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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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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	
TONIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Sounds of the Season" Winter Concert 6:30 pm Rockridge Gym
Mon, Dec 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Tues, Dec 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law 12 Court Observation Field Trip
Thurs, Dec 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaboration Morning - Classes start at 9:30 am• Art Field Trip to Van Art Gallery 10:00am – 12:50pm
Fri, Dec 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 8 Design Rotation #1 - Reports Posted• LSP to Grouse 9:00 am – 2:30 pm• Rockridge PAC AUCTION ITEM PICK-UP 2:30 – 3:30pm
UPCOMING	
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 Winter Concert, Personal Projects, and Digital Citizenship

We are thrilled to invite your family to attend our much-anticipated Winter Concert this evening. It promises to be an incredible event; not only a wonderful opportunity to build your festive and holiday spirit, but also to be amazed by the talent of our outstanding Rockridge musicians and vocalists.

The Personal Project Tour is Underway!

Next week, I will be making the rounds, visiting Grade 10 CLC classes to discuss the upcoming MYP Personal Project Exhibition. We've fondly nicknamed this journey *The Mr. Kolkea Inspirational Personal Project Tour*! Students are currently in the vital planning and designing phase, working closely with their CLC teachers to prepare for this MYP showcase scheduled for February 5th. I know February still feels like a long way away, but please check out the official poster in the Raven Life and be sure to mark your 2026 calendars!

A Quick Note on Digital Devices

Finally, I wanted to take a moment this week to remind our school community about our expectations regarding Personal Digital Devices (PDD).

- Students should only be using PDDs during instructional time when explicitly directed to do so by their teacher.
- Phones should be kept in students' bags during class time and only brought out as instructed by the teacher.

Parents and guardians can significantly help us maintain a focused learning environment by not calling or texting their child during class hours; please reserve communication for break times. As always, if there is an urgent matter, please contact our main office, and we will ensure the message is immediately delivered to your child.

Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes information from our MYP classrooms, holiday initiatives from our clubs, upcoming ROPAC events and more.

LOST & FOUND - is on display in the foyer near the front entrance - Students, please collect your belongings. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the winter break.

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.

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Dec 11th

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

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS: *See collage in Raven Life*

This week, we're taking a look at the rhythms of Ms. Riahi's senior French classes!

Two weeks ago, Mme. Raymond of Malicounda Dance came to lead a French workshop that introduces a multicultural approach to drums and drumming. The workshop involved rhythm games, songs and dance to build up collaboration and listening amongst students (building up that Social ATL!), enhance leadership skills and increase concentration.

The aims of the workshop perfectly capture so many goals of the MYP in general. An interdisciplinary approach that emphasizes learning skill development all with a global citizen view!

Thank you Ms. Riahi for organizing, and please check out the pictures in this week's Raven Life!

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

UPPER STUDENT PARKING LOT

Please be advised 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. We ask for your support in following our School Drop-off/Pick-up Safety Guidelines noted below:

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 before traffic congestion becomes an issue. An 8:00 AM arrival is always a great plan and chance to get some work done at a hallway workstation, connect with a teacher, or hang in the cafeteria.

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 assigned to individual staff members. The Upper Student Parking Lot is reserved for staff, and senior student drivers that have purchased a parking decal. Please do not park in these spaces at any time between 8 am and 3:30 pm.

ROCKRIDGE WINTER CONCERT - *see poster in Raven Life*

- You are invited to join us for the Rockridge 2025 "Sounds of the Season" Winter Concert!
- Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm in the Rockridge Gym
- Admission is by donation.

Under the direction of Alisa Collins and Ben Parker, this concert will feature all of our Rockridge student music ensembles, including the Jr. and Sr. Concert Bands, A and B Jazz Bands, Choir and the Drumline.

Come cheer on our music students and bring your toonies for our "toonie cookie concession" at the concert. We hope to see you there!

Alumni Insights Event - Thurs, Dec 18th from 10:45-11:45 am Rockridge Library

We are reaching out to our Rockridge alumni who are eager to share their diverse post-secondary experiences, spanning a wide range of paths such as gap years, trades work, international exchange, internships, university programs, clubs, athletics, and more. We are hoping their unique journeys can provide invaluable insights and inspiration to our current senior students who are navigating their own paths towards higher education and beyond.

Alumni interested in attending should email laldred@wvschools.ca

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Our last Tour of The Rock for 2025 is scheduled for Monday, 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

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.

Wish List Items for STEM 10 class - CDs

STEM 10 is in the process of making mousetrap powered cars. However, they need CDs as the wheels. Currently, they do not have enough to finish their projects. If you have any old CDs that you are no longer in need of, please drop them off at the office.

AI LITERACY LESSONS

This school year, our district has introduced a series of AI literacy lessons to help students build essential knowledge and understanding of artificial intelligence. Approximately once a month, students across all West Vancouver Schools will participate in short, age-appropriate lessons that explore key concepts and responsible use of AI. **TODAY**, Rockridge students examined prompting, bias, and hallucinations. As AI becomes increasingly present in our everyday lives, these lessons are designed to provide our students with an understanding of the technology, as well as the skills to use it safely, ethically and responsibly. At Rockridge, these lessons are shared by classroom teachers during part of our FIT time.

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](#)

HOLIDAY INITIATIVES

North Shore Family Services Hampers from the Rockridge Student Council

The Student Council raises funds to support several organizations throughout the year. This winter, Rockridge Student Council is pleased to be supporting two families through the North Shore Family Services Holiday Hamper program. The Council Executives will purchase the specific personal gift items requested, but they would appreciate donations of:

- Non-perishables holiday food and treats,
- Gift card donations for Walmart, Superstore, Safeway and Sephora,
- Visa/Mastercard gift cards, in any amount.

Gift cards can be dropped in the Rockridge office. Thank you in advance for your support!

ROCKRIDGE Toy Drive 2025 - *see details in Raven Life*

Every year for the past five years, Jonathan Yeung has been gathering toys, phones and tablets for the incredibly brave kids at BC Children's Hospital. His goal has been to collect as many awesome gifts as possible to give to the kids and their families over the holidays.

Join us in spreading cheer and making a difference for young patients at BC Children's Hospital! From now until **December 5th**, Rockridge will accept new and unwrapped toy donations which can be dropped off at the office and will be delivered to BC Children's Hospital.

Interact Club Clothing Drive - Ending Dec 5th - *see poster in Raven Life*

The Interact Club is hosting a Warm Clothing Drive in partnership with Covenant House Vancouver to support youth experiencing homelessness. Bring gently used or new warm items like jackets, sweaters, scarves, and gloves to the donation box outside the office.

Rockridge Shoebox Project - Drop-off outside the front office until Dec 5th

Rockridge is taking part in The Shoebox Project, a donation drive where reused shoeboxes are filled with new personal hygiene items and small gifts for those in need. All completed boxes will be donated to a local Women's Shelter (the Bloom group), giving our students an opportunity to help support our community providing care and resources to women and families in need. Thank you for helping make a difference!

Donation Ideas *All donated items must be new and unused with the exception of the shoebox
Empty shoeboxes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Deodorant, Tooth Paste, Toothbrush, Hair products, Combs and Brushes, Socks, Hats, Small gifts, Lip Balm, Feminine Hygiene Products or Small gifts

NS Spice Drive - *see details in Raven Life*

Rockridge GSA club is doing a donation drive for baking supplies to help the North Shore food bank. There will be a donation box in the office at the front of the school. Why do they need spices and baking supplies? Many families only receive very basic ingredients, but spices are very rare.

The Humanity Collective 2025

Backpack Buddies is a local charity dedicated to ensuring BC's most vulnerable children have access to good quality food. Many children rely heavily on school meal programs, but over the weekends they go hungry until school starts again on Monday. Backpack Buddies addresses this "weekend hunger gap" through its growing network of donors and volunteers. For a cost of only \$25, Backpack Buddies sends a

child home with a bag of kid approved meals to last the weekend and beyond. Last year they provided an incredible 1,655,104 meals to children across the province. Click [here](#) to donate

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 **96%** of students' P&P consent successfully submitted online. *We need to be at 100% - please help us get there next week!*

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Staff Appreciation Holiday Lunch – We Still Need Your Help!

Our Staff Appreciation Holiday Lunch is coming up on **Friday, December 19** and we'd love more dishes and donations to help make the event special.

- You can **sign up** [here](#) to bring a dish.
- Prefer to contribute to catering or supplies instead? **Donate** [here](#).
- Thank you for helping us show our staff how much they're appreciated!

Online Holiday Silent Auction – Open! - [flyer](#)

Our Online **Holiday Silent Auction** is live and the bids are already flying in! Some items are heating up fast, so jump in early if you've got your eye on something - there are fantastic gifts (and deals) to be found.

A big thanks to our generous donors and to everyone bidding so far – your support fuels the Teacher Wish List and enriches programs across Rockridge.

A selection of auction items is on display outside the school office.

- Start bidding [here](#).
- Auction closes **Friday, December 12 at 1:00 PM** so don't miss your chance!

Thank you for Supporting the Plant Fundraiser

A big thank you to all families who participated in our Holiday Plant Sale – we raised \$823! Your orders help fund important programs at Rockridge and we truly appreciate your support. We hope your greenery adds a little extra brightness to your home this season.

Rock the Dock – Tickets on Sale Dec 15

Get ready! Tickets for the Rock the Dock parent party featuring [The Hairfarmers](#) go on sale **Monday, Dec 15 at 8:00 AM**. Don't miss out as only a limited number of tickets are available.

Early Bird: \$100 (first 100 tickets)

Regular Price: \$125

Link for buying tickets coming soon.

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](#).

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](#) 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. 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

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://westvancouver.schools.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!

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](#)

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.

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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.