services click here	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our informal progress reports will be posted today for all students. These early 2025-26 updates are intended to give families meaningful insight into how students are engaging in their learning at this point in the term. The focus of the informal reports is on learning habits, participation, collaboration, and engagement in classroom activities, all of which are key indicators of student growth and success. We encourage parents and guardians to take time to review the report together with their child, recognizing their efforts and discussing areas for continued development. Strong communication between home and school helps ensure each student feels supported and motivated to reach their full

potential here at The Rock. As always, if you have questions about any Informal Progress Report comments, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes images from some of our classrooms, athletics celebrations from our fall sports, upcoming ROPAC events and more.

MYED ACCESS

It is important that parents/guardians can access MYED BC for their children's learning updates throughout the year. We know most of our families have already logged in to access their student's schedule in August or September, but as we post Informal Progress Reports today, we wanted to remind everyone that these documents are important for families and students, so please be sure to upload and save them for your future reference. Student success happens because of the strong partnerships and communication we have between school, teachers and home.

Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)
If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS: *See photo in Raven Life*
Wondering what we've been working on MYP-wise at school?

Even though our evaluation with the International Baccalaureate went really well last year, we did have one area of the program we needed to revisit that was lost through the Covid years...and that was our Interdisciplinary Units.

Interdisciplinary Units (or IDUs) are meant to intentionally help students make connections not only between subject areas, but also across their learning skills. IDUs are opportunities for students to utilize their transfer skills - to explore and acknowledge how experiences, skills and knowledge from various disciplines merge together in a real-world context. We luckily have a terrific team of teachers who are regularly thinking about developing these opportunities and, in particular, the teachers who have been willing to develop formal IDUs to meet the IB requirements.

This week, we spent time finalizing the assessment components of the Grade 10 IDU with Stephen Wellsby who is working with the Grade 10 STEM cohort. This IDU will explore the connections between the Energetics (Physics) unit of Science 10 and the design cycle of Tech Explorations 10. Students are currently developing, designing and creating mouse trap race cars. (*Catch a picture of some of this process in Raven Life!*) Then, in Science, they will examine the effects that changing one component of the car will have on the energetics of the car. From the data collected, they will make decisions around appropriate modifications to their mouse trap car. This IDU is a direct (and cool!) way of examining how scientific research and the design/development process are intertwined.

Thank you Mr. Wellsby for your creativity and thoughtfulness!

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Oct 30th

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

HELMET, BIKE and SCOOTER SAFETY

Fall is not over yet and as a result there are many days remaining for students to ride, roll and wheel to school and around the community. As a reminder, for eclectic and personal powered bikes and scooters, students need to abide by traffic rules and ensure they wear a helmet. We have spoken to a few students recently about bike/scooter safety. Families are encouraged to have this safety conversation at home as appropriate.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST - Have fun and be mindful on October 31st

Rockridge students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Friday, October 31st but they are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. To better define this, please see the bullets below:

- Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked.

- It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any costumes that would be deemed offensive.
- While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. We want to ensure that culturally based and identity-based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures and identities are not costumes.
- Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

When Halloween falls on a weekday it always adds a lot of energy to our building and community. Students are encouraged to keep safety top of mind so that responsible decisions are made throughout the day and into the evening. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building, and we always look forward to seeing the creativity demonstrated by students and staff.

Hello Rockridge Grads and Families!

If you have questions on the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com

Exciting news! Grad Cap and Gown Yearbook Portraits + Fashion Photos AND Buddy sessions are quickly approaching! Sessions will take place in early November, at your school. For More Info on Important Dates & to Book your Preferred Session Time, please visit: www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr

The above link will give you specific program details on the services and products you will be receiving from GradsBC; starting with fall portraits all the way to your year end grad events.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to celebrate and mark this memorable time in your life! These photos will be included in the yearbook, grad wall composite and will include a proofing gallery for you to view and order. **Questions?** Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or info@gradsbc.com

GRADS BC PHOTO PACKAGE & STUDENT ID CARD DISTRIBUTION

Due to the current postal strike, Grads BC has delivered photo packages to Rockridge for distribution. If you have ordered photos from GradsBC, Please remind students to come to the main office to pick up their Photo orders.

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year opened on Wednesday October 15th at 8:00 am for all Grade 1 –12 **In-catchment students**. Please note that if your child is registered with one of our feeder elementary schools (BICS, Caulfeild, Gleneagles, West Bay), you do not need to complete the online registration form, as our Administrators will visit these schools in January and deliver a paper registration form for your completion. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens at 8:00am on **Thursday, January 15th, 2026**. For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process. If you have further questions, please contact Careers 8/9 Counsellor, Michael Pandher MPandher@wvschools.ca

GRADE 9 CAREERS

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday November 5th

Each year Grade 9 students across Canada are asked to participate in “Take our Kids to Work” Day. This year the event occurs on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. This event allows students to visit the work site of a parent, relative, homestay or interested mentor for the day instead of attending classes at

school. Permission forms were sent home this week (via email) and need to be submitted by Monday, October 27, 2025 For further information, contact Careers 8/9 Counsellor; Mr. Pandher MPandher@wvschools.ca

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT DATES - GLA / LTE 12 Assessments - November 3 – 6, 2025

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in literacy. It is a graduation requirement and completed during students' Grade 12 year.

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment assesses students' ability to use critical and reflective thinking and analysis to make meaning from a diverse array of texts. It also assesses the ability of students to communicate their ideas, or those found in the texts.

The Grade 12 Literacy assessment is not based on a particular subject matter or course, but rather on learning across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12.

All students and families have been notified of the dates and times via email.

CLUBS LIST - [Here](#) - If your child is looking for a club to join, be sure to visit the Morning Announcements for meeting times and locations. The link to the Morning Announcements is always included at the top of the E-Bulletin.

BC Post-Secondary Institution EVENT @ Rockridge Oct.28th | 2-1

Who: This is a MANDATORY EVENT for ALL Grade 11 & 12 students.

Where: Sessions in 14 different classrooms on the 2nd floor of the West Wing & PSI Fair in Player's Hall.

When: Tuesday, October 28th (Block 2-1 – all students are excused from regular classes to attend)

- 8:30-8:45: Grade 11s will meet in Player's Hall & Grade 12s will meet in the cafeteria
- 8:45-9:15: Session #1 (Choose ONE institution)
- 9:20-9:50: Session #2 (Choose ANOTHER institution)
- 10:00-10:50: Post-Secondary Fair (classes that sign up and **parents are welcome to this portion!**) in Player's Hall

Participating Institutions:

Research the following institutions that will be at this event to see which sessions you are interested in attending. BE OPEN!!! Explore institutions that you don't know much about and ask targeted questions. Priority will go to grade 12 students and there will be a maximum of 30 students each session. Once a room is full you will need to find another session to attend.

- British Columbia Institute of Technology - BCIT (Burnaby +)
- Capilano University - CapU (North Vancouver +)
- Corpus Christi College (UBC Campus)
- Douglas College (New Westminster +)
- Emily Carr (Vancouver)
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University - KPU (Surrey +)
- Nicola Valley Institute of Tech - NVIT (Merrit)
- North Island College - NIC (Courtenay +)
- Simon Fraser University - SFU (Burnaby +)
- Trinity Western University - TWU (Langley)
- University of Northern British Columbia - UNBC (Prince George)

- University of Victoria - UVic (Victoria)
- Vancouver Community College - VCC (Vancouver)
- Vancouver Island University - VIU (Nanaimo)

Scholarship Information Webinar with Brittany Palmer | Oct 28th from 6:00 - 7:15PM

Rockridge PAC is once again generously hosting the very informative [Key to Scholarships Session](#) virtually on Oct.28th at 6:00PM. Students in all grades and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is never too early to get started. This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Through this seminar, we will debunk common scholarship myths and break down the complex process into a manageable form. Please see details on how to join this session on the link provided above. This session will not be recorded.

THE ROCKRIDGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT Coffee Fundraiser is underway! See the *Raven Life* for details. All proceeds will offset student travel and equipment costs for our upcoming trips this year. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to minimize individual costs at the time of travel.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS - application deadline Oct 24th

Application available online, please print off, complete and bring to your counsellor by October 24th. Please follow this [link](#) for all information related to the 2025/26 Language Challenge Exams - Jan 31st & Feb 1st, 2026.

This year we are offering:

- ASL 11 (American Sign Language)
- Farsi 11 & 12
- French 11 & 12
- Japanese 11 & 12
- Korean 11 & 12
- Mandarin 11 & 12
- Punjabi 11 & 12
- Spanish 11 & 12

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Upcoming monthly Tours of The Rock are scheduled for Monday Nov 17th followed by Dec 8th. Tours run from 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

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

ROCKRIDGE ADVANCED PLACEMENT - COURSE AND EXAM FEES DUE November 1, 2025

Students must create an AP User account to order their exam. Class teachers and the AP Coordinator are assisting students. A reminder that both course and exam fees for all AP courses are due November

1st. Details can be found on your School Cash Online account. Please contact Mr. Thomson, AP Coordinator if you have any questions.

Student Council Halloween Decorations Drive! 🎃 🧛

Rockridge students and families, we need your help to spook up our school! Starting Thursday, October 9th, Rockridge Student Council is hosting a Halloween Decorations Drive. We're looking for pumpkins, cobwebs, spooky lights, and any other Halloween decorations you'd like to donate!

There will be a box outside the office where you can drop off your contributions. All donations will help transform our school into a Halloween spirit that everyone can enjoy!

PARENT/GUARDIANS TO DO TODAY: Thank you to those who have completed the **Student Verification Form**, which students were asked to bring home on the first day of school.

Parents are also required to complete the **Online Policies & Procedures Consent Form**;

<https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

Both forms must be submitted at the start of each year. Without them, your child's participation in activities both in and outside of the classroom will be limited. Thus far we have **89%** of students' P&P consent successfully submitted online. *We need to be at 100% - please help us get there next week!*

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Reminder: Rockridge Plant Fundraiser Open!

Don't forget to get your holiday greenery while supporting Rockridge! Our **Growing Smiles Plant Sale** is live now:

- **Order deadline:** Tuesday, November 18
- **Pick-up Date:** Wednesday, December 3 at Rockridge
- **Order link:** [Growing Smiles](#)

Holiday Silent Auction – Keep the Donations Coming!

We continue to collect donations for our **Holiday Silent Auction** running **Dec 1-12, 2025**.

- Gift cards, services, tickets, getaways, art, baskets, and more — your generous contributions will help fund our Teacher Wish List Program and enrich classroom experiences and school programs for all our students.
- To donate, contact **Rachel and Lindsay** at ropac@wvschools.ca by **November 28**.

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

To join our **Parent Info** and **P2P** groups: click [here to email us](#) with your name, your child(ren)'s name(s) & grade(s) and your phone number

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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** also features highlights from our Rockridge Athletics teams. Follow us on Instagram [@Rockridge.Ravens.Athletics](#)

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 *Go Ravens!*

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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](#).

FOUNDRY Drop In Counselling @ Rockridge - every Tuesday

- Located in the office beside the Counselling suite
- For more information contact Shannon: 236 558 2489 or email: shannon.eberts1@vch.ca

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](#).

Crisis Response, Community-Led (CRCL) North Shore:

<https://northwestvancouver.cmha.bc.ca/programs-and-services/crcl-north-shore/>

Kids Help Phone: <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

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](#) website.

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.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION for 2025-26

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

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!

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 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. This will ensure that the absence is noted as excused and you will not receive an email/voicemail alert regarding the absence.

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. Teachers are not required to provide extra classes, make-up tests or specific work to be completed.

Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using this [form](#) for an Extended Absence.

Note: International Students must first request permission from the International Office via email to international.reception@wvschools.ca

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](#) and email rockridge@wvschools.ca to inform us of the change and document upload. Any changes will not be reflected in the student database until the documentation is submitted.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION 2025-26 – Questions - transportation@wvschools.ca

Students taking the school bus are required to [Register](#). The district has secured only enough buses to accommodate the number of students that have been registered for the service, and we need to ensure that all riders are able to secure a seat. Please ensure you have registered so that no students are turned away.

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

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.

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

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.

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, and pick up their locker assignments in the office.

A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT: Google Classroom Reviews

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. Each Rockridge student should be a member of their Grad year Google Classroom. There is grade and school-wide information, announcements and opportunities posted here regularly.

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

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