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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

Rockridge Secondary School website

WV School District Website

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Morning Announcements - *Daily updates for students and parents/guardians. Information at this link is updated daily by 8:30am.*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Nov 6	• GLA 12 - November 2 – 6
Mon, Nov 9	• AP Bio to UBC | 8:30am – 3:00pm
Tues, Nov 10	• Remembrance Day Ceremony
Wed, Nov 11	• Remembrance Day - School Closed
Thurs, Nov 12	• COLLABORATION MORNING - Classes start at 9:30 AM - see schedule **HERE**
UPCOMING	
Mon, Nov 16	• Tour of The Rock| 12:00 – 1:00pm
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

This year, I have been choosing one word to describe each week and sharing it in the Friday Rock Staff Bulletin. I thought it would be appropriate to share this week's word with you and explain how it came to be: **Hopping**. This week has certainly been hopping with the many activities and opportunities being undertaken by our students and staff here at The Rock and beyond.

My morning started at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, where *Imperial Palace*, our very own Rockridge jazz musicians, performed at the BC Schools Superintendent's Conference to kick off the day. Many thanks to Mr. Parker and Ms. Collins for helping arrange this opportunity to showcase the incredible talent of our students.

I made it back to Rockridge in the nick of time to set up and invigilate Graduation Literacy Assessments (GLAs) for our dedicated Class of 2027. Speaking of preparing for graduation, on Monday evening I assisted in hosting a ROPAC-sponsored event featuring Brittany Palmer, who delivered an excellent webinar on scholarship applications and opportunities for grade 12 students.

The week has also been full of Raven athletics, with more to come. On Saturday, nine members of our Ravens Cross-Country team and I will be heading to Abbotsford for the BC High School Provincial Championships. Our school community has also been following the Girls' Field Hockey Provincial

Championships online and were excited to see our Rockridge Ravens open with a 2–2 draw in their first game.
Lastly, our Athletic Leadership class and Senior Girls' Volleyball team organized the "Sr Girls' Volleyball Green Game", an event that brought our school community together while raising funds to support mental health through Foundry North Shore.
It's weeks like this that remind me how much is happening at The Rock. From student performances and academic milestones to provincial championships and student-led initiatives, there are so many opportunities for our students to learn, lead, contribute and thrive. It's pretty great motivation to keep this principal **hopping**!

Today's *Raven Life attached to this email* includes images from our MYP classrooms, Student Vote, upcoming ROPAC events and more. Next week we will feature our fall sports teams who have been finding success in Zones and Provincial Championship competition. You can also find all our Raven Athletics updates here @Rockridge.Ravens.Athletics

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, Nov 12th - Classes start at 9:30 AM - See the bell schedule HERE.
During our upcoming collaboration time, the school is open, and students are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory (attendance will not be taken during this time). Students may use this time to complete assignments and other incomplete work. Students who are in attendance during collaboration time will be stationed in the cafeteria where we will have staff supervising. For students planning to work from home, they are reminded to arrive on time for their first block of the day which begins at 9:30 am.

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.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS: *See our poster in the **Raven Life***
Hello, Rockridge Community!
Over the last two weeks, students in Ms. Riahi's French 9 and 10 classes have had the opportunity to participate in drumming workshops led by Mme Louise Raymond of Malincounda—an organization that takes a unique interdisciplinary approach to language learning through musical expression and team-building. Students were able to practice their French listening and speaking skills as they were introduced to foundational rhythms on percussion, before experiencing what it's like to play as a whole-class ensemble. Not only did students get to perform songs, they also learned about the defining characteristics of music cultures in French-speaking countries around the world. One day, we hope that this workshop will inspire some of our internationally-minded MYP students to travel to such countries so that they can enjoy such music firsthand!

Thank you to Ms. Riahi for organizing this experiential learning opportunity, and please check out the activity photos in this week's Raven Life!

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 9 CAREERS *Take Our Kids to Work Day* – see photos in Raven Life

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!

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

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAM

Anyone interested in writing a Language Challenge Exam through the Delta School District:
This year we are offering:

- ASL 11 (American Sign Language)
  (exam dates for ASL 11 will be arranged with students individually)
- Farsi 11 & 12
- French 11 & 12
- Japanese 11 & 12
- Korean 11 & 12
- Mandarin 11 & 12

- Punjabi 11 & 12
- Spanish 11 & 12

Dates to remember:

- Nov 6, 2026 – application deadline for students:
  PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR!
- Jan 30th & 31st, 2027 – exam dates

Language Challenge Exam Application and Information

NEW IYP PROGRAM - Cyber-Security and AI Explorers

West Vancouver Schools is excited to be running a new IYP program called "Cyber-Security and AI Explorers". Our pilot offering of this program is for West Vancouver School students who are currently in Grade 7 or 8. The program will begin on November 19th and will run on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 until March 11th, 2027. There will be no sessions during Winter Break. The cost for this is $300.00.

Sessions will take place in one of the computer labs at West Van Secondary. Students will be taught by West Vancouver Schools teaching staff and mentored by senior students in the district's CS/QC/AI class.

Students will explore concepts in Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Safety and Security through activities, labs and games. There may be an opportunity for an optional hackathon that students can choose to participate in.

- For more information or questions, contact Ms. Wilson at cwilson@wvschools.ca
- To register, please fill out this form.
- If interest is very high, we may offer a Tuesday afternoon session as well.

GRAD 2027 News

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 Goes Online!

You asked, we listened! In response to parent feedback, our next ROPAC meeting on **Wed, November 18**, will be held online from **6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**, making it easier for you to join from home.
We are pleased to welcome Ms. Bianca Ferrajohn, who will speak about the **Experiential Learning Opportunities** at Rockridge. It's a great change to learn more about the experiences available to students and ask questions.
We'll share the meeting link and details in next week's newsletter.

Holiday Plant Sale – Order by November 18!

Bring a little festive cheer into your home while supporting Rockridge! From holiday decorating to seasonal gifts, our Holiday plant sale makes it easy to get a head start on the season.

- 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 Holiday Silent Auction returns December 3-10, and we're looking for donations to help fill our virtual shelves with wonderful gifts and experiences.
Gift cards, event tickets, artwork, lessons, gift baskets, services and unique experiences are all welcome. Perhaps you have a special skill, a business that could contribute, or an unused gift that deserves a new home?
Students can join in too! Services such as dog walling, babysitting or tutoring make great auction items and volunteer hours can be arranged.
Donation deadline is **Fri, November 27.** Drop off items at school or email ropac@wvschools.ca to arrange a pick-up.

Parent Coffee at Blenz – Thu, November 26

Join us at Blenz in Horseshoe Bay for our next parent coffee meet-up. It's a Collab Day so we'll meet right after drop-off at 9:45 am. Blenz is generously donating treats, so grab a coffee and enjoy some good company.

Coming Up at Rockridge

Wondering what's next? Check out Rockridge's **Year-at-a-Glance** calendar in Raven Life for upcoming PAC meetings, parent socials, fundraisers, and other ways to get involved in 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)
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

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.

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 eg. 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.

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