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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	
Mon, Nov 16	Tour of The Rock| 12:00 – 1:00pm
Tues, Nov 17	Active Living to Laserdome | 12:40 – 2:45pm
Wed, Nov 18	ROPAC Meeting | 6:30 - 7:30 pm ONLINE (See Rockridge PAC News below for links)
Thu, Nov 19	
Fri, Nov 20	
UPCOMING	
Mon, Nov 23: UBC Sauder Field Trip - Accounting 11	
Nov 24 - 27: Grad Photos	
Thurs, Nov 24: COLLAB MORNING	
Fri, Nov 27: School-Based Pro-D-Day	
HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR 2026–2027 Online Policies & Procedures Form	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2026-27 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Admissions open for the 2027/2028 school year	
WV Youth Services click here	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's easy to get caught up in the schedules and deadlines, assignments and assessments as well as all the other things that make up a busy school week. Every now and then, it's worth stepping back and reminding ourselves what all of this is really about: creating meaningful learning experiences that help our students discover what they are capable of.

Some of the most memorable learning experiences don't necessarily happen in a classroom. They happen when students step outside their comfort zones, take on a challenge, pursue an interest, work with others, or have an opportunity to put their learning into action. Whether it's our student musicians performing for an audience beyond Rockridge, our Ravens representing the school at provincial championships, students taking on leadership opportunities at our Remembrance Day Ceremony, or exploring possible post-secondary pathways at UBC, these experiences help our students build confidence, develop new skills and discover interests they may not have known they had.

This is something I am looking forward to celebrating at our upcoming ROPAC meeting on Wednesday, November 18, when Ms. Ferrajohn will share a presentation on experiential learning. Her work with students provides a wonderful example of how we can connect classroom learning with real-world experiences and help students begin to see the possibilities that lie ahead. I hope many of our parents will take the opportunity to join us.
As we move through another busy stretch of the school year, I encourage families to ask their children not just what they did at school today, but what they experienced, what challenged them, what they discovered or what they are proud of. Sometimes those conversations reveal the most meaningful parts of a student's learning journey and road to graduation at Rockridge.
At the end of the day, it's these experiences, the confidence students build and the opportunities they create that make the Rockridge experience so special.

Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes images from our students engaged in some amazing opportunities from learning at Rockridge and beyond, MYP learning connections, upcoming ROPAC events and more. Next week we will feature our fall sports teams who have found success in Zones and Provincial Championship competition. You can also find all our Raven Athletics updates here: @Rockridge.Ravens.Athletics

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS: *See our poster in the **Raven Life***
This week had a bit of a different rhythm to it, didn't it?
With Remembrance Day in the middle and Collab today (Thursday), there seems to be a lot of different flavours to the extras of this week, but we want to highlight how there are similarities amongst them! This week's Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday was an interdisciplinary community reflection by combining contributions from multiple subject areas - Socials, English, Visual Arts, and Music - to address and remember universal human sacrifice and struggle. The assembly also aimed to engage students' **Thinking** (critical reflection and synthesis) and **Communication** skills (those are Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills!) to thoughtfully process historical context and modern peacebuilding.
Teachers' collab time today was spent working on our subject area and school goals with an MYP lens. The MYP is actually going through an update and is looking to build upon the following core ideas:

- Interdisciplinary Learning
- Skill Development
- Community Engagement
- Independent Projects (Personal Project)

Those first two in the list are the things that Rockridge continues to build on. Bringing meaningful opportunities to build connections across our learning and developing skills that last for a lifetime.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY
Our next **Tour of The Rock for the 2026-27 school year is scheduled for Monday, Nov 16th.** Our final tour for 2026 will take place on Monday, Dec 7th. Tours run from 12:00 to 1:00 PM monthly. 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. All Tour of The Rock dates can all be found on our Rockridge website calendar. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the **2027/2028 school year** are now open for:

- All Kindergarten students
- All Grade 1-12 in-catchment students

Admissions for **Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students** open at **8:00 a.m. Friday, Jan 15, 2027**. For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and requirements, families should visit the West Vancouver Schools admissions webpage. Families are encouraged to carefully review the documentation requirements before beginning the application process.

ANNUALLY REQUIRED FORMS FOR PARENTS (EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

Student Information Verification Forms - Please clearly note any updates or changes on the form, sign, date, and send the form back in with your child as soon as possible. If there are any changes to address, legal custody, or citizenship status, supporting documentation should be uploaded via THIS LINK and you are asked to 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.

Policies and Procedures form - completed for each child in the household, every school year. Failure to submit this form will limit your child's participation in classroom and school activities. 2026–2027 Online Policies & Procedures Form We are now at 83% of our families that have completed these forms - Thank you for helping us get to 100% completion rate.

*International Students DO NOT need to complete the online Policies and Procedures as it was included during the registration process.

GRAD 2027 News

WVS DPAC PRESENTS: POST SECONDARY & CAREERS NIGHT - DEC 7TH 6:00 - 7:30 PM
KAY MEEK STUDIO - 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

Parents are invited to join our Post-Secondary and Careers evening, where our WVS expert panel will explore the world of higher education and career pathways. This event will provide you with valuable insights into program selection, application processes and how to best support your child's journey beyond high school.

Learn how to guide your child toward making informed decisions for their future. Don't miss this opportunity to gain the knowledge you need to help your child succeed!

Register and submit questions – HERE

ROCKRIDGE Grad Cap and Gown Yearbook Portraits + Fashion Photos & ** Selfie Group Portraits*

Hello Rockridge Secondary Grads and Families!

A reminder that Grad Cap and Gown Yearbook Portraits + Fashion Photos AND The Social Studio sessions are quickly approaching! Sessions will take place in November, at Rockridge. For More Info on Important Dates & to Book your Preferred Session Time, please visit:
https://gradsbc.com/school/rkr/

The link will give you specific program details on the services and products you will be receiving from

GradsBC; starting with fall portraits all the way to your year end grad events.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to celebrate and mark this memorable time in your life! These photos will be included in the yearbook, grad wall composite and will include a proofing gallery for you to view and order.
Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or info@gradsbc.com

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

November PAC Meeting - Join us Online!

Our next ROPAC meeting is **Wed, November 18,** from **6:30 – 7:30 pm**. We're meeting online this month, so you can join us from the comfort of your home (see below)! We're pleased to welcome Ms. Bianca Ferrajohn who will discuss Experiential Learning opportunities at Rockridge. Join us to learn more about the opportunities available to your student and bring your questions. You can view the meeting agenda here.

Join the Microsoft Teams Meeting

- Click here to join meeting
- Meeting ID: 299 380 146 996 468 7
- Passcode: M4vD2JX6
- Join by phone: +1 437-703-4456
- Phone conference ID: 493 096 438#

Holiday Plant Sale – Last Chance to Order!

Add some festive greenery to your home or pick up a seasonal gift while supporting Rockridge! Our Holiday Plant Sale closes next week, so don't forget to place your order.
Place your orders for the Holiday Plant Sale here.

- Orders close **Wed, November 18**, with pick-up on **Thu, December 3**.

Holiday Silent Auction – Calling All Gift Givers!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is almost here! The Holiday Silent Auction opens Dec 3, but you can already take a sneak peek at this year's auction here.

We're still collecting donations and would love your help making this year's auction a success. Gift cards, event tickets, artwork, lessons, gift baskets, services, and unique experiences all make wonderful auction items. Have a creative idea or something special to offer? We'd love to include it!

Students can get involved too! Donating services such as dog walking, babysitting, or tutoring is a great way to contribute, and volunteer hours can be arranged.

Donation deadline: Friday, November 27. Drop off items at the school office or email **ropac@wvschools.ca** to arrange a pick-up.

Parent Coffee at Blenz – Thursday, November 26

Have a little time after drop-off on Collab Day? Join us at Blenz in Horseshoe Bay at 9:45 am for a relaxed morning with other Rockridge parents. Blenz is generously donating treats, so grab a coffee, catch up with familiar faces, and meet some new ones. We'd love to see you there!

Coming Up at Rockridge

Check out Rockridge's **Year-at-a-Glance** calendar in Raven Life for upcoming PAC meetings, parent socials, fundraisers, and other opportunities to connect with the Rockridge community.

How to join our Parent Info and P2P WhatsApp Groups

Please click this link to email us with the following information: Your name, your child(ren)'s name(s) & grades(s), Your phone number and which group(s) you'd like to join (ROPAC and/or P2P).

Follow ROPAC on Facebook and Instagram

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Unpacking Youth Culture Let's Talk Shop (LTS) - Thu., Nov 19th

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT BUT YOU CAN JOIN THE WAITLIST VIA THE LINK BELOW

In partnership with; Foundry North Shore, Capilano Community Services, North Shore Neighborhood House, Parkgate Society, and the District of West Vancouver's Youth Services Team.

"Let's Talk Shop" is a facilitated evening event that brings volunteer parents of teens from one community together with volunteer teens from another community in a confidential, respectful, and safe environment. Through guided exercises and workshops, parents and teens are prepared for the event which seeks to: provide parent education; empower teenagers; and strengthen connections between the teen and adult populations. Register Here

This event is for Parents/Caregivers/Guardians of Rockridge Secondary, West Vancouver Secondary and Sentinel Secondary students - please do NOT bring your youth with you. We will have youth coming from other areas of the North Shore

West Vancouver Schools Counselling: 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 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/

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 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 their school principal - 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.

ROCKRIDGE & WV SCHOOLS COMMUNITY NEWS

For **"Community Connections"** including local North Shore programs, events, and resources click here

Highway 99 North Upcoming Closure/Detour - November 17th & 18th
Please be advised of an upcoming Highway 99 North closure and detour on Tuesday, November 17, and Wednesday, November 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for hazardous tree removal organized by the District of West Vancouver. The highway will reopen outside of working hours.

Impacts include:

- full daytime closure of Highway 99 North in both directions, from Exit 2/Eagleridge Drive (northbound traffic) to Horseshoe Bay Drive (southbound traffic)
- expected heavier than usual traffic on Highway 99 North and the Lions Gate Bridge in both directions between West Vancouver and Sea-to-Sky
- expected heavier than usual traffic along the detour route (Horseshoe Bay Drive)
- **Note that traffic will be able to get through via a detour during the closure, and school buses will run as scheduled, though may experience some delays.**

These trees were damaged during a wildfire in 2023 and have not recovered. Due to the steep terrain and the location of the trees above the highway, it isn't safe for the highway to be open while the work is completed. The project is anticipated to take two days to complete.

For more information or with any questions, please contact us at parks@westvancouver.ca.

E-Bikes for Student Transportation

Is your child old enough to ride? In B.C., riders must be at least 14 to ride a light e-bike and at least 16 to ride a standard e-bike or an electric kick scooter on public roads where these devices are allowed. Check which type of e-bike your child has before they head out.

Inclusive Art Exploration at Gleneagles Community Centre

Looking for a creative and welcoming community experience? Consider registering for the **Inclusive Art Exploration**, taking place at **Gleneagles Community Centre on November 18**. This registered program offers a supportive space for people of all ages and abilities to explore their creativity, connect with others, and enjoy hands-on art activities together.
We encourage interested families to visit the WVCC website for program details and registration information.

REPOSTED & HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR 2026-27

ATTENDANCE - Notifying the Office and Extended Absences: If you know your student will not be in attendance for all, or part of a school day, we ask that you please let our office know in advance - rockridge@wvschools.ca Please include in your email; your child's first and last name, grade, reason AND the time they will be absent e.g. 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.

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.
Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using this form for an extended absence (5 days or more).
Teachers are not required to provide extra classes, make-up tests or specific work to be completed.

SWIS - Support for you and your family as you navigate the Canadian school system

Impact North Shore's Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) host a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. The community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.
Check out these upcoming workshops and events

PARENT EXPECTATIONS: West Vancouver Schools has developed a new guide for parents and guardians regarding communication and conduct. The one page guide provides some helpful shared expectations for maintaining the respectful and positive relationships that are so important to our students' success.
Parent Code of Conduct

SMS TEXT MESSAGING: 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.

Permanent Daylight-Saving Time

As we adjust to permanent daylight saving time and darker mornings, VCH has created a new visual here for families to help raise awareness.

VCH is encouraging students:

- to spend time outside during daylight hours.
- to stay safe during darker mornings; use a safe route to school, ensure backpacks and clothing are more visible.

A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT: 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. A helpful thing for parents and guardians to see this week are the Grade Level (or Grad Class Google Classroom) for Homeroom Presentations from Opening Week. Each Rockridge student should be a member of their Grad year Google Classroom. If your child is not already connected, they can join using the following codes:

- Grad Class of 2031 (Current grade 8's): iokkpsco
- Grad Class of 2030 (Current grade 9's): pr5xsotl
- Grad Class of 2029 (Current grade 10's): ecuxnrk
- Grad Class of 2028 (Current grade 11's): 77pe2df
- Grad Class of 2027 (Current Grade 12's): 2xp55nq

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FOR 2026-27 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.

MYED BC Parent Portal: Access here: MyEd Parent Portal -where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account. You only need to do this once when you first begin in WV Schools. Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. Your child's **schedule** and **learning updates** are accessed in MyEd, so parent access is essential for supporting your child's learning and success at Rockridge.
Trouble logging in? - use the School District's My Ed Family Portal Page
If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

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 link above.

Support: accounts@geminifoods.ca