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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, Feb 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> READING BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon, Feb 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues, Feb 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunar New Year AP Calculus Pt. 2 Mid-Terms Feb 17 & 18 ROPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00pm
Wed, Feb 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Calculus Pt. 2 Mid-Terms Feb 17 & 18 Fill Ur Cup 12:50 – 1:35pm Course Entry begins Grades 8-10
Thurs, Feb 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UBC Indigenous Experience Day
Fri, Feb 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
UPCOMING	
Feb 25th Pink Shirt Day	
Rockridge Secondary School 2025-26 Yearbook - purchase on School Cash Online until March 6th	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2025-26 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE	
WV Youth Services click here	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With a four day weekend ahead, I hope our Rockridge community will have the opportunity to rest, recharge and get ready for the final push to the end of learning period two and the home-stretch to spring break. If you have not spoken to your student about course selections for next year, please fit that in this weekend. Just below, you will find the details and deadlines that are fast approaching for 2006-27 course selection. A thoughtful process with ample time spent over the coming weeks by students leads to stronger selection, fewer changes, and more informed choices about their road to graduation and the future.

This past Tuesday across the West Vancouver School District we celebrated WVMEA Day. This is a chance for our school communities to celebrate the support staff who make a difference here at Rockridge (and in WV Schools). Just to be sure everyone knows who we are talking about when we refer to the WVMEA, this includes our Educational Assistants, Custodians, Office Staff, Teacher Assistants and Youth Workers.

Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes information from our MYP Personal Project, student opportunities, upcoming ROPAC events and more.

2026-27 Course Planning

Parents, If you missed these Course planning presentations on Feb 10th, you can view the Slide presentation on the Rockridge website under the Student tab: [Course Planning](#)

All students enter course selection on their MYEDBC student portal with choices visible to parents on their account. Grade 8-11 students will have their MYEDBC account password reset on Tuesday, February 17th with Counsellors assisting student course entry on Wednesday, February 18th. Grade 8 - 10 students have until March 30th to complete their selections and Grade 11s until April 27th.

LOST & FOUND - ELECTRONICS, Jewelry, Glasses & Credit/Debit Cards - Please pick up in Main Office

The clothing bin is also overflowing with coats and hoodies as well as water bottles. Please stop by and identify lost items.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS: See our poster in the Raven Life

Hi everyone, Thanking all of the people in our parent community who came out to support and celebrate the work of our Grade 10s through a Personal Project Exhibition!

One of our favourite aspects of the PPE is the opportunity to chat with students and hear their story about what they explored. In some of those conversations, you can really walk away realizing something you didn't know before about that student, whether that be their passions, tenacity, skills or gifts. It's the best! If you attended, we hope you got to have some of those great chats with students you know (past or present)!

In the Raven Life this week, we have put together a cross-section of the MANY projects that were on display - from the big and grand to the small and detailed - you get a sense of the diversity of exploration and thoughtfulness in presentation. It was terrific.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Jazz Café 2026

- Join us for our 4th annual Jazz Café on Thursday, March 5th in Players Hall.
- Music will begin at 6:30 pm.

This year, admission is by donation with refreshments for the evening provided by several of our generous community donors.

We will be transforming Player's Hall into our very own jazz club, where you will hear music from all students in the Rockridge Jazz program, including A and B big bands, plus student combos. This year we

are excited to welcome the crowd-pleasing Dean Thiessen Electric Trio as our professional jazz artist. We hope to see you there!

All funds from this event will go towards our professional ensemble, and to support the purchase of a new electric keyboard and equipment carts for the music department.

Thanks to Visual Art and Jazz student Maya Menten-Schubert for our poster design - see Raven Life.

Rockridge Theatre Company presents: Little Shop of Horrors - The Musical!

About the show: Set in the 1960s on Skid Row, *Little Shop of Horrors* follows struggling flower shop owner Mr. Mushnik and his anxious employee, Seymour Krelborn. Seymour works with Audrey, a kind but naïve young woman trapped in a cycle of bad relationships, including one with a sadistic dentist. Deeply in love with Audrey, Seymour would do anything to protect her. When he discovers a strange and otherworldly plant, he brings it back to the shop, hoping it might be the key to a better life. What he doesn't realize is that this unusual plant will change everything—and at a terrifying cost.

- **When:** April 9, 10, 11 @ The Kay Meek Arts Center
- **Tickets:** bit.ly/rtrtclsoh
- *See our poster in the **Raven Life***

LSP is taking the plunge, again! Mar 4, 2026, 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

That's right! We love this freezing cold fundraiser so much that we have registered "*The Chilly Ravens*" for our third year! Build inclusion by getting bold and cold for SOBC!

Special Olympics BC is committed to enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities and, in turn, the lives of their family members, friends and everyone they've touched. Special Olympics BC provides high-quality year-round sport programs and competitions that help people with intellectual disabilities celebrate personal achievement and gain confidence, skills, and friendships.

Thank you!

- If you would like to sponsor our LSP team, please click [HERE](#)

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL 2025-26 YEARBOOK

Don't forget to purchase your book before **March 6th, \$55** on [School Cash Online!](#)

Last year we sold out, so secure your book today!

Note: We have had parents inquiring about the yearbook purchase; the yearbook was posted to student accounts on January 21, 2026.

Parents can check their purchase history by logging in to School Cash online and clicking the History tab in the top right corner of the screen.

ROCKRIDGE GRAD NEWS

GRADE 12 ACTION REQUIRED: GRAD GOWN SIZING FORM

Grade 12 students are asked to provide their grad gown size via [THIS LINK](#) by Friday, February 13th. All Grade 12s should complete this form to provide their sizing or to let us know if they do not need a gown (using a sibling's gown from previous year or not attending).

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Rock the Dock – Bring Your Friends and Hit the Dance Floor!

Rock the Dock is coming up fast! Join us for a fun night featuring [The Hairfarmers](#) on **Saturday, February 28** at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. We still have tickets available – it's open to everyone so feel free to invite friends (even if they're not Rockridge parents). The entire Rockridge community is welcome!

Grab your tickets [here](#).

Dress Code: Casual chic to cocktail - cocktail attire is optional, but a touch of glam is encouraged. Think fun and ready for a night of dancing, laughs and live music.

Pro tip: buying drink tickets in advance keeps bar lines short and the good vibes rolling.

ROPAC Meeting - Feb 17

Our next ROPAC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 17** in the Learning Commons at **6:30 pm**. We're pleased to welcome WVPD school liaison, Cst. Emma Whitehead, who will join us to connect with parents and answer questions. If you are unable to attend in person, please email your questions in advance to ropac@wvschools.ca – responses will be captured in the meeting minutes. You can find the meeting agenda [here](#).

Coming up: Next P2P Coffee is Feb 27 - [flyer](#)

Join us for our next P2P Coffee on **Friday, February 27** at the Dunderave Bakehouse. Come by after morning drop-off for a quick hello or a longer catch up with other Rockridge parents - a steaming cup of coffee and easy conversation, no agenda required.

Rockridge Golf Tournament – May 28

After a year off, the 3rd **Rockridge Golf Tournament** returns on **Thursday, May 28** with a relaxed spring day of golf and community spirit – all in support of our school. More details coming soon.

Updated Year-at-a Glance

We've also updated our ROPAC Year-at-a-Glance to reflect the dates of our upcoming Spring Plant Sale and Golf Tournament – check out the latest version [here](#).

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

Rockridge Spring Sport News:

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 weekly highlights from our Rockridge Athletics teams. Follow us on Instagram [@Rockridge.Ravens.Athletics](#)

We are always looking for passionate individuals who want to create positive experiences for our student athletes. If you are keen to volunteer your time as a coach or assistant or have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to our Athletic Director Mr. Brychan Williams bwilliams@wvschools.ca **Go Ravens!**

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students are open. If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Capilano University Access programs information session — March 5

Capilano University is hosting a [virtual information session](#) on Thursday, March 5th at 4 PM for students and their families to learn how to Access programs designed to support students with learning differences: [Discover Employability](#) and [Education and Employment Access](#). Both programs are full-time at the Capilano University North Vancouver main campus and start in September 2026.

The 2026-2027 PREMIER, DISTRICT & ACADEMY PROGRAMS are open for registration! Click link for details: [West Vancouver Schools District & Premier Programs and Premier Academies](#)

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Our next Tour of The Rock for 2026 is scheduled for Monday, Mar 9th. 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

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.

Join The Push Up Challenge - There is still time

Rock Staff and students are taking on The Push-Up Challenge from February 5-27. The Challenge is for each of us to complete 2,000 push-ups in 23 days, which represents the ~2,000 lives lost to suicide each day, worldwide.

The Challenge helps you work on your physical and mental fitness, with daily push-up goals and mental health facts, and you can raise funds for CMHA to make an impact on mental health in Canada.

Mr. Kolkea set up our **Rockridge Ravens Reps** Team so we can track our progress and stats on the same leaderboard for a bit of extra motivation. It'd be great to have you on the Team! So, are you in?

Click on our Team page link to get involved or feel free to make a donation if you're not up for the Challenge: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.ca/fundraisers/rockridgeravenreps>

West Van Run! March 7th and 8th

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools.

- Register here - <https://www.westvanrun.com/schools>

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Come Chat with The Nurse - see poster in *Raven Life* for details

Vancouver Coastal Health School Nurse, Caroline Reilly Drop-In Sessions 2026

Youth Wellness Conference

This free one-day event is for youth in grades 8 to 12 and is designed to be fun, interactive, and genuinely useful — offering activities, games, conversations, and practical tools that support mental wellness, resilience, and navigating what comes next. Our goal is to help youth feel more confident about their future and more connected to each other and their community.

- Youth Wellness Conference: Tools for Tomorrow
- West Vancouver Community Centre
- Saturday, February 21, 2026

- 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- FREE and includes lunch, loads of snacks, prizes, volunteer hours, wellness training, and more!

Highlights of the day include:

- Stories, advice, and experiences from our panel of university students and young professionals.
- Connect with other youth, share experiences, and build networks.
- Explore mental wellness, coping strategies, and resources for planning for the future.
- Gain strategies for managing stress, anxiety, and uncertainty effectively.
- Lunch and snacks included, plus an opportunity to win prizes!

Please share this opportunity with other youth in your networks!

Registration link: [Youth Wellness Conference - Tools for Tomorrow](#)

If you would like more information or require support getting signed up: mclark@westvancouver.ca

Vaping Information Sessions for Youth

In partnership with Health Canada, [QuitNow](#) is hosting [I Quit for Me](#), a series of FREE sessions for youth ages 13-18 who would like to stop vaping or smoking. The sessions will focus on health risks of nicotine, creating a support plan, and healthy ways to manage stress. Sessions are 45-minutes on Zoom and run every Tuesday at 7 pm PST from February 3 to March 3, 2026. Please encourage youth to [register](#) in advance to secure a spot. Questions may be directed to Beth Clark, Manager, Behavioural Coaching & Outreach at clark@bclung.ca.

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

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

SMS for Parents/Guardians:

Parents and guardians have an option to receive text messages for school emergencies or other important alerts: For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

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

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

Benefits for families:

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

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

- Full instructions are in the PDF above.

Support: accounts@geminifoods.ca

ROCKRIDGE CALENDAR

- This is a very helpful resource to access for daily block rotations and school events.
- Please click the following link to access the [FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR](#)
- Then click *Subscribe* in the task bar above the calendar.
- Please ask your child if they have subscribed as well!

CLUBS LIST - [Here](#) - If your child is looking for a club to join, be sure to visit the Morning Announcements for meeting times and locations. The link to the Morning Announcements is always included at the top of the E-Bulletin.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS GUIDE TO SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

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

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.

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](#)

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.

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.

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.