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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

[Rockridge Secondary School website](#)

[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	
TOMORROW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pancake Breakfast \$3 donation/Student - Cafeteria 7:45-8:30 AM● 12:00 PM EARLY Dismissal - Happy Holidays!11:50 Dismissal for Bus Riders! Buses leave promptly at noon
UPCOMING	
First day of School 2026 - Jan 5th Day 1-12F34	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2025-26 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click <u>HERE</u>	
WV Youth Services click <u>here</u>	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the eve of Winter Break 2025, I hope our Rockridge families are looking forward to enjoying time together over the holidays. I trust our students will return in January 2026 feeling rested, recharged, and ready for a new year of learning and success. These final days are always energizing, highlighted by special moments such as this week's Rockin' Recitation Contest hosted by the English Department, today's Rockridge Alumni event hosted by the Careers Department and the excitement building for tomorrow morning's pancake breakfast.

While there's no need for students to jump into January planning just yet, taking a moment before the 5th to mentally prepare for the return to routines and academic responsibilities can be a helpful step toward a strong start. I continue to be inspired by the commitment and enthusiasm our students bring to their learning, even during these festive final days of December. Their focus and maturity at this busy time of year have been truly appreciated.

Reflecting on this first learning period, I am incredibly proud of the positive school spirit we share as a community. At Rockridge, we balance hard work with joy and celebration. Our last day of 2025 will begin with a festive pancake breakfast, followed by school-wide trivia, carols, line dancing, and an early dismissal at 12:00 p.m. We kindly ask that students leave promptly at dismissal so staff may enjoy a well-deserved year-end luncheon and holiday celebration hosted by the remarkable Rockridge PAC. Wishing everyone in our Rockridge school community a safe, joyful, and restful Winter Break.

Today's *Raven Life* attached to this email includes information from our MYP classrooms, students making a difference in our community, student celebrations, upcoming ROPAC events and more.

SMS for Parents/Guardians:

In light of the power outage we experienced Monday morning on the east side of the district, parents and guardians have an option to receive text messages for school emergencies or other important alerts: 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.

LOST & FOUND - clothing is on display in the foyer near the front entrance - Students, please collect your belongings - especially **Winter Wear!** All unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the winter break. Valuables: Headphones, Earbuds, chargers are held in the main office.

ANNUAL WINTER WEATHER REMINDER - See Weather Closures and Procedures

With the recent colder temperatures and snow on the mountains, 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 our West Van Schools, or Rockridge social media and the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS: See collage in Raven Life

In the MYP and in our school at large, we hope you notice that assessment and demonstration of skill comes in many different forms and isn't solely dependent on a test scenario. There's lots of ways to creatively combine and display learned skills! The various Criterion for each subject area aim to address these learned skills in different ways.

In the face of much excitement about the upcoming holidays, some Math 8 classes are hard at work designing ornaments as a part of their Geometry unit. They will not only use their Math skills to calculate the surface area and volume of their creations, but they will also examine and discuss the accuracy of their work throughout the process. The ornaments don't necessarily have to have a holiday theme (some are celebrating all things 6-7 of course!), but even after just one day of construction, there was much focus and creativity abounding (check it out in this week's *Raven Life*). With that in mind, we leave you with a holiday poem:

'Twas the Week Before Winter Break

*'Twas the week before winter break, and all through the school,
The students were buzzing—excitement the rule!
In Math 8 they gathered with paper and glue,
Making fun ornaments, each one brand new.*

*The scissors were snipping, designs were in flight,
Each applying their geometry skills just right!*

*With formulas swirling like snow in the air,
They measured and crafted with holiday flair.*

*Soon halls would be silent, the classrooms all still,
But for now, there was laughter and joy to fulfill.
So cherish these moments, both merry and bright—
Happy winter break to all, and to all a good night!*

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device (PDD) Expectations

Over the first term, students and staff have worked hard to follow the West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Classrooms are more focused, transitions are smoother, and students tell us they can concentrate better without the pull of their phones. Thank you to families for reinforcing these habits at home.

As we return to school after the winter break, please help us keep this momentum going by reminding your children of the digital device expectations while at school.

What's expected at school:

- **Secondary (8-12):** Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

How families can help:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support schools by demonstrating these expectations whenever possible. This includes limiting adult cell phone use in and around school and refraining from contacting your child during school hours.

For a one-page overview of expectations, [see our Parent & Guardian Infographic](#)

ROCKRIDGE – New Student Lunch Account Program: Click [here](#)

We're introducing an optional **Student Lunch Account Program** designed to make cafeteria purchases easier for families and faster for students. Parents can load funds online, and students pay using a secure QR code.

Benefits for families:

- One-minute setup
- Easy reloads anytime
- Balance and purchase visibility
- No cash or cards needed
- Secure and privacy-protected

This program reduces lineups and keeps lunch payments simple and predictable.

- Full instructions are in the PDF above.

Support: accounts@geminifoods.ca

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Our next Tour of The Rock for 2026 is scheduled for Monday, Jan 19th. 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

PARENT/GUARDIANS TO DO BEFORE THE END OF 2025: 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 **97%** of students' P&P consent successfully submitted online. *We need to be at 100% - please help us get there before 2026!*

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Online Holiday Silent Auction is a Wrap

A big thanks to our generous auction donors and all the bidders and successful buyers. See Raven Life for a full list of all our donors and winners. The auction raised \$12,360! These funds will support the 2025/26 Teacher and Principal Wish Lists which enrich programs across Rockridge. Come to the next ROPAC meeting on January 13, 2026 at 8:45 am in the Learning Commons to find out more about our funding allocation plans.

Staff Appreciation Holiday Lunch –Thanks Everyone

Our Staff Appreciation Holiday Lunch is coming up on **Friday, December 19**

Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring food and volunteer and to those who donated to the event. We have a great menu for Friday.

Dishes for the lunch can be dropped off between 8:00 and 8:45 am at the school office or brought warm and ready to serve between 11:15 am and 12:30 pm to the Foods Room.

If you missed out on this event, do not worry! We will have a second Staff Appreciation event on May 14 and you will have another chance to participate.

Thank you for helping us show our staff how much they're appreciated!

Rock the Dock – Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for the Rock the Dock parent party featuring [The Hairfarmers](#) are selling fast! 137 are already sold and we have a firm 200 guest limit at WVYC. Get your tickets before they are all gone. It is going to be a great party! You can also buy your drink and raffle tickets online before the event. This will make wait times at the event much shorter.

link to buy entry, drink and raffle tickets...<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/rock-the-dock-with-the-hairfarmers>

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

Winter Sports:

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 often 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](#).

[West Vancouver Schools District & Premier Programs and Premier Academies](#)

[FAST \(First Aid Swim Training\) Program](#)

Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year Are Now Open!

The **First Aid Swim Training (FAST) Program** is a unique opportunity for students to develop the essential skills and confidence to become successful lifeguards while also building leadership and resilience.

By the end of the program, students will earn **key certifications** that are prerequisites for the **National Lifeguard Course**, which they can take independently at age 15 or older. Completing the National Lifeguard Course qualifies students to work as lifeguards, opening doors to meaningful, in-demand employment.

Certifications earned in FAST include:

- Bronze Medallion
- Bronze Cross
- Standard First Aid & CPR-C

Program Highlights:

In addition to earning certifications, the FAST Program provides a practical foundation in:

- **First Aid Training:** Building strong emergency response skills
- **Swimming and Stroke Development:** Improving confidence and technique in the water
- **Cardiovascular and Resistance Training:** Developing fitness and endurance
- **Leadership Development:** Encouraging teamwork, communication, and responsibility

This program is ideal for students interested in aquatics, leadership, and gaining valuable job-ready skills.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY NOW!](#)

Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing is a hands-on, project based course offered to students in Grades 10-12 who are attending Rockridge, Sentinel or West Van Secondary. Students learn the theory and apply it to practical projects in the fields of Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing. They have an opportunity to prepare for external certifications in Cybersecurity, Networking, Internet of Things, Programming, CompTIA, and Data Science. Students also participate in international competitions such as [CyberPatriot](#) and others. The course aims at helping students prepare material they can use for university applications.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Come Chat with The Nurse - see poster in Raven Life for details
Vancouver Coastal Health School Nurse, Caroline Reilly Drop-In Sessions 2026

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](#) erase 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. Kolke tkolke@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

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

In-catchment applications for the 2026/2027 school year are now being accepted for all Grade 1 –12 students. Please note that if your currently in Grade 7 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. Applications for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students will be accepted as of 8:00am on **Thursday, January 15th, 2026**. For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouverschools.ca/admissions/> Please be sure to carefully read the required documentation procedures before starting the application process. If you have further questions, please contact Careers 8/9 Counsellor, Michael Pandher MPandher@wvschools.ca

MyEdBC Parent Portal

For information and instructions on registering your [**MyEd Parent Portal**](#) account. Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are still having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#) OR click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#). If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

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!

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.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS GUIDE TO SOCIAL MEDIA

In an effort to provide important and useful information to parents/guardians about the various digital media sites used by many students in our school communities, West Vancouver Schools has added the following information to the website: [**Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices**](#)

UPPER STUDENT PARKING LOT

A reminder that our senior students purchase parking decals and register with the school to reserve parking in the upper lot throughout the school year, and these students have priority parking in that lot. Please be aware of this when using this area to drop off/pick up students.

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

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.

Extended Absences (Five days or more)

Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using an Extended Absence Form if five or more school days. **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](#)

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.

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 anytime 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. 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.