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<u>CALENDAR UPDATE</u>	
Jan	Event
19	1-4 pm & 6-8 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences – to schedule click here 5:30 MYP Assessment Information Session
25	6:30 pm Course Planning Evening 7:30 AP Information Session
Feb 24	6:00 <i>Longshot</i> At The Grosvenor Theatre At The Kay Meek Centre

MYP ASSESSMENT INFORMATION SESSION – 5:30 pm, Thursday, Jan. 19th (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Ms. Jennifer Towers, MYP Coordinator, is offering an MYP Assessment Information Session for anyone who has a student in Grades 8-10 and would like more information regarding how students are assessed in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. The information presented will be similar to what has been presented in previous information sessions regarding MYP assessment including criteria for assessment, rubrics, the MYP scale and overall year-end assessment.

COVENANT HOUSE BACKPACK DRIVE

Vancouver's recent cold snap has been covered extensively by the local news, as has the plight of those most vulnerable. Many of the cold days and nights were made more bearable for 275 youth due to the items generously donated to the Covenant House Backpack Drive. Once again, this year's donation bin was overflowing! Thanks to the Rockridge Community for your thoughtfulness and kindness to donate. Everything on the Covenant House wish list, from blankets, clothing, shampoo, toothpaste and of course backpacks were donated in abundance making a big difference to the youth. A special thank-you to Paula Stephenson, Kelsie S. and Sierra K. for heading up this Backpack Drive. On behalf of the Covenant House "Thank-you, Rockridge!"

NEED A DOWN JACKET? WANT TO SUPPORT A FAMILY IN NEPAL?

The outdoor class will be supporting this fund raiser at Rockridge during the Parent Teacher Conferences...come check it out! <http://jacketsforjasper.com/>

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT STAFF CHANGES

Ms. Emily Chen and Ms. Sue Maquignaz have recently accepted opportunities to work in their home school districts. We'd like to thank them for their many years of service at Rockridge Secondary, as well as other schools in the West Vancouver School District, and we wish them all the best in their new roles.

Ms. Jennifer Radcliffe has joined the counselling team and is now working with Grades 8-10 students and their families with last names starting with the letters A-L. Not only is Ms. Radcliffe a counsellor, but she also has many years of experience working in Special Education.

Ms. Gillian Smith will be joining the counselling team at the end of January and will be working with Grades 8-10 students and their families with last names starting with the letters M-Z. Ms. Smith has many years of experience as both a school and district counsellor in the Vancouver School District. In the meantime, if students or families in Grades 8-10 with last names starting with the letters M-Z have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. McDowell or Ms. Radcliffe.

In January of each year Mr. McDowell begins working with grade 11 students in preparation for grade 12 course and post-secondary planning. Grade 11 students should see Mr. McDowell for any counselling or course related questions.

All counsellors have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition. Please contact any of the counsellors, youth worker or Ms. Laursoo, Principal, at jlaursoo@wvschools.ca with any questions you may have

Please note the counsellor allocations below:

Mr. Kel McDowell: Grades 11 & 12 and Premier Academies kmcdowell@wvschools.ca

Ms. Jennifer Radcliffe: Grades 8-10; Last Names A-L jradcliffe@wvschools.ca

Ms. Gillian Smith: Grades 8-10; Last Names M-Z

Ms. Leanne Warner; Youth Worker: lwagner@wvschools.ca .

EMPOWERMENT GIRL TALKS (Gr 8, 9 & 10) – Jan 25th 9:00-3:30 pm - see attached poster for details

PAC MEETING JANUARY 25TH

Christopher Burt “Teenagers: Challenging Behaviours and Difficult Conversations”

Our upcoming speaker is Christopher Burt on “Teenagers: Challenging Behaviours and Difficult Conversations”. The teen years can be challenging to parent, and while traditional parenting methods can often start to ‘backfire’ and disrupt the establishment of relationships with teens, some of their behaviours invite us to use strict consequences. Where is the happy medium? A review of ‘what works’ with teens, as well as research-based insights into teen high risk behaviours that helps us determine how to best support them during these challenging years.

At the PAC meeting there will also be a vote on loaning funds to the Spring Fundraiser committee in order for them to get rolling on plans. Save the date! There is a Spring Fundraiser in the works to take place on Saturday, May 13th. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Need to reach us? Please email the PAC executive at ropac@wvschools.ca.