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2026-2027 Back To School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S FAMILY WELCOME

The Next Chapter: What Will We Write Together?

There is a special energy that comes with the start of a new school year at The Rock. Classrooms come alive with possibility, students return with new goals and fresh aspirations, and together we begin a new chapter.

For our Grade 8 students, this is the opening chapter of their Rockridge story. For the Class of 2027, it is the final chapter of a journey that has prepared them for the opportunities ahead. For everyone in between, this year represents another chapter to engage meaningfully, learn deeply, embrace challenges, and move closer to their personal best.

At Rockridge, we believe that every student is capable of meaningful achievement. Academic success is reflected in curiosity, perseverance, critical thinking, and the courage to tackle difficult work. Excellence is built day by day through effort, commitment, and a willingness to keep growing.

The qualities of our International Baccalaureate World School matter more than ever. In a world where technology can instantly generate information and ideas, students must still decide what is worth learning, what challenges are worth pursuing, and how they will contribute to the world around them. The future belongs to those who can think deeply, solve problems creatively, and continue learning throughout their lives.

This year, we also begin a new chapter in the story of Rockridge Secondary School. We remain committed to fostering a culture of high expectations, academic rigor, and opportunity, where every student is challenged to reach their full potential and discover what they can achieve in a positive and collaborative community.

Our graduates remind us of what is possible. Each year, Rockridge students move on to outstanding opportunities and post secondary institutions across Canada and around the world. Their accomplishments reflect not only talent, but years of dedication, resilience, and hard work. They demonstrate the impact of a community and a culture that believes in learning, growth, and excellence.

I believe some of the most powerful learning experiences extend beyond the classroom. Athletics, fine arts, leadership, service, and extracurricular activities help students develop confidence, character, and skills that prepare them for success in whatever path they choose. I encourage every student to become involved in the life of our school and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Families are essential partners in this work. Your encouragement, support, and involvement help create the conditions for student success, and we are grateful for the strong partnership that exists between home and school. Our Parent Advisory Council, ROPAC, helps strengthen our school community in countless ways, and I invite you to join us for our first PAC Coffee Morning on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:30 am.

As we begin this year, I hope each of us reflects on a simple question: What will we write together? Students will write their chapters through the choices they make and the goals they pursue. Staff will write theirs through the opportunities we create and the expectations we uphold. Families will write theirs through the support they provide along the way.

Together, we will continue writing the story of The Rock; another chapter defined by learning, achievement, character, and the pursuit of excellence.

Throughout this first E-Bulletin you'll find key dates and information as we prepare to welcome students back on Tuesday, September 8th. Throughout the year, our weekly Thursday E-Bulletins, [Daily Announcements](#) and [Rockridge website](#) will help keep our community informed and connected.

Welcome back, Ravens. I look forward to writing this next chapter with you in 2026-27.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION – FRI, SEPT 4TH

For any of our new students and families that have not had a chance to visit the school and meet our Administrators, Counsellors and Rockridge Mentorship Students, this is your opportunity to be led on a tour of the school, learn about all things Rockridge, and feel ready to start school on Tuesday, September 8th. The event will run from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Guests are asked to park in the upper parking lot (use the entrance off Caulfeild Drive).



STUDENT TIMETABLES & CHANGE REQUESTS

Student timetables will be posted on the afternoon of Friday, September 4th in the MyEdBC Student Portal. The [26-27 Course Change Forms](#) will be open and accessible from **Tuesday, September 1st until Friday, Sept 11th at 3:15PM.**

Please note:

- We will be only accepting one form per student so please ensure you are certain about your request.
- Attend all classes on your original schedule until you are contacted to meet with your counsellor.
- The Master Timetable is linked to the form but please note that there may not be space available in a chosen section.

School Counsellors are working to process all change requests submitted up to the deadline but will be prioritizing grade 12 students.

OPENING DAY—TUESDAY, September 8th

Opening day on Tuesday, September 8th is a **shortened day** for all students and will be led by homeroom teachers. Lists will be posted in the front foyer of the school to direct students. Student schedules and annual district forms will be distributed. Please note arrival and dismissal times for each grade in the boxes below. **Any outstanding textbooks should be returned to the office, and library books to the library on opening day.**

GR. 8: 8:30—11:00 AM

Grade 8s will be greeted by our Admin team and student mentors in Player's Hall and from there will be directed to their homerooms, where they will receive annual forms, timetables, locker contracts and combinations. During the homeroom, the students will enjoy a snack and engage in 'getting to know you' activities. Their teachers and mentors will answer questions, assist them with filling out their schedules, and inform them about student life at Rockridge. Grade 8 students will be asked to exit the building promptly at their dismissal time of 11:00 am.

GR. 9: 9:00 am—10:05 am / GR. 10: 9:55 am—11:00 am / GR. 11: 10:50 am—11:55 am

Grade 9—11 students will meet with the Admin team in Player's Hall at the times noted above, before heading to their homerooms (posted in the main foyer) to receive important forms and information, including their timetables. We ask that all students exit the building promptly after dismissal to facilitate the staggered schedule for each grade.

GRADE 12: 12:00—12:55 pm

Grade 12 students will meet in Player's Hall for their welcome from our Admin team, and then head to homerooms at 12:30pm. They will be dismissed at 12:55pm.

WELCOME BACK

OPEN HOUSE & MEET THE TEACHER EVENT

On Thursday, September 17th from 5pm—7:30pm we will be hosting our Open House & Meet the Teacher event.

This will be a fun and informative evening that you won't want to miss, so be sure to block your calendar! As a delicious and convenient bonus, Indish Food Truck will be onsite once again this year from 4pm—*Yummy!*

Watch for further details and schedules in the parent bulletin.



SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				4 New Student Orientation 10:00am Player's Hall
7 Labour Day Holiday	8 1-1234 First Day of Classes (Shortened day for all grades—see page 3) English Language Assessments for New ELL Students (See Below)	9 2-2314 ROPAC Parent Coffee Morning 8:30am—10:30am	10 1-2314 Individual Student Photos Gr. 8 & 12 Rock Shots	11 2-2314 ROPAC New & Gr 8 Family Welcome Breakfast 7:30am—8:30am
14 1-12F34	15 2-1234	16 1-2314	17 2-23F14 Meet the Teacher & Open House 5:00pm—7:30pm <i>Indish Food Truck Onsite</i>	18 1-3124
21 2-31F24	22 1-1234 ROPAC Meeting 6:30pm Learning Commons	23 2-1234	24 1-2314 COLLAB DAY Classes start @ 9:30 ROCK SURF SEP 24 — 27	25 2-2314 Pro-D-Day No classes in session
28 1-12F34	29 2-1234 Student Photo Retakes	30 1-2314 Truth & Reconciliation Day No Classes in Session	Oct 1 2-23F14 CUE @ WVSS (Canadian University Event) 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Oct 2 1-3124

ENGLISH ASSESSMENT FOR NEW ELL STUDENTS (English Language Learning)

will take place in **Rm. C207** on **Tue., Sept. 8th** as follows:

Gr. 8 & 10—11:15—12:30 / Gr. 9 & 12—10:15—11:30 / Gr. 11—12:00—1:15

A second session will be open to students in all grades on **Wed., Sept. 9th** in **Rm. C207** from 3:00—4:15

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Coulthard at ccoulthard@wvschools.ca

Be sure to check your email each Thursday for our weekly E-bulletins and refer to the Rockridge School website for details and additions to the school calendar [HERE](#).

UNDERSTANDING THE BLOCK ROTATIONS

Once again, this year our linear schedule encompasses recurring Week 1/Week 2 matching block rotations as displayed below:

WEEK 2

Monday, September 7	LABOUR DAY	
Tuesday, September 8	SHORTENED DAY (Rotations start)	Day 1 Blocks 1234
Wednesday, September 9	FIRST FULL DAY	Day 2 Blocks 1234
Thursday, September 10	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 1 Blocks 2314
Friday, September 11	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 2 Blocks 2314

WEEK 1

Monday, September 14	FIRST MONDAY FIT DAY	Day 1 Blocks 12F34
Tuesday, September 15	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 2 Blocks 1234
Wednesday, September 16	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 1 Blocks 2314
Thursday, September 17	FIRST THURSDAY FIT DAY	Day 2 Blocks 23F14
Friday, September 18	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 1 Blocks 3124

WEEK 2

Monday, September 21	FIT DAY MONDAY	Day 2 Blocks 31F24
Tuesday, September 22	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 1 Blocks 1234
Wednesday, September 23	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 2 Blocks 1234
Thursday, September 24	FIRST COLLAB MORNING	Day 1 Blocks 2314
Friday, September 25	PRO-D-DAY-NO CLASSES	Day 2 Blocks 2314

WEEK 1

Monday, September 28	FIT DAY MONDAY	Day 1 Blocks 12F34
Tuesday, September 29	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 2 Blocks 1234
Wednesday, September 30	TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Day 1 Blocks 2314
Thursday, October 1	FIT DAY THURSDAY	Day 2 Blocks 23F14
Friday, October 2	REGULAR ROTATIONS	Day 1 Blocks 3124

Note that FIT days (**F in the rotations**) occur on Mondays and Thursdays. We will have twelve Collaboration Days, as specified on the following page, and each of these occur on a Thursday and replace FIT. On Collaboration Days, classes start at 9:25am. Once again, Block 4 is always the last block of the day to facilitate special programs such as Academies, FAST and Outdoor Rec Programs.

2026-27 TIMETABLE

Tue/Wed/Fri	
Non FIT DAY	Times
Period 1 (80 min)	8:30 - 9:50
Break (10 min)	9:50 - 10:00
Period 2 (80 min)	10:00 - 11:20
Break (10 min)	11:20 - 11:30
Period 3 (80 min)	11:30 - 12:50
Lunch (45 min)	12:50 - 1:35
Period 4 (80 min)	1:35 - 2:55

Mon & Thu FIT Days	
FIT DAYS	Times
Period 1 (70 min)	8:30 - 9:40
Break (10 min)	9:40 - 9:50
Period 2 (70 min)	9:50 - 11:00
FIT (45 min)	11:00 - 11:45
Break (5 min)	11:45 - 11:50
Period 3 (70 min)	11:50 - 1:00
Lunch (45 min)	1:00 - 1:45
Period 4 (70 min)	1:45 - 2:55

COLLAB DAY	Times	Thursday Collab Dates
School Collab (60 min)	8:25 - 9:25	- September 24th - October 29th - November 12th - November 26th - December 10th - January 14th - January 28th - February 25th - April 8th - April 29th - May 13th - May 27th
Period 1 (65 min)	9:25 - 10:30	
Break (10 min)	10:30 - 10:40	
Period 2 (65 min)	10:40 - 11:45	
Break (10 min)	11:45 - 11:55	
Period 3 (65 min)	11:55 - 1:00	
Lunch (45 min)	1:00 - 1:45	
Period 4 (70 min)	1:45 - 2:55	

Early Dismissal Dec 18th	Times
Period 1 (55 min)	8:30 - 9:25
Period 2 (55 min)	9:25 - 10:20
Break (10 min)	10:20-10:30
Period 3 (60 min)	10:30-11:30
Period 4 (65 min)	11:30-12:35
Dismissal	12:35
School bus riders will be dismissed at 12:30pm as the bus will depart at 12:35pm	

Early Dismissal Jan 13th	Times
Period 1 (70 min)	8:30 - 9:40
Period 2 (70 min)	9:40 - 10:50
Break (10 min)	10:50 - 11:00
Period 3 (75 min)	11:00 - 12:15
Dismissal	12:15
PT Conf's 1	1:00 - 3:00
PT Conf's 2	3:30 - 5:00

THE LINEAR SCHEDULE & STUDENT REPORTING

In the linear school schedule, students are assigned eight courses, which they complete concurrently over the course of the year. Rather than “terms” the year is broken into three “learning periods”, and report cards will be uploaded to the parent portal of MyEd BC following each learning period. In addition, Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wed., Jan. 13th. The first session will run from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm and the second from 3:30 pm—5:00 pm

- ◆ Learning Period 1: Tuesday, September 8th—Friday, November 27th: Reports posted Friday, December 4th
- ◆ Learning Period 2: Monday, November 30th — Friday, February 26th: Reports posted Friday, March 5th
- ◆ Learning Period 3: Monday, March 1st—Thursday, June 24th: Reports posted Monday, June 28th

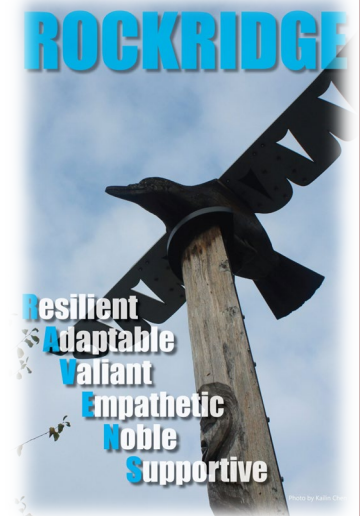
Thu., June 24th is the last day of regular block rotations, followed by review and completion days on Fri., June 25th and Mon., June 28th, and Tue., June 29th is the last day of classes.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

At Rockridge, we have high standards for personal conduct. Making appropriate choices and demonstrating positive behaviours is a shared responsibility among students, parents and staff members.

The Rockridge [Code of Conduct](#) guides our school culture, supports a safe and respectful learning environment, and clearly outlines our expectations for student behaviour.

Academic integrity ensures that collaborative work is carried out with the academic respect it deserves particularly in the growing world of AI. At Rockridge we believe we have a responsibility to guide our students in learning these skills and practices. Rockridge endeavours to create a culture of honesty and integrity in our community as demonstrated in our [Academic Integrity Policy and AI Guidelines](#)



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students in West Vancouver School District are eligible to receive transportation services if they live WITHIN the “catchment area” of Rockridge, and OUTSIDE the “walk limits” of Rockridge (Walk Limits are 4.8 km from school). Students must be registered to ride the school bus. School administration will monitor bus ridership, and any student found riding without being registered will receive a warning. After a warning has been issued, the student will not be permitted to ride the bus until the registration process has been completed.



September 8th Opening Day:
MORNING DROP OFF ONLY

Wednesday, September 9th:
FULL BUS SERVICE BEGINS

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for school bus service. Visit the school district website for more information about transportation and bus services [HERE](#).

2026-2027 REQUIRED ANNUAL PARENT/GUARDIAN FORMS

To ensure a safe and successful start to the school year, we ask that you complete two important forms for each student in your household. These forms enable your child's full participation in school activities and ensure we have accurate, up-to-date information in case of an emergency. **Both forms must be submitted.**

1. Student Information Verification Form (paper copy will be sent home with your child on September 8th)

Review the student information verification form carefully, as it contains all the personal contact, medical, and emergency information we have on file for your child in the District's student information system, MyEducationBC

- Any updates or changes to the information on the form should be written directly on the form. Please make sure the new information is written in a manner that is clear and easy to read. Additional space is available at the bottom if required.
- Sign and date the form, **even if no changes have been made** and return it to the school office. If you make any changes to the following information, you must also provide supporting documents:

*Home address

*Parental responsibility

*Legal or medical alerts

*Citizenship

A list of acceptable documents is available [HERE](#). Administrative staff may request additional documentation at their discretion. Please upload documents electronically using the secure upload link [HERE](#). It is important to note that if supporting documentation is not provided, changes will NOT be made in MyEducationBC, the official student information system used by school districts and the provincial government, to maintain a student's permanent record.

Emergency Contact Section

The Emergency Contact section of this form lists all the contacts that are authorized to pick up your child in the event of an emergency.

- All emergency contacts must be 19+ years and aware that they are taking on this role
- We recommend including at least one trusted contact who lives nearby
- In the event of a broad emergency, the school may implement a controlled release of students to ensure their safety and well-being. If this becomes necessary, students will only be released to parents/guardians or emergency contacts listed on the form. If necessary, students may be released to authorized medical personnel.
- Accurate emergency contact information is essential for your child's safety. Please ensure that this section is accurate and up to date.

2. Complete the Online Policies & Procedures Form (online)

Parents/guardians must also complete a new Policies and Procedures form for each child in their household, every school year. **The first Parent E-Bulletin coming to your email on Thursday, September 3rd will include the link to this form for parent completion.** Failure to submit this electronic form will limit your child's participation in classroom and school activities. The form covers:

*Basic student information

*Permissions for school activities and programs

*Permissions for technology and digital recourse use

*Release of limited personal information

Thank you for your attention to these important steps. By completing these two actions, you help us support a safe, responsive, and well-organized learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your school office directly.

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY PAC (ROPAC)

[The Rockridge Website – Parent Page](#)

As a Rockridge parent/guardian, you are a member of the Rockridge Parent Advisory Council (ROPAC) and are welcomed and encouraged to attend PAC meetings to discuss and vote on school issues. Meetings are held monthly in the Library Learning Commons at Rockridge, starting on Tuesday, September 22nd.

ROPAC General Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, September 22nd (6:30 pm, Learning Commons)
 Tuesday, October 20th (8:45 am, Learning Commons)
 Wednesday, November 18th (6:30 pm, Learning Commons)
 Wednesday, January 20th (8:45 am, Learning Commons)
 Wednesday, February 24th (6:30 pm, Learning Commons)
 Tuesday, April 20th (8:45 am, Learning Commons)
 Tuesday, May 25th - AGM (6:30 pm, Learning Commons)

Mark Your Calendars!

- Parent Welcome Coffee: Wed, September 9th from 8:30—10:00am on the outdoor basketball court (weather permitting).
- New and Grade 8 Families Pancake Breakfast: Fri, September 11th from 7:30—8:30am in the cafeteria.

Please consider joining one or both of the Rockridge parent WhatsApp Groups to stay connected:

*Note that if you were a member last year, you're still in these groups - no need to rejoin.

To join, please email your name, your child(ren's) names and grades, and your cell number to ropac@wvschools.ca

Follow us!

Stay updated through social media: Instagram: @rockridgepac / Facebook: 'Rockridge Secondary PAC - ROPAC'

Get Involved with ROPAC

Interested in joining a PAC committee or becoming more involved, please reach out to the PAC Executive by emailing: ropac@wvschools.ca. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Welcome Parent Coffee on September 9th. For ongoing updates, check the weekly school ebulletins and social media channels. Another source of information about meetings, fund-raising and guest speaker resources is the PAC section of the school website (under the Parent tab).

2026-2027 ROPAC Executive:

Chair: Rachel Clearwater	Vice Chair: Vacant
Treasurer: Shevaun Brown	Secretary: Michele Tung
Communications: Jill Fujibayashi	DPAC Rep: Lindsay Ahmad

Members at Large:

Srabana Dasgupta, Denise Nosella, Anaika Dayton, Teresa Corey, Kim Taylor, Emilie Irelan, Janelle O' Connor, Jocelyn Singh, Lindsay McKnight, Lisa Fairburn, Maria Adela Hohol, Tessa LeGuilloux

School Supplies

GENERAL INFORMATION

Although some teachers may have specific supply requirements for their courses that will be communicated to students in their classes, the following supplies are what we recommend for all students in Grades 8 – 12:

A personal laptop or Chromebook computer (not iPads), pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, fine liners, a ruler, scissors, glue stick, coloured felt pens, lined paper and graph paper, “Post-it” notes, two large zippered binders, each with four dividers to separate the four subjects of day 1 and day 2. A daily planner/journal may be helpful for some students.



Grade 8 and 9 students should have a calculator, grade 10 students should have a scientific calculator for Math, and grades 11-12 students should have a graphing calculator.



Student Lockers

School lockers are available for student use. We will be issuing lockers to all grade 8 students, and grade 9 to 12 students can request a locker by signing up [HERE](#). School locks are available for student use but must not be removed from the locker. Missing locks will incur a \$10. fee that will be added to student SchoolCash accounts.

Gemini Foods - Cafeteria Service & Student Account Program

The school cafeteria offers hot and cold breakfast options, lunch and snack items, available for students to purchase. As we begin the new school year, Rockridge families are encouraged to create or reload a Gemini Foods Student Account for students who purchase food from the school cafeteria. This Program provides a faster and more convenient way for students to pay for lunch without needing to carry cash or a payment card. Parents can add funds online at any time, check account balances and view purchases.

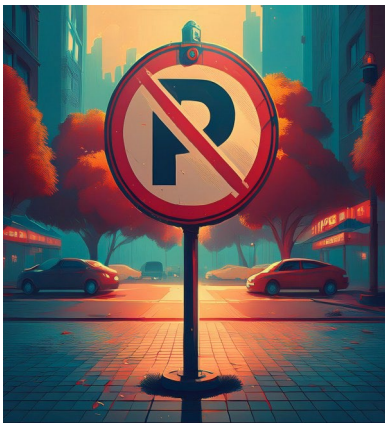
Once an account is created, the student receives a unique QR code that can be saved to their phone or printed and simply scanned at the cafeteria checkout.

There are no additional fees to create or use a Student Account, and students are only able to spend the amount available in their account, so the balance cannot go negative. The program is optional, and students may still pay by cash or card if preferred. Creating an account takes less than a minute. Families who already have an account can also use the same page to check their balance and reload funds for the new school year.

Create or reload a Student Account and view the program FAQ via the link below:

<https://www.geminifoods.ca/student-account>

Cafeteria service will begin on Wednesday, September 9th



Student Drop Off and Pick Up

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 doors 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.

Student Parking

Should a student wish to bring a car to school, they **must complete a registration form in the office** which will enable them to park in the upper lot by the Caulfeild Drive exit. There is a \$25 fee for the year which goes into a scholarship fund. Once registered, students will receive a decal which must always be displayed on the windshield of their vehicle. The student parking lot will be checked regularly and **cars without a current year decal displayed may be towed at the owner's expense**. Additionally, students are reminded that this is the only designated area for student parking.



Student Photos

Student Photo Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, with retakes on Tuesday, September 29th. These photos are used for Student ID cards, the Student Directory and Yearbook. They are important student identification photos so hats and hoods are not allowed. These photos will also be available for package purchase. Our grade 12 students will have **Grad Photo sessions at Rockridge from November 24th through 27th, and Grad Buddy Photos on November 30th.** Watch for a notice in the Thursday E-bulletin that will inform you when bookings open for these sessions.



School Communications

Contacting Teachers & Staff

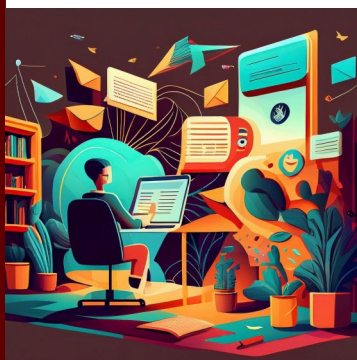
Every teacher and staff member at Rockridge has a district email and that follows this format: [firstinitiallastname@wvschools.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@wvschools.ca) (ie. tkolkea@wvschools.ca is the email for Principal Trevor Kolkea).

Staff member names, emails and position or department may also be found on our website, linked [HERE](#).



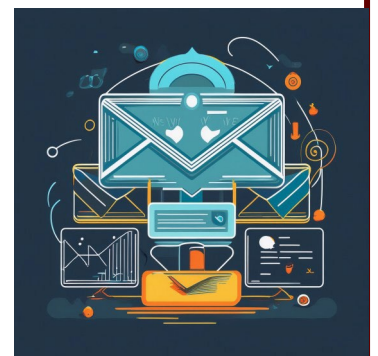
Parent/Guardian Communication—Thursday E-Bulletins

Rockridge E-Bulletins will be emailed from the school every Thursday afternoon, providing parents and guardians with important information for the coming week and month ahead. Our E-Bulletins are also published on the main page of our school website [HERE](#) for reference. Included in our weekly E-bulletin, there is a section dedicated to our Ro-PAC news and events, and on occasion we may send grade-specific or special announcement emails, so be sure we are on your “safe senders” list!



Important Grade 11 & 12 Communication

The Post-Secondary Advisors have a distribution list for Grade 11 and 12 Students. It is used to communicate important information to senior students and their parents/guardians regarding scholarship opportunities, post-secondary presentations and fairs, and the like throughout the year. Parents/Guardians wishing to OPT OUT are advised to contact the Career Coordinator, Ms. Ferrajohn at bferrajohn@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.



Personal Digital Devices (PDD)



As we return to school, we are reminding families of the expectations around PDD, specifically with student cell phone use. This policy is focused on increasing student engagement, improving mental health and wellness and ensuring student safety.

This policy applies during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not to be used without the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator. If a personal digital device is required for instructional purposes, or to support a student's medical health or accessibility and accommodation needs, teachers/staff will provide clear guidelines and

expectations around their use for these purposes and ensure that use is adequately supervised.

Considerations for personal digital device use will also be made to ensure equity to support learning outcomes for any student who may be disproportionately impacted by the lack of access.

Guidelines and expectations include, but are not limited to:

1. Upon entering the classroom, cell phones and air pods should be turned off / silenced and placed in the classroom cell-phone hotel. Students are not permitted to keep their cell phone in their pocket or on their person. Individual teachers will provide clear instructions for PDD in their classrooms.
2. Laptops can be placed on the desk but should not be open until instructed to do so by the teacher.
3. Further use of a digital device upon entering the classroom is only allowed with direct permission from the classroom teacher.
4. The use of personal digital devices should not interfere with others. This includes sound, light, and other distractions.
5. Personal digital devices are not to be used in private settings such as change rooms, washrooms, or counselling rooms that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
6. In an emergency such as a lockdown or evacuation, personal digital devices should not be used until instructed otherwise.
7. Students may use their cell phone before and after school and during breaks and lunchtime in permitted areas (cafeteria and hallway workstations).

What Families Can Do: Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- **Encourage Balanced Screen Time:** Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- **Model Consistency:** Show your support by modeling mindful and appropriate device use.
- **Support School Communication:** Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- **Stay Engaged:** Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Attendance

The best way for students to learn is to be present. At Rockridge we emphasize the importance of student attendance. Students are expected to be in their classes by the 8:30 am bell. Individual teachers will address tardiness. Students who are frequently late will receive guidance and direction from the administration.

IN CLASS ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES—Attendance is recorded by teachers in the database each period of the day. Initially, subject teachers will speak with students about unexcused absences to address the concern. If a student is developing a pattern of unexcused absences or lates, counsellors and administrators will then become involved.

EXCUSED ABSENCES—If a student is ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by **email** to rockridge@wvschools.ca before 8:30 am. Please include the student's full name and grade in the subject line. Time and duration and reason of absence should be included in the body of the message. For absences of two or more days, we request that the student's teachers also be included in the email.

Students who need to leave the school before their scheduled dismissal must sign-out through the main office. A parent is required to confirm the student's need to leave early, or they may send a note to that effect. If a parent cannot be contacted, the student will not be given permission to leave unless exceptional circumstances apply.

SYNREVOICE SYSTEM—The Synrevoice System will primarily be used to let parents know if their child is absent from class. When the teacher marks the student absent, they will be unexcused in the database, and the Synrevoice System will call or email parents. To avoid receiving calls and/or emails it is important that parents email the school early in the day to inform us when a student will be absent so that they will be excused (see paragraph above). If you prefer to have an email sent to you when your child is absent, please contact the school to let us know.

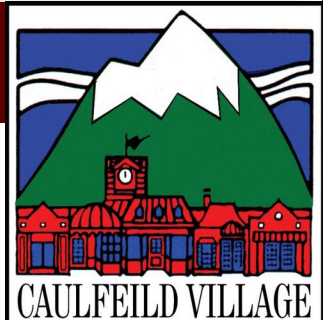
FAMILY HOLIDAYS/MISSED WORK—We do not give permission for students to go on holiday during school time. If parents opt to take their children out of school, any work missed is solely the student's responsibility. Teachers will not be able to provide extra classes, make-up tests, or specific work to be completed. Parents and students need to be aware that absences, whether excused or not, may have a negative impact on student achievement. Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance for an extended absence of five or more school days by completing the "Extended Absence Form" which can be found in the weekly E-Bulletin.

GRADE 8—CAULFEILD VILLAGE

Rockridge grade 8 students are not permitted to visit Caulfeild Village mall during the school day. They may do so before the start of daily classes or after dismissal at the end of the school day.

Although there are benefits to having Caulfeild Village across the street from the school, it can create some issues for the school and merchants in terms of supervision, student behaviour and traffic congestion in and out of shops. The mall is an unsupervised area. Although grade 8 students are often visiting many areas in the community without supervision outside of school hours, the dynamic of doing so within the school day is very different. The mall may cause a disconnection between the student and the school community. For our younger students, a big part of transitioning to high school is learning the school culture and building new relationships. When students leave at breaks to go to the mall, the school and peer connection becomes broken, and students may start to isolate themselves. Without adult supervision at the mall, younger students may struggle to maintain their behaviour. Their focus becomes the world outside of the school and they miss out on important experiences that help them to become engaged members of our school community. For these reasons, grade 8 students **are not permitted** to visit the mall except under unique circumstances and only with specific permission of the school administration.

We appreciate your support in this important initiative to restrict grade 8 student access to Caulfeild Village until further notice.



BC FERRIES & ATHLETIC GROUPS—CODE OF CONDUCT



Rockridge students and sports groups are reminded to maintain respectful behaviour and obey any, and all directions given by ship and terminal personnel regarding loading and unloading, safety and emergency procedures and orderly conduct.

- The following conduct will result in remedial action:
- Fighting, quarrelling, loud disturbances or use of obscene or profane language
- Tampering with or damaging safety or lifesaving equipment or other equipment or fittings
- Littering or throwing objects overboard or at others
- Use or possession of alcohol, drugs or vapes
- Possession of weapons
- Careless use of open flame

Remedial action may include any of the following:

- Verbal warning
- Verbal warning with notification to parent/guardian and school
- Written warning with copies to parent/guardian and school

Further action may involve:

- Requiring that a parent/guardian or other responsible adult accompany the student onboard the ferry
- Withdrawal of travel privileges
- Involving the police and laying charges where applicable

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

Rockridge offers a wide variety of seasonal sports, with Fall Teams included below.

Meetings, tryouts and schedules will be communicated to students via the weekly E-bulletin and posted in the daily announcements. Expressions of interest in coaching should be directed to our Athletic Director, Brychan Williams at bwilliams@wvschools.ca.

Here's a list of the sports teams traditionally offered in the Fall:

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| • Volleyball—Girls | • Grade 8 Rugby |
| • Field Hockey | • Jr. & Sr. Boys' Soccer |
| • Cross Country Running | • Swimming |



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September	Thu 03	District Professional Development Day – school not in session
	Mon 07	Labour Day Holiday – school closed
	Tue 08	First Day of Classes – Student Orientations
	Thu 17	Open House – Meet the Teacher 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
	Thu 24	AM Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Fri 25	Professional Development Day – school not in session
October	Wed 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Schools Closed
	Mon 12	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – school closed
	Fri 23	Provincial Professional Development Day – school not in session
	Thu 29	AM Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
November	Wed 11	Remembrance Day – school closed
	Thu 12	MYP Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Thu 26	AM Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Fri 27	Professional Development Day – school not in session
December	Thu 10	MYP Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Fri 18	12:35 PM Dismissal – Happy Holidays!
	Mon 21 – Fri Jan 01	Winter Break – school not in session
January	Mon 04	School Re-opens for 2027
	Wed 13	12:15 PM Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM & 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
	Thu 14	MYP Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Thu 28	AM Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Fri 29	Professional Development Day – school not in session
February	Fri 12	Reading Break Day – school closed
	Mon 15	Family Day Holiday – school closed
	Thu 25	AM Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
March	Fri 12	Last school day prior to Spring Break (Mon. Mar 15 – Fri. Mar 26)
	Mon 29	Easter Monday – school closed
April	Thu 08	MYP Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Fri 16	Reading Break Day – school closed
	Thu 29	AM Collaboration – Period 1 start at 9:30 AM
May	Thu 13	MYP Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
	Fri 21	Professional Development Day – school not in session
	Mon 24	Victoria Day Holiday – school closed
	Thu 27	AM Collaboration – Period 1 starts at 9:30 AM
June	Thu 24	Last day of School
	Wed 30	Administrative Day – Staff Only

NOTE: On AM Collaboration Days, students are encouraged to use the instructional time between 8:30am – 9:25am to work on assignments or projects or seek out available support. The first period of these days will start at 9:30am.



August 25, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Graduates of 2027:

We are looking forward to seeing all our Grade 12 students on September 8th to start the most exciting and probably the most challenging year of high school. Grade 12 is certainly a special year, and we will do everything we can to make it memorable. We look forward to helping you to prepare your student for whatever path they choose when they exit through the doors of our District schools.

We know that the graduating class of 2027 has the potential to be outstanding in terms of positive leadership and there will be high expectations placed on them. Although we realize that there is a lot of excitement surrounding their graduating year, we ask students to consider how the choices they make will impact their year and that of others.

Of particular concern are those events which are not school sponsored. These have included car rallies, trips, grad pranks and the grad sleepover. The grad sleepover is a "tradition" occurring the night before school starts. Although these activities take place outside of school hours, they can reflect poorly on our schools. We are very concerned for the safety of our young people when they participate in unsupervised activities that may involve the use of drugs and alcohol. Damage to property and forested areas casts a negative light on our schools and hinders our relationships with neighbours and parks and recreation authorities. We are asking for the support of all parents and graduating students in ensuring that the potential consequences of these activities are discussed.

If your child expresses interest in participating in any of these events, please work with them to find an alternate celebration. We, like you, want your children to be as safe as possible in all situations, to get off to the best start, and to have a successful and rewarding year in every respect.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to phone us at the numbers below. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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