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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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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 15	West Vancouver Schools Admissions open for the 2027/2028 school year
Sat, Oct 17	Rockridge - Municipal Election Site | 7:00 am – 10:00 pm
Mon, Oct 19	• Tour of The Rock | 12:00 – 1:00pm
Tues, Oct 20	• Rockridge PAC Meeting & Coffee | 8:45 – 10:00am
Wed, Oct 21	• Education Planner BC Online Learning Session | 6:30 – 7:30pm Register HERE
Thurs, Oct 22	• Student Vote - Player's Hall • Informal Reports Posted
Fri, Oct 23	• Provincial Pro-D-Day - No Classes in Session
Sat, Oct 24	Rockridge - Provincial Election Site | 7:00 am – 9:00 pm
UPCOMING	
Fri, Oct 30	• Hallowe'en Costume Contest
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 Registration click HERE	
WV Youth Services click here	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Live from Camp Summit!

I always enjoy writing from Squamish during our annual Grade 8 trip. Spending time with the Class of 2031 is a great opportunity to get to know our newest Ravens as we begin a five-year educational journey together. There's something special about seeing students connect beyond the walls of Rockridge; building friendships, embracing outdoor challenges, staying active, and creating shared experiences that will become part of their Rockridge story.

I love the energy and spirit our students bring each day to The Rock, the dedicated staff who make experiences like Camp Summit possible, and our incredible senior student leaders who guide and encourage our younger Ravens. Some of those leaders here at Camp Summit are from the Class of 2027. Yes, just five years ago, they were here with me as new Grade 8 students!

Camp Summit is a great reminder that some of the most meaningful parts of school happen beyond the classroom. These shared experiences build connections, and help create the sense of belonging that makes Rockridge such a special community.
Enjoy your weekend, but before doing so, be sure to check out the rest of our E-Bulletin and this week's ***Raven Life*** that is packed with our students and the broader school community doing some amazing learning!

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the **2027/2028 school year** began on **Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** 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.

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

Rockridge Community!
We've previously heard from you that, generally being outside of the day-to-day Rockridge school experience, you appreciate having opportunities to catch glimmers of what is happening inside Rockridge classrooms. Understanding the learning focuses, activities and rhythms, especially with regards to the Middle Years Program in action here at the school, helps build understanding of what the program and our school culture is all about. We aim to cycle through our school programs, grades and subject areas on a regular basis so you can see different facets.

This week, we're highlighting the activities in Ms. Selzer's Socials 9 class last week where students were put into groups and asked to mind map (connect and expand) the concepts of mercantilism, colonialism and imperialism in relation to what they've learned in class. Would you be ready to do something like that?! Students worked together in groups on whiteboards to construct their mind maps and then hung them around the classroom to view each other's work.

Activities like this highlight the opportunities for students to recognize and develop their Thinking, Collaboration and Communication Skills. They all fall under Approaches to Learning (ATLs) which are the core competencies that students identify, set goals and reflect on throughout the year. The ATLs in action are:

- **Thinking Skills** - students used critical and creative thinking by putting together abstract political ideas into a connected concept map.
- **Collaboration Skills** - students practiced navigating working with their peers including gathering multiple ideas and connecting the concepts together.
- **Communication Skills** - students needed to put these interconnected concepts together in a clear, semi-organized, and visual way that makes sense!

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Course Fees posted to School Cash Online
There seems to be an issue in SCO attached to student course codes. Some student fees are being duplicated or omitted. We apologize for the error. Can you please email Rockridge Accounting: rockridgeaccounting@wvschools.ca if there are discrepancies in your account. The accounting office is manually working through each account to correct the postings. We hope to have this resolved as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

MADD Canada Presentation - Oct 26th for ALL Grade 11 & 12 students
On Monday, Oct 26, Rockridge will host MADD Canada as their trained facilitators will present their new film: *Trapped.* The film's fictional story illustrates the tragic consequences of driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. Throughout the film, students are shown times when the tragedy could have been prevented by making different choices. This *School Program* is proven-effective at encouraging responsible decision-making among youth – both immediately after the presentation and longer term. In the 2022-2023 evaluation survey among participating students, 92% said the program makes them want to make the right decision when it comes to impaired driving and 82% said that they were likely to make a plan for getting home safely when going out with friends. The majority of students felt that consuming cannabis would cause one to drive "a lot worse" with 86% saying this after the presentation and 91% 3-months post presentation. Furthermore, three months after the presentation, half of respondents were more likely to think that cannabis use has a negative effect on the ability to drive.

GLA 12 Assessment – November 2-5, 2026
Families should have received an email outlining the dates for the upcoming GLA (Graduation Literacy Assessment) 12 as well as materials and links to help students prepare. Exact times, locations and dates for each student will be shared next week via email.

Scholarship Information Webinar, Monday, November 02, 6:00 - 7:15PM (Save the Date)
Rockridge PAC is once again generously hosting the very informative **Key to Scholarships Session** virtually on Nov. 02 at 6:00PM. Students in all grades and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is never too early to get started. This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Through this seminar, we will debunk common scholarship myths and break down the complex process into a manageable form. A Link to the presentation will be available closer to the event.

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. All Tour of The Rock dates can all be found on our Rockridge website calendar. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

BC Post-Secondary Institution EVENT:
Wednesday, Oct 28th (Block 1-2)
This is a **MANDATORY EVENT for** ALL Grade 11 & 12 students.
Sessions will be held in different classrooms on the 2nd floor of the West Wing & Fair in Player's Hall @

Rockridge.

- **8:30-8:35:** Grade 11 & 12 students go to regular classes for attendance
- **8:35-8:45:** Grade 11s - Player's Hall & Grade 12s will meet in the cafeteria to get instructions
- **8:45-9:10:** Session #1 (Choose ONE institution)
- **9:15-9:40:** Session #2 (Choose ANOTHER institution)
- **9:45-10:15:** Post-Secondary Fair in Player's Hall

Participating Institutions:

Students: Research the following institutions that will be at this event to see which sessions you are interested in attending. BE OPEN! Explore institutions that you don't know much about and ask targeted questions. Priority will go to grade 12 students and there will be a maximum of 30 students each session. Once a room is full you will need to find another session to attend.

- British Columbia Institute of Technology - BCIT (Burnaby +)
- Capilano University - CapU (North Vancouver +)
- Corpus Christi College (UBC Campus)
- Canadian Coast Guard (Nova Scotia)
- Columbia College (Vancouver)
- Douglas College (New Westminster +)
- Emily Carr (Vancouver)
- Fairleigh Dickinson University (Vancouver)
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University - KPU (Surrey +)
- Langara College – (Vancouver)
- Nicola Valley Institute of Tech - NVIT (Merritt)
- North Island College - NIC (Courtenay +)
- Simon Fraser University - SFU (Burnaby +)
- Royal Military College – (Kingston ON +)
- Trinity Western University - TWU (Langley)
- University of Northern British Columbia - UNBC (Prince George)
- University of Victoria - UVic (Victoria)
- Vancouver Community College - VCC (Vancouver)
- Vancouver Island University - VIU (Nanaimo)

Most of these institutions will only make this one visit to Rockridge so it is important that students participate in this event.

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

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 64% 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

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

GRAD 2027 News

BOAT CRUISE

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 form and pay the fee to receive a ticket. The Boat Cruise fee is available for purchase on SCO through October 18th.

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 your school. 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.
Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or info@gradsbc.com

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ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

ROPAC Meeting and Coffee Social: Tue, Oct 20, 8:30 am – 10 am

Start your morning with coffee and treats, and a chance to connect with other Rockridge parents! Join us in the **Learning Commons from 8:30 am – 10 am**, with the general PAC meeting beginning at 8:45 am.

We are pleased to welcome **WVPD School Liaison Cst. Emma Whitehead**, who will be joining us to meet parents and answer questions. If you're unable to attend in person, send your questions to ropac@wvschools.ca ahead of time, and we'll include the responses in the meeting minutes.

Rockridge Pub Night: Thank you for a Great Evening!

Thanks to everyone who joined us at the Final Whistle Bar & Grill for our first pub night. With ticket sales, guest donations and a generous **contribution of 10% of drink sales from the Final Whistle**, we raised **$1,417.50** for the Teacher Wish List!

- Our P2P committee is already looking ahead to another Pub Night in the new year – stay tuned!

Apple Sale Fundraiser – Thank You! Pick-up Your Orders Oct 28

Your Okanagan apples are on their way! Pick up is scheduled for **Wed, Oct 28**, and we expect orders to be ready around the end of the school day. We'll share the confirmed pick-up window as soon as delivery details are finalized. Unable to collect your order? Email ropac@wvschools.ca and we'll arrange another pick-up time or home delivery.
Thanks to everyone who ordered – the sale brought in **$1,480 for the Teacher Wish List**.

Holiday Online Silent Auction – Call for Donations

Our popular Holiday Online Silent Auction is back **Dec 3-10**! Last year, Rockridge families, alumni, and local businesses contributed a wonderful mix of gifts and experiences, helping raise over $12,000 for the Teacher Wish List!

Now we're gathering donations for this year's auction and we'd love your help. Here are a few ideas for donations:

- *Local Businesses*: Products, services, and gift certificates

- *Artists & Crafters*: Artwork, handmade gifts, and holiday treats
- *Declutterers*: Brand-new items looking for a new home
- *Experiences*: Vacation stays, boat trips, lessons and other activities
- *Ticket Holders*: Tickets to events you can't attend – concerts, sporting events or shows
- *Student Volunteers*: Dog walking, tutoring, babysitting and other services (eligible for volunteer hours)
- *Creative Contributors*: Have another great gift idea? We'd love to hear it

Please donate by **Fri, Nov 27**. Items can be dropped off at the school office, or email ropac@wvschools.ca to arrange a pick-up.

Supporting Rockridge – Two Ways to Give

Want to continue supporting the programs, equipment, and experiences that enrich student life at Rockridge? You can contribute to ROPAC through School Cash Online in two ways:

- *Tax-deductible donation*: Anyone can contribute any amount to the "Rockridge PAC Fundraiser" through the West Vancouver Schools tab on School Cash Online.
- *PAC Contribution*: Rockridge families can donate through their School Cash Online Account by selecting PAC NON Tax-Deductible Contribution under their student's name. Contributions can be made throughout the year, in amounts from $10 to $165 per transaction.

Thanks for your continued support!

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

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

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

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.

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: 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