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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

[Rockridge Secondary School website](#)

[WV School District Website](#)

[Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram](#)

[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	
Fri, Sep 19	• Music Department Family Welcome BBQ - 4:30 - 7:00pm
Mon, Sept 22	• CLUBS DAY - during FIT 10:55-11:45
Tues, Sept 23	• Student Photo Retakes
Wed, Sept 24	• CUE Event @ WVSS 6:00 – 8:00pm - see details below
Thurs, Sept 25	• COLLAB DAY- 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below) • Rockridge Surf Trip Sept 25 – 28
Fri, Sept 26	• Pro-D-Day - No Classes in Session
UPCOMING	
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

With the first weeks of 2025–26 now behind us, it feels like students, staff, and families at The Rock have settled into strong routines. Routines and clear expectations are important for student learning and success, but settling is not what we do at Rockridge. As you can see from our calendar and today's E-Bulletin, there is always something more for our Ravens to engage in from Grade 8 through Grade 12.

I'm already looking forward to next Monday's Clubs Day, just one of our foundational school-wide events that set us up for the school year ahead. It's a chance for students to discover new passions, connect with peers, and get involved in groups and activities that enhance their Rockridge experience beyond the classroom.

Another highlight coming up early next month is our annual Grade 8 Camp Summit trip. This is a special experience for our newest Ravens to look forward to; an opportunity to make connections, have fun, and start their high school journey on a strong social note. Supported by Rockridge staff, senior student leaders, and the Camp Summit team, this adventure helps build friendships and confidence in an unforgettable way.

As always, I want to thank our parents and guardians for their ongoing support whether through attending this week's ROPAC meeting or simply ensuring your child arrives at The Rock on time every day. Your encouragement, involvement, and organization play an essential role in the success of every student at Rockridge. Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes a couple great pics of fall sports underway at The Rock from this week, as well as upcoming ROPAC and community events.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

If you are new to the MYP this [one page poster](#) created by our MYP Coordinators Ms. LeSieur and Ms. Millare is a great read. It is an excellent way to solidify your learning from visiting for our Meet the Teacher and Curriculum Night last week.

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Sept 25th

During our first 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

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](#)

Canadian University Event (CUE), Sep 24, 6-8 PM @ WV Secondary School in the North Gym

Interested in attending university in Canada? Everyone is welcome to attend the largest fair our school district hosts this year. There will be 50 universities coming from all over Canada to talk to students and their parents about different opportunities each of these institutions offer. If you are unsure of what questions to ask please see this [Link](#). For more information about CUE see this [Link](#).

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Upcoming Tours of The Rock are scheduled for Monday Oct 20th and Nov 17th. 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

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 assignments in the office each Friday throughout September.

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](#)

Hello Rockridge Students and Families, From GRADS BC

Thank you for participating in **School Photos!** *If you have questions regarding the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com, or call 604-461-3722 Mon to Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm.* Your child received a QR code slip on photo day that contains important information to view and order your photos:

4 Easy Steps to View & Order Your Portraits:

1. *If you previously scanned the QR code, you would have already received an email with a link to view your gallery*
2. Enter the Gallery Passcode: rkr123!
3. Enter your Email Address
4. Enter your Online Code

*If you are ordering for siblings, remember to click 'view another gallery' to access their portraits and purchase all family members at once for one easy checkout.

Lost QR Code Slip & Need Assistance?

1. Visit this link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
2. Enter your Online code: Your Student ID Number and 2-digit DAY of birth. Example: if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, the online code is 0012303. **The code can also be found on the QR code sheet that you were given on photo day. You can scan the QR code to easily access your gallery.*
3. Enter the Gallery password: rkr123!
4. Enter your Email Address

Order deadline Information: To receive discounted shipping fees, place your orders on or before the Order Deadline (the deadline date will be listed on the gallery welcome message).

Retakes? We're positive you rocked your first photo session... but just in case you decide to have a retake, we'll be back on **September 23, 2025**.

Terry Fox School Run - Donations Still Accepted! 2025 marks our 15th consecutive year hosting this event, and though we have already beat our target fundraising goal of \$2,100, we are still accepting cash, tap and online donations from now through to the end of September. Donate here - [Rockridge](#)

[Terry Fox School Run](#) Thank you to all those that have contributed and a special shout out to the Conquer Cancer Club and Leadership students for hosting our event. We will report out on our final donation to the Terry Fox Organization in our first bulletin of October.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

PARENT/GUARDIANS TO DO TODAY: Thank you to those who have completed the two forms required for each of our students. As shared last week, 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, making any updates to, and signing the single paper form called the **Student Verification Form**, which students were asked to bring home on the first day of school. The second form is the **Online Policies & Procedures Form**; <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

Both forms must be submitted in the first days of the year. Without them, your child's participation in activities both in and outside of the classroom will be limited. Thus far we have **58%** of students' P&P consent successfully submitted online.

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.

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.

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.

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 PAC NEWS

September PAC General Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended our first ROPAC meeting of the year earlier this week. It was great to meet new parents and see familiar faces. Thank you, Principal Kolkea for sharing the school's goals for the year, along with some hot tips about where to [subscribe to the school calendar](#) and [view daily announcements](#) – great tools to help us all stay informed and engaged!

Save the Date – P2P Pub Night Oct 9! - [flyer](#)

Fall season is in full swing and we're excited to gather the Rockridge parent community for an evening of warm connections and good company. Join us for the first Parent-to-Parent (P2P) event of the year:

- **Where:** Red Lion Bar and Grill in Dundarave
- **When:** Oct 9, 6:00-9:00 pm
- **Registration Link:** <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/rockridge-p2p-pub-night>

Your ticket includes entry and a variety of delicious shared appies. The pub will also extend happy hour pricing on drinks all evening (everyone covers their own bar tab).

- \$10 Early Bird (until October 1)
- \$15 Regular

Spots are limited – grab your tickets today!

DPAC Parent Evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell – Harnessing Hope

Join award winning educator, Dr. Graeme Mitchell for an inspiring and practical evening on how to reframe how our children see the world.

- **When:** Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- **Where:** Kay Meek Theatre, West Vancouver
- **Registration Link:** [Harnessing Hope](#)

Dr. Mitchell will explore how fear-based messages – especially on social media – affect our kids' outlook and how parents can replace fear with fact, optimism, and connection. Walk away with tools to build confidence, curiosity and hope.

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

To join our Parent Info and P2P groups, please click this [link](#) to email us at with the following information:

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

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Backstage Pass: Kay Meek Arts Centre Open House Sun, Sept 21st | 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

 We're giving you a Backstage Pass to the Kay Meek! It's time to go behind the scenes at our @bcculturedays Open House  Entry is Free

Experience the Kay Meek as you've never seen it before, as we open up our backstage areas for you to explore and give you the opportunity to take to the stage.

-  Take a look around our theatres
-  Sing your favourite karaoke songs on stage
-  Live jazz music from the @pressley.murillo.music Trio
-  Enter our Ticket Giveaway
-  Find out more about the Kay Meek
-  Meet the team

 Refreshments in our sunny atrium. Join us for a lively afternoon of music, conversation, and family-friendly activities in your local community!

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Discord - what you need to know about this instant messaging and VoIP social platform. See poster in Raven Life

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.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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!

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.

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. 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. 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