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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	
Fri, Oct 30	• Hallowe'en Costume Contest @ Lunch
Mon, Nov 2	• GLA 12 - November 2 – 5 • ESP Field Trip | 8:30am – 3:00pm • Scholarship Information Webinar Virtual | 6:00 - 7:15PM - see details below
Tues, Nov 3	• GLA 12 - November 2 – 5
Wed, Nov 4	• GLA 12 - November 2 – 5 • GRADE 9 CAREERS *Take Our Kids to Work Day*
Thurs, Nov 5	• GLA 12 - November 2 – 5 • Elite Athlete Series - Kirsten Van Horne (Freeride Mountain Biker) E103 (Drama Room) 2:00-2:45 pm (block 1-4)
Fri, Nov 6	•
UPCOMING	
Wed, Nov 11	• Remembrance Day - School Closed
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

Halloween celebrations take place tomorrow at The Rock, with plenty of costumes, treats, and school spirit. Our annual costume contest in Player's Hall is always a highlight and a great reflection of what makes Rockridge such a fun and connected place to be. Mr. Thomson, Baker, and I will be ready to meet everyone (in our coordinated costumes as usual) as students arrive tomorrow.

With Halloween also comes an important reminder about fireworks safety. Fireworks are prohibited in West Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver. In the District of North Vancouver, their purchase, possession, and use are subject to permit requirements and municipal restrictions. Please check local regulations before making any plans and please discuss this with your children as well ahead of the weekend.

Tonight, I look forward to joining the Class of 2027 for our annual Grad Boat Cruise. Next week our grads will dig into the GLAs from Monday to Friday. Looking ahead to other special events, our school community will come together for the annual Remembrance Day assembly at 10:00 a.m. on the 10th. Students and staff have been working hard to create a meaningful gathering as we honour those who served and remember the importance of caring for one another.

Permanent Daylight Saving Time

With B.C. remaining on permanent daylight saving time, clocks will not turn back this Sunday, November 1, and winter sunrises will be later.
We would like to remind families to take extra care travelling to school during these darker mornings and support consistent sleep routines at home as the days grow shorter.
On Sunday, please take a moment to check your digital calendars, alarms and devices. Ensure you have the latest updates installed and confirm that upcoming calendar entries and scheduled times are displaying correctly.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST - GET YOUR COSTUME READY FOR TOMORROW!

Come in costume at lunch, to Player's Hall to join in the famous Rockridge Costume Contest. Prizes for **ALL** participants in the following categories: Scariest, Funniest, Most Creative, Best Duo, Best Small Group and Best Teacher Group! Everyone is welcome to this fun event. No sign up required.

Have fun and be mindful; students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. To better define this, please see the bullets below:

- Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked.
- It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any costumes that would be deemed offensive.
- While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. We want to ensure that culturally based and identity-based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures and identities are not costumes.
- Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

When we celebrate Halloween on a school day, it always adds a lot of energy to our building and community. Students are encouraged to keep safety top of mind so that responsible decisions are made throughout the day and into the evening. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building, and we always look forward to seeing the creativity demonstrated by students and staff.

Please be sure to open this week's ***Raven Life*** that is packed with our students, athletes and parent community doing some amazing things across the Rockridge school community.

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***

Parent Community!

This week we want to highlight one of our Grade 8 Design Courses - ADST (Applied Design, Skills & Technologies) - which is one of the courses available to students in the Grade 8 Design rotation. In their latest task, students modelled Vancouver House (the condo building with a twist that you can see right next to Granville Bridge!) with Tinker CAD and then used real materials to build it 200x smaller. You can see some pictures in the attached Raven Life.

All of our Design courses follow the MYP Design Cycle - a four-stage problem-solving framework to help students turn fuzzy ideas into tested, real-world applied solutions.

The stages, which aligns with the criterion for the course are as follows:

A: Inquiring & Analyzing - pinpoint a real problem and define success.
(Vancouver House Task = Understand the building, scaling and how you'll know you're doing it well.)
B: Developing Ideas - brainstorm and blueprint the best path forward.
(Vancouver House Task = TinkerCAD use!)
C: Creating the Solution - safely build and adapt a physical prototype.
(Vancouver House Task = Build it!)
D: Evaluating - test performance against real criteria and reflect on its impact.
(Vancouver House Task = Measurable evaluation and reflection!)

What is so powerful about this cycle as a learning process is that:

- Students can self correct along the way and loop back through stages as they discover flaws and needs for changes.
- It teaches students a combination of facts, big ideas, hands-on skills and how to learn from their own process.
- It helps build skills or documentation or portfolio building.

It's powerful enough that we'd recommend this cycle for areas of your own life!
What are the spaces that you could apply the MYP Design Cycle in your own life?

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.

GRADE 9 CAREERS *Take Our Kids to Work Day* – Wednesday November 4th Permission Form

Each year Grade 9 students across Canada are asked to participate in *"Take our Kids to Work"* Day. This year the event occurs on Wednesday, November 4, 2026. This event allows students to visit the work site of a parent, relative, homestay or interested mentor for the day instead of attending classes at school. Permission forms were sent home (via email) and need to be submitted by Monday, October 26, 2025 For further information, contact Careers 8/9 Counsellor; Mr. Pandher MPandher@wvschools.ca

GLA 12 Assessment – November 2-5, 2026

Families should now have received an email outlining the times, locations and dates for the upcoming GLA (Graduation Literacy Assessment) 12 as well as materials and links to help students prepare.

Scholarship Information Webinar, Monday, November 02, 6:00 - 7:15PM

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. **Microsoft Teams**; Join

- Meeting ID: 288 341 931 135 377 1
- Passcode: jS2Vr2MW

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.

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

Our next Tour of The Rock for the 2026-27 school year is scheduled for Monday, Nov 16th. 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

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 82% 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

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

Holiday Plant Sale – Bring Home Some Festive Cheer!

It's time to get ready for the holidays! Whether you're decorating your home or looking for a thoughtful seasonal gift, ROPAC's Holiday Plant Sale is a great way to spread some cheer while supporting Rockridge.

- Shop the Holiday Plant Sale here.
- Orders close **Wed, Nov 18**, with pick up on **Thu, Dec 3**.

Holiday Silent Auction: Help Us Make it a Success

Our Holiday Online Silent Auction returns **Dec 3-10**, and we're gathering donations to create a fantastic selection of gifts and experiences for holiday shoppers.

Have something that would make a great gift? We'd love your contribution! Gift cards, event tickets, artwork, lessons, gift baskets, services and unique experiences are all welcome.

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

- **Donation deadline:** Fri, Nov 27. Drop off your donation at the school office or email ropac@wvschools.ca to arrange a pick-up.

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

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

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