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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	
Thurs, Jan 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sr. Concert Band &amp; Jazz Band A Field Trip to Victoria Jan 29 – 31</li> </ul>
Fri, Jan 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● District Pro-D-Day - No classes in Session</li> </ul>
Mon, Feb 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Int Student Orientation   West Vancouver Secondary School</li> </ul>
Tues, Feb 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Day of VPA Rotation 2</li> </ul>
Wed, Feb 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flock to the Rock - Gr 7 Feeder Schools to watch RR Bball   1:45 – 3:00 PM</li> </ul>
Thurs, Feb 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MYP Personal Project Exhibition @ FIT for Students &amp; 6:00 - 7:30 PM for parents</li> <li>● Rockridge Grad Semi-Formal Pinnacle Hotel, North Vancouver   6:30-9:30 PM</li> </ul>
Fri, Feb 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accounting 11 to Joey's Corporate   10:00am – 2:00pm</li> <li>● V&amp;P Arts Rotation 1 Reports Posted</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
Feb 10 - Grade 8 and 9s - Crimestoppers presents, "See Something, Say Something" focusing on bullying, mental health, social media awareness (including the rising danger of Sextortion, and reporting crime.)	
2026-27 Course Planning Parent Night, Feb 10th – See details below	
Rockridge Secondary School 2025-26 Yearbook - purchase on <a href="#">School Cash Online</a> until March 6th	
<b><a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">2025-26 At A Glance Calendar</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">WV Youth Services click here</a></b>	

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It was a big week for the Class of 2025 as they completed their Graduation Literacy Assessments, one of the key provincial requirements for Grade 12 students. Our Raven winter sports season has also been buzzing with energy, from the courts to the mountains, as basketball tournaments and the ski and snowboard zone finals kept our athletes, and fans, busy and excited. Beyond athletics, our Senior Music Ensemble is off to Victoria this weekend for a special trip filled with clinician sessions and performances. Thank you to all families who joined for yesterday’s Parent Teacher Conferences; I hope the conversations helped build strong and meaningful connections with our teachers, as home & school

communication remains essential to student success and excellence. This week, I'm keeping the Principal's Message short so you can focus on next week's signature event, the **MYP Personal Project Exhibition**. Take it away, Ms. LeSieur and Ms. Millare!

Today's ***Raven Life attached to this email*** includes information from our MYP Personal Project, Ravens Athletics, student celebrations: Model UN, engineering, upcoming ROPAC events and more.

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

It's almost time for our favourite MYP event of the year! You are all invited to attend next week's **Personal Project Exhibition on Thursday, February 5th**. The event will take place throughout the first floor from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**, and will feature over 150 passion projects by our current Grade 10 students.

Students will be showcasing what they've developed and learned through their Personal Project journey. From science experiments to product designs, cookbooks to handcrafted goods, creative compositions to technical innovations—we'll have all this and so much more!

For the parents of Grade 10 students, the Exhibition will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's tremendous efforts; for parents of junior students, the Exhibition will give you some insight into what your own child can look forward to accomplishing in a year or two. For everyone else, you have the opportunity to come and celebrate this awesome learning community that we call Rockridge.

In addition to students, parents and teachers, you can expect to see other members of the community in attendance, including our district leadership team and school trustees. This will truly be a special and memorable occasion, and we honestly can't wait for you to experience the beautiful celebration that is the Personal Project Exhibition.

We look forward to seeing you NEXT WEEK! 🎉 🎉 🎉

**2026-27 Course Planning Parent Night – save the date: Tuesday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**

Course planning presentations for the 2026-27 school year are coming up. Please join school counsellors, MYP Coordinators, Careers teachers and administration for this information evening. Links to virtual meetings are attached.

**Tuesday, February 10th:**

- 5:30-6:15pm VIRTUAL - [Grade 8 & 9 Course Planning Evening](#)
- 6:15-7:00pm VIRTUAL Grade 10 into 11 Only [Grade 10 Course Planning Evening](#)
- 6:00-6:45pm – IN-PERSON Grade 11 into 12 Only
- 6:45-7:30pm – IN-PERSON - AP & Special Program Evening

**PLEASE BE ADVISED: Road Work - Headland Dr & Timberfeild Rd, Feb 02 – 06, from 8AM - 5PM**

FB Bullet will be working on Headland Dr & Timberfeild Rd to install [BC Hydro](#) Infrastructure. Traffic control personnel will be on site to assist pedestrians around the work area as well as to direct traffic around the affected area.

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## ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

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**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/rrtclsoh](https://bit.ly/rrtclsoh)
- *See our poster in the **Raven Life***

### LSP is taking the plunge, again!

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 just recently posted on 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.

### 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. We saw quite the influx of applications this morning, so apply early.

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!

**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, Feb 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](mailto: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.

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## **ROCKRIDGE GRAD NEWS**

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### **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).

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## **ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS**

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### **Rock the Dock – Tickets are Going Fast!**

The party everyone's talking about is almost here! Rock the Dock, our Rockridge parent night featuring [The Hairfarmers](#), is happening **Saturday, February 28** at the West Vancouver Yacht Club – and there are still a few tickets up for grab.

- If live music, and a great night out with the Rockridge parent community sound appealing, now's the time. Grab your tickets [here](#).
- *Pro tip:* buying drink tickets in advance means less time waiting in line and more time enjoying

the night.

**Save the Date: Next ROPAC Meeting – Feb 17**

Our next ROPAC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 17** in the Learning Commons at **6:30 pm**. All parents are welcome to join the conversation, hear updates and stay connected with what's happening at Rockridge. More details and agenda to follow.

**Coming up Next: P2P Coffee – Feb 27**

Need a mid-winter breather? Join us for our next P2P coffee on **Friday, February 27**. Drop in anytime after morning drop-off for coffee, conversation, and a chance to connect with other Rockridge parents – even if you just have a few minutes. More details coming soon – we hope you'll swing by.

**Mark Your Calendars: Rockridge Golf Tournament – May 28**

Save the date for the Rockridge Golf Tournament on **Thursday, May 28**. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just in it for the laughs, it promises to be a great day out with the Rockridge community. Stay tuned for more information!

**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 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](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](#).

**West Van Run! March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

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>

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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

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

### **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](mailto: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](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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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

### 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](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](#)

**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.