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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

Rockridge Secondary School 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, Oct 12	• THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - School Closed
Tues, Oct 13	• Indigenous Support Teacher @ Rockridge
Wed, Oct 14	• Grade 8s to Camp Summit
Thurs, Oct 15	• Grade 8 Camp Summit
Fri, Oct 16	• Grade 8 Camp Summit • Grade 8 Assignment: Task #3: One True Calling
Sat, Oct 17	Municipal Election Site | 7:00 am – 10:00 pm
UPCOMING	
Thurs, Oct 22	• Informal Reports Posted
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

I hope our Raven families are looking forward to an extra day to rest, recharge, relax or be active this turkey weekend. We have had another exciting week at The Rock, with several events upcoming that are classic Rockridge opportunities for our students including Camp Summit for our Gr. 8's, The Egg Drop for our STEM classes and the Student Vote for our entire student body. Enjoy your long 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 things!

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

Hello, Parent/Guardian Community!

It is now October and the wildness of September is winding down. We've started to settle into our schedules and routines, so now seems like a good time for us to reintroduce ourselves to you all!

Our names are Meghan LeSieur and Rhonette Millare, and we are the IB Middle Years Programme Coordinators here at Rockridge. This is the beginning of our fifth year together in this role! As the school

years have passed, we have continued to grow in this role as a team, working together to guide our staff through programme implementation.

Here are a few things that we love about the MYP:

1. **A holistic approach to education:** The MYP does an excellent job of celebrating each student's unique gifts by emphasizing learning beyond content—e.g. character development through the Learner Profile, transferable skills through the Approaches to Learning, inquiry and independence through the Personal Project, and much, much more!

2. **The opportunity to make interdisciplinary connections:** One of us teaches Math and the other teaches English. As coordinators, we love this interdisciplinary connection as it deepens our ability to navigate the MYP through our varied perspectives. This interdisciplinary lens extends to our staff: it's exciting to work across the different departments to see how all the "puzzle pieces" of the programme come together.

3. **The strong focus on teamwork and collaboration:** As teachers, we are fortunate to have additional designated MYP collaboration time to reflect on, and extend, our understanding of the MYP. This ability to collaborate is also mirrored in our students, who are regularly encouraged to practice their Communication and Social ATL skills by working with others. One of the best ways that this is demonstrated is through the 60+ student-led clubs we have at Rockridge!

If you want to put a face to a name, you can check us out in the Raven Life this week. We look forward to highlighting the MYP at Rockridge for you throughout the school year!

All the best,

Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

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

(COMC) The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge: 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

Here are some important action items for our parents and guardians that should have already been completed. 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 after the first day of school. Please 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 now at 48% 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 beginning today through October 16th.

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

limited spaces remaining. To book, please visit **https://gradsbc.com/school/rkr/**

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 PAC NEWS

Rockridge Pub Night: Thank you for a Great Evening!

A big thank you to everyone who joined our first ROPAC Pub Night at the Final Whistle Bar & Grill in Horseshoe Bay. Thanks to your support, ticket sales and donations brought in **$1,325** for the Teacher Wish List. Missed the fun? Don't worry – our ROPAC P2P committee is already planning another Pub Night, so stay tuned.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Apple Sale. Together, we sold 160 boxes of fresh Okanagan apples and raised **$1,480** for the Teacher Wish List!

Pick-up is scheduled for **Wed, Oct 28** – we will let you know when we have a confirmed delivery window, but we expect to have your apples ready for pick-up at the end of the school day. Contact us at ROPAC@wvschools.ca if you cannot make the pick-up window. We'll help arrange an alternate pick-up time or home delivery.

Holiday Online Silent Auction – Call for Donations

Our Holiday Online Silent Auction returns **Dec 3-10**, and we need your help to make it another success! Last year's auction featured an amazing assortment of items and experiences, donated by our generous Rockridge families, alumni, and local businesses. Every item sold, raising over $12,000 for the Teacher Wish List!

We need your help to make this year's auction just as exciting. We're looking for:

- *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

The deadline for donations is **Fri, November 27**. Items can be dropped off at the school office, or email ROPAC@wvschools.ca to arrange a pick-up.

Parent Education Workshop: "Future Ready – Growing up in a Digital World" - see poster in RL

DPAC and West Vancouver Schools are presenting *Future Ready*, a three-part parent education series featuring community and educational experts exploring the opportunities and challenges of raising children in the digital age.

The first session, on **October 21**, focuses on technology and screen time, offering practical insights for families navigating technology's role in their children's lives.

Registration is available through **School Cash Online.** See the poster in *Raven Life* for more details.

Upcoming Events

From parent socials to fundraisers and PAC meetings, there's plenty happening this year! Check out ROPAC's Year-at-a-Glance calendar in Raven Life to see what's ahead and find opportunities to get involved.

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

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

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 - 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