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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 7	• Remembrance Day Assembly
Mon, Nov 10	• 2-2 MADD Presentation - Grade 11 & 12 9:47 – 10:55am - see details below
Tues, Nov 11	• REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed, Nov 12	• Grad Portraits Nov 12 – 14 Book: www.gradsbc.com/school/rkr
Thurs, Nov 13	• COLLAB DAY- 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below)
Fri, Nov 14	• Grad Buddy Photos
UPCOMING	
Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9) – Wednesday November 5th	
Remembrance Day Ceremony - Friday, Nov 7 10-11 AM (Block Rotation Day 2 - 2,3,1,4)	
MADD Canada Monday, November 10 Block 2-1	
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's E-Bulletin once again reminds me how proud I am to be the principal of Rockridge. Every calendar event, update, and activity shared below reflects the incredible spirit of our students and staff learning, contributing meaningfully, and connecting with one another and the broader community. Families, too, have many opportunities to stay involved (*See Raven Life*) and be part of what makes *The Rock* so special.

Last week, our Student Council brought great energy to our Halloween celebrations ([see our Rockridge Insta account](#)). Tomorrow, we'll gather as a school to observe Remembrance Day, led by students and staff who have prepared a thoughtful ceremony to honour those who served and the peace we are grateful to uphold. It will be a meaningful time of reflection for our whole community.

Please note that classes are not in session on Tuesday, November 11th.

Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes images from our MYP classrooms, Take our Kids to Work Day, upcoming ROPAC events and more. Next week we will feature our fall sports teams who have been finding success in Zones and Provincial Championship competition. You can also find all our Raven Athletics updates here [@Rockridge.Ravens.Athletics](https://twitter.com/Rockridge.Ravens.Athletics)

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Nov 13th

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*

Do you know what an ATL reflection is?

ATL stands for Approaches to Learning and they are the cross-curricular skills that focus on “learning how to learn”.

They are: **Thinking, Social Skills, Self-Management, Communication & Research Skills**

Although there are 5 of them, they align quite well with the BC Curriculum's 3 Core Competencies. Students are responsible for self-assessing their own growth in the core competencies, and for us, students do this through reflections on their ATL skills.

The staff team at Rockridge have developed and reflected and tuned this process of recognizing ATL skills, setting goals in different contexts and, after a time, reflecting on how they went. And these reflections are well on their way this school year!

In Grade 8 & 9, this process is very structured through specific subject areas. Staff help students identify the skills in context of their subject area and walk towards a goal tied to a unit or a task.

In Grade 10, 11 & 12, this process is more broad, looks beyond specific subject areas and places (even outside of school!) and gives more time for process and reflection. Students are still guided by teachers through their associated careers classes.

Where can YOU check out your child's ATL goal setting in reflections?

1) Ask them about it!

Name an ATL - Thinking, Social Skills, Self-Management, Communication & Research Skills - and ask them what and where they're naming and growing those skills.

2) Check out your student's Grad Google Classroom!

Every grade has their own Grade Google Classroom. And that is where you'll find all of their ATL skills goals, acknowledgement of process and reflection from this current year and years past. Review the past reflections and current goals and ask where their strength skills are, what skills they have room to grow in and how you can support them.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

MADD Canada Presentation – Nov 10th for ALL Grade 11 & 12 students

On Monday, Nov 10th, Rockridge will host MADD Canada as their trained facilitators will present the film: *Wrong Turn*. The film's fictional story illustrates the tragic consequences of driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. Throughout the film, students are shown times when the tragedy could have been prevented by making different choices. This *School Program* is proven-effective at encouraging responsible decision-making among youth – both immediately after the presentation and longer term. In the 2022-2023 evaluation survey among participating students, 92% said the program makes them want to make the right decision when it comes to impaired driving and 82% said that they were likely to make a plan for getting home safely when going out with friends. The majority of students felt that consuming cannabis would cause one to drive "a lot worse" with 86% saying this after the presentation and 91% 3-months post presentation. Furthermore, three months after the presentation, half of respondents were more likely to think that cannabis use has a negative effect on the ability to drive.

Rockridge GRAD WEAR order link is NOW live

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

Due date for orders is November 9th 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

Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year opened on Wednesday October 15th at 8:00 am for all Grade 1 –12 **In-catchment students**. Please note that if your 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. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens at 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 carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process. If you have further questions, please contact Careers 8/9 Counsellor, Michael Pandher MPandher@wvschools.ca

GRADE 9 CAREERS

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday November 5th *See Photos in Raven Life*

We extend our gratitude to all the participating workplaces and professionals who generously shared their time and expertise with our students. Your involvement made 'Take Our Kids To Work Day' a truly memorable experience. Special thanks to the parents and guardians who supported their children's participation in this event. We welcome more photo highlights.

With gratitude, Michael Pandher

GLA / LTE 12 Assessments - November 3 – 6, 2025 - Cancelled

NEW Date: January 26-30, 2026

Grade 12 students and parents are assured that UBC as well as other BC Institutions are very aware of the cancellation of the GLA 12 assessments and that this will not negatively impact applicants. UBC uses the GLA results at the end of the admission cycle (end of June). At this point they confirm students have successfully graduated and obtained at least a 3 in the GLA.

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

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

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

P2P Coffee at The Bakehouse – Friday, Nov 14 After Drop-off

Join us for a relaxed morning of connection and conversation at The Bakehouse in Dundarave. Swing by anytime after school drop-off and stay as long (or as little) as you like – we'll be there until 10:00 am. Come say hi, grab a coffee and meet other Rockridge parents!

Rockridge Plant Fundraiser – Deadline to Order Approaching!

Don't miss your chance to order beautiful holiday greenery and support Rockridge!

- **Order deadline:** Tuesday, November 18
- **Pick-up Date:** Wednesday, December 3 at Rockridge
- **Order link:** [Plant Order Link](#)

Holiday Silent Auction Needs You – Urgent Call for Donations!

We're in the final stretch before our **Holiday Silent Auction (Dec 1-12)** and we still need more!

Have a **gift card, service, tickets, getaway, artwork, or themed basket** you can contribute? Now is the time. Every donation fuels our Teacher Wish List Program, classroom enrichment experiences and school programs for all our students.

To donate, contact **Rachel and Lindsay** at ropac@wvschools.ca by **November 28**.

ROPAC Social and Fundraiser – “Rock the Docks with the Hairfarmers” at WVYC! - flyer

We're bringing the ROPAC community together for an unforgettable night on **Saturday, February 28 at the West Vancouver Yacht Club** – featuring none other than [The Hairfarmers](#) live on stage!

Great music, great people – come celebrate and connect. Stay tuned for ticket details!

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

Fall Sports: Boys Soccer, Swim Team, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Bantam Boys Rugby
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 **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

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 and Extended Absences

If you know your student will not be in attendance for all, or part of a school day, we ask that you please let our office know in advance - rockridge@wvschools.ca If your student will be arriving late, leaving early, or missing part of the day, please include approximate times of arrival and dismissal in your email. Please include your child's first and last name and reason for absence in your email. This will ensure that the absence is noted as excused and you will not receive an email/voicemail alert regarding the absence.

Daily attendance is critical to ensure student success here at Rockridge. We do not recommend absences during the school term but realize they may be unavoidable. Please keep in mind that certain

classroom activities and assessments may not be able to be made up if missed. Teachers are not required to provide extra classes, make-up tests or specific work to be completed.

Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using this [form](#) for an Extended Absence.

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.

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

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.