



# ROCKRIDGE

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**Nov 13, 2025**

### ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

[Rockridge Secondary School website](#)

[WV School District Website](#)

[Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram](#)

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Nov 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P2P Coffee @ The Bakehouse 8:30am - 10:00am</li><li>• Grad Portraits &amp; Buddy Photos with Grads BC - 3pm - 10pm</li></ul>
Mon, Nov 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 12 UBC Indigenous Day</li><li>• Tour of The Rock 12pm - 1pm</li></ul>
Tues, Nov 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ROPAC Meeting 6:30pm - Library Learning Commons</li></ul>
Wed, Nov 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accounting 11 to Sauder School of Business</li><li>• Rockridge Plant Fundraiser Order Deadline - 12pm (See ROPAC Section)</li><li>• Indigenous Fashion Show</li></ul>
Thurs, Nov 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Fri, Nov 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
UPCOMING	
Mon., Nov 24 - Pro-D-Day, No Classes In Session / Grad Portrait Retakes	
Wed., Nov 26 WVS Elementary Boys V-ball Tourney / Thu, Nov 27 WVS Elementary Girls V-Ball Tourney	
Fri., Nov 28 - Learning Period 1 Reports Posted	
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a>	
<a href="#">2025-26 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
<a href="#">West Vancouver Schools Registration click <u>HERE</u></a>	
<a href="#">WV Youth Services click <u>here</u></a>	

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One of the key learning goals that Rockridge is known for is our service learning and community connections. I value this part of our learning vision and journey for our students, as it provides our Ravens with opportunities to lead, strengthen their communication skills, and demonstrate empathy. These experiences are also central to the IB MYP, which emphasizes meaningful action and community engagement as essential ways for students to develop as reflective, principled, and caring young people. As the holiday season approaches, you can expect to see a growing number of Rockridge Clubs leading initiatives to help their community. Next week the Interact Club launches their warm clothing drive to support Covenant House - see the poster in this week's *Raven Life*.

**MYP INTERIM REPORTS:** Toward the end of last month we were unable to publish the Grade 8 to 10 MYP Interim Reports on MYEDBC. In response to this challenge, we sent the report as a PDF via a mail merge. The MYEDBC publishing issue for IB schools has been resolved. As a result, Learning Update One with marks and comments will be published on November 28th, as planned.

### **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. This month, secondary 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](#)

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

This week we're highlighting more of the awesome, ongoing learning experiences happening within our school!

Art students in Ms. Donald's Grade 8 class have been working on developing their technical art skills and stretching their creativity using watercolours. As new students at the school, they've been creating pieces that celebrate our school's symbol - the raven - while also creatively incorporating the attributes from our RAVENS acronym.

The RAVENS acronym is used throughout our Grade 8 homeroom team activities and plays off of the attributes of the MYP Learner Profile. These are the characteristics that we would hope ALL students and all RAVENS embody. For Rockridge students specifically, we hope they would be:

**R = Resilient**

**A = Adaptable**

**V = Valiant**

**E = Empathetic**

**N = Noble**

**S = Supportive**

Check out some of the samples of work on display in the attached *Raven Life!*

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## **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **ROCKRIDGE GRAD WEAR ORDER LINK IS NOW LIVE, BUT NOT FOR LONG...**

The Grad Committee and Ms. Rinfret have worked diligently to prepare the GRAD WEAR order. Place your order using the link [here](#). Items will be delivered and distributed at Rockridge.

The due date for orders has been extended to November 15th to ensure delivery by December 1st.

### 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 in the donation bin in front of the office.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:MPandher@wvschools.ca)

**GLA / LTE 12 Assessments - NEW Date:** January 26-30, 2026

Details for this assessment will be provided after the winter break.

**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.

### 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](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

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### ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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**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 **94%** of students' P&P consent successfully submitted online. *We need to be at 100% - please help us get there next week!*

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### ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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#### November PAC Meeting – Tuesday, Nov 18 at 6:30 pm

Join us **Tuesday evening in the Learning Commons** for our November PAC meeting to learn more about our upcoming events and ways to support Rockridge. You can find the meeting agenda [here](#).

### Reminder: P2P Coffee at the Bakehouse this Friday

Come by for a cozy catch-up at our P2P coffee morning this **Friday, November 14 at the Bakehouse**. Swing by anytime **after drop-off until 10-am** – no RSVP needed. It's a great way to meet fellow Rockridge parents in a relaxed setting.

### Rockridge Plant Fundraiser – Deadline Extended due to Popular Demand!

Good news! Our festive greenery fundraiser has been such a hit that we've extended the order deadline to **Wednesday, November 19 at noon**. Don't miss your chance to deck the halls and support Rockridge!

**Pick-up Date:** Wednesday, December 3 at Rockridge

**Order link:** [Plant Order Link](#)

### Holiday Silent Auction – Donate Now and Sneak Peek!

We're getting close to our **Holiday Silent Auction (Dec 1 – 12)** and we've already got some amazing items lined up – getaways, art, gift cards, baskets, experiences and more. Check out the **sneak preview** [here!](#)

There's still time to donate – help us make it even better. Every item supports the Teacher Wish List program and classroom enrichment experiences for all our students.

To contribute, email **Rachel and Lindsay** at [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca) by **November 28**.

### Save the Date: Rock the Dock – Feb 28 at the WVYC!

Mark your calendar! It's party time with the Rockridge parent community featuring [The Hairfarmers](#) live at the West Vancouver Yacht Club.

Great music, good vibes and a chance to connect – don't miss it! Ticket information 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

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## ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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### 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 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](mailto:bwilliams@wvschools.ca) **Go Ravens!**

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## ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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### WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS COUNSELLING

At West Vancouver Schools, we acknowledge the importance of high school course selection, post-secondary guidance and the role of schools in supporting improved student mental health outcomes. We maintain a collaborative website with the counselling teams from Rockridge, Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary. In this website there are an abundance of resources for students that will help guide them to whatever level of education they desire: from grade school to graduate school. You can find the [Counselling site](#) under the DEPARTMENT tab on the [Rockridge Secondary School website](#).

### FOUNDRY Drop In Counselling @ Rockridge - every Tuesday

- Located in the office beside the Counselling suite
- For more information contact Shannon: 236 558 2489 or email: [shannon.eberts1@vch.ca](mailto: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](mailto:tkolkea@wvschools.ca) or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

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## FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION for 2025-26

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### 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](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) If your student will be arriving late, leaving early, or missing part of the day, please include approximate times of arrival and dismissal in your email. Please include your child's first and last name and reason for absence in your email. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 & reports**

If you have not done so already please visit the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account. You only need to do this once when you first begin in WV Schools. Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. Your child’s **schedule** and **learning updates** are accessed in MyEd, so parent access is essential for supporting your child’s learning and success at Rockridge.

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

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

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

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



**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. 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.