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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	
Fri, Nov 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GetReal Anti Racism Workshops for Grade 8s and 9s• Learning Update #1 Reports Posted
Tues, Dec 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law 12 Court Observation Field Trip
Wed, Dec 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rockridge PAC Plant Pick-up 2:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs, Dec 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Sounds of the Season” Winter Concert 6:30 pm Rockridge Gym
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

This week we reach an important point in the school year as we’re preparing to share the first formal learning updates with families tomorrow. These updates offer a picture of your child’s progress so far in their courses, highlighting their growth, acknowledging their engagement, and pointing to areas where they can continue to develop. I encourage families to set aside some time this weekend to look through the reports together. These conversations are a meaningful way to support your child in reflecting on their learning and planning their next steps. There is also some very helpful information from our MYP Coordinators to help with your learning update reading.

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

Learning Updates Published – November 28th

Learning Update One will be published digitally to the MYEDBC parent portal on Friday, Nov 28th.

If you have not done so already please see the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC 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

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

The first Learning Updates will be released THIS coming FRIDAY, November 28.

We've put together a visual of ALL the things you should know for reading the Learning Update in the Raven Life!

In short:

- 1) You will mostly see initial assessment levels for at least SOME of the Criterion (minimum of two) in each subject.
(ALL subject areas will have ALL FOUR criteria assessed by Learning Update 2.)
- 2) The levels align with the proficiency scale. *(They are NOT a score out of 8!)*
A passing level in a single Criterion is generally considered to be a 2.
Anything less and you are likely to hear from your student's teacher regarding a support plan going forward.
- 3) It is still very early in the linear school year. Keep that growth mindset! Strategize with your family unit about how to best support your student going forward. There's lots of time to grow and improve!

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

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!

DPAC Post-Secondary Parent Info Night – Dec 3

Join us **Tuesday, Dec 3 at 6:00 PM at the Kay Meek Centre** for an informative evening hosted by DPAC. Speakers include Rockridge's Leesa Alldred and career counsellors from all three West Vancouver high schools, covering everything you need to know about supporting your teen's post-secondary journey. Don't miss it!

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 lalldred@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 in the donation bin in front of 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. Next week, Rockridge students will examine 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

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 - November 14th through 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, Toothpaste, 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 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 **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

Online Holiday Silent Auction – Opens Monday! - *flyer*

Get ready – our Holiday Silent Auction opens **Mon, Dec 1 @ 8:00 AM** and runs till **Fri, Dec 12, 1:00 PM**.

This is the perfect chance to tackle your “12 Days of Christmas” shopping while supporting Rockridge! Bid early for the best prices on the many amazing items generously donated by Rockridge families and local businesses. There are some fantastic deals waiting!

A selection of items is currently on display in the showcase outside the school office. You can see what’s on offer by visiting the auction [here](#).

Staff Appreciation Holiday Lunch – December 19 at 1 PM - [flyer](#)

Our much-loved Staff Appreciation Holiday Lunch takes place on **Friday, December 19 at 1:00 PM** – the last day of school. We’d love your help making it special!

- You can **sign up** to bring a dish [here](#).
- Don’t have time to cook or bake? You can also support catering or supply costs by **donating** [here](#).
- Thank you for helping us celebrate our amazing Rockridge staff!

Rock the Dock – Tickets on Sale Dec 15

Mark your calendar! Tickets for Rock the Dock, our Feb 28, 2026 parent party featuring [The Hairfarmers](#), go on sale Monday, December 15 at 8:00 AM.

- **Early Bird:** \$100 (first 100 tickets)
- **Regular Price:** \$125
- Only **200 tickets** available – don’t miss out! A ticket to this event also makes an awesome Christmas gift!

Holiday Plant Sale – Pickup Info

Pickup for the Holiday Plant Sale is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3, between 2–4 PM** by the **basketball courts** in front of the school. We’ll send a confirmation email to all buyers on December 2, once our supplier finalizes the delivery time.

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

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.

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 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.