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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, Oct 1	• Tonight - Canadian University Event, WVSS Gym 6:00 – 8:00pm
Mon, Oct 5	• WORLD TEACHERS' DAY • Gr 8 Assignment: Task #2: Intro to Service + Proposal
Tues, Oct 6	• Mentorship Retreat Oct 6 – 7
Wed, Oct 7	• Mentorship Retreat Oct 6 – 7
Thurs, Oct 8	•
UPCOMING	
Mon, Oct 12	• THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - School Closed
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2026-27 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE	
WV Youth Services click here	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I thought a good way to kick off October is to share what you need to know about FIT. Once again this year, all West Vancouver secondary schools will incorporate a 45-minute block of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) every Monday and Thursday from 11:00–11:45 a.m.

FIT provides students with time and flexibility to take greater ownership of their learning. Depending on the day and their needs, students may use FIT to:

- Work through Career Education competencies and content.
- Meet with teachers for support, guidance, or inspiration related to specific courses, interests, or passions.
- Collaborate with other students, teachers, or community members.
- Explore, work on, or complete assignments, projects, and other learning opportunities.
- Participate in guest presentations, assemblies, and other school-wide learning experiences.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR FIT

FIT is instructional time, and students are expected to use it purposefully.

Students should:

- Be focused on learning.
- Have a plan for how they will use their FIT time effectively.
- Be in a designated learning space and remain at school.
- Bring all materials they need for their planned learning.
- Remain in their assigned or selected learning space for the entire FIT block.

Grades 8–10: Students will be scheduled into a specific classroom for FIT.
Grades 11–12: Students may use designated shared learning spaces and are expected to choose a space that supports their learning.

We are off to a great start with FIT here at The Rock. Parents and guardians can help students make the most of their FIT time by asking if they have a plan for their FIT time each week.

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Our first Tour of The Rock for the 2026-27 school year is scheduled for Monday, Oct 19th. 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. They can all be found on our Rockridge website calendar. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

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GRAD 2027 News

The school sponsored Grad 2027 Boat Cruise is confirmed for Thursday, October 29th - 6:00-9:00pm aboard the MV Princess and hosted by Harbour Cruises. Parents, please find the Boat Cruise Permission Form and GUEST Permission form. Students must return the signed permission for and pay the fee to receive a ticket. The Boat Cruise fee is available for purchase on SCO beginning today through October 16th.

Rockridge Grad Photos

Exciting news! Grad Cap and Gown Yearbook Portraits + Fashion Photos AND **New – Selfie Group Portraits* *(The Social Studio - more details below)* **are quickly approaching! Sessions will take place in November here at Rockridge. For More Info on Important Dates & to Book your Preferred Session Time, please visit: https://gradsbc.com/school/rkr/**
The above 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.

Say goodbye to old school 'buddy photos'... introducing:

The Social Studio. *A Group Selfie Portrait Experience with your crew.* Your friends, your poses, your timing – on our studio backdrop, under our professional lighting, with our high end props. There is no photographer behind the camera. **You control the click.** Take the remote trigger, pile in, and shoot until you get the one. **One Day only at your school. More information here:**
https://gradsbc.com/school/rkr/
Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or info@gradsbc.com

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ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC) Thurs, Oct 29th, 9:30am - 12:00pm (2.5 hours) LLC
COMC is open to all grades: "any student with an interest in and grasp of high school math." Interested students should **contact their Math teacher and pay the $35.00 fee on School Cash Online by October 11th, 2026.** For more information please see: https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/comc2026/

****Please confirm with your child if they are willing to write this Mathematics Challenge Contest prior to payment****

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

Terry Fox School Run
Thank you to the Conquer Cancer Club & Leadership students for hosting the event, surpassing their goal and raising over $4600. While our fundraising at school is complete, donations are still being accepted here - Rockridge Terry Fox School Run

Canadian University Event (CUE), Thurs, Oct.01, 6:00 to 8:00PM @ WV Secondary School North Gym
Interested in attending university in Canada? Everyone is welcome to attend the largest fair our school district hosts this year. There will be 50+ universities coming from all over Canada to talk to students and their parents about different opportunities each of these institutions offer. If you are unsure of what questions to ask, please see this Link.

Here are some important action items for our parents and guardians that should have been completed last week. If you have not completed the following, please take time to do so tonight:

ANNUALLY REQUIRED FORMS FOR PARENTS (EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

A reminder that parents/guardians need to review the **student information verification forms** that were brought home on Tuesday, clearly note any updates or changes on the form, sign, date, and send the form back in with their child as soon as possible. In the case of an address change, please be sure to update the Student section as well as each Parent section. Additionally, if there are any changes to address, legal custody, or citizenship status, please upload documentation to support the changes using THIS LINK and email rockridge@wvschools.ca to inform us of the change and document upload. Any changes will not be reflected in the student database until the documentation is submitted.

The new **Policies and Procedures form** must also be 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 still at 63% of our families that have completed these forms, so if you have not yet completed this, please do so.

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

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.

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

LOCKERS - Lockers have been assigned to all students who have requested**.** Please come to the office to pick up.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Rockridge Pub Night: Tonight!!

Our first parent pub night is happening tonight, **Thu, Oct 1** from **7-10 pm** at the **Final Whistle Bar & Grill** in Horseshoe Bay.

There's still time to get a ticket and join us for a fun evening with the Rockridge parent community. And if you're attending the Canadian University Event at West Van Secondary, you can still head over afterwards and join the party! Your ticket includes admission and a selection of delicious appetizers.

- Get your ticket here!
- Organized by ROPAC's P2P committee, all proceeds support the Teacher Wish List, helping fund equipment and special opportunities for Rockridge students.

Apple Sale Fundraiser – Order by Oct 6

Stock up on fresh-picked Okanagan apples while supporting the Teacher Wish List at the same time.

- Place your apple orders here.
- Orders close Tue, Oct 6, with pick-up on Wed, Oct 28. Get your order in before the sale closes!

Upcoming Events

There's a lot happening with ROPAC this year! Check out our Year-at-a-Glance calendar in Raven Life for upcoming PAC meetings, parent events, fundraisers and other opportunities to connect with the Rockridge community.

To join our Parent Info and P2P groups, please click this link to email us at with the following information:

- Your name
- Your child(ren)'s name(s) & grade(s)
- Your phone number
- Which group(s) you'd like to join (ROPAC and/or P2P)

Follow ROPAC on Facebook and Instagram

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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 office beside the Counselling suite

- For more information contact Shannon: 236 558 2489 or email: shannon.eberts1@vch.ca

Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Their integrated services make it possible for young people to access five core services in one convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer support, and social services. For more information, please visit the Integrated Youth Services website

Crisis Response, Community-Led (CRCL) North Shore:
https://northwestvancouver.cmha.bc.ca/programs-and-services/crcl-north-shore/

Kids Help Phone: https://kidshelpphone.ca/

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

Please join the West Vancouver DPAC for the West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting. All parent questions can be sent here - see flyer attached

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.

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.

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 you 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

MYED BC Parent Portal - Accessing your child's timetable

Log in here if you have an account: MyEducationBC
If you have not done so previously, please visit the 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