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April 9th, 2018

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CALENDAR UPDATE

April	Event
9	6:00 pm Parent Meeting re: 2018-2019 Engineering Cohort presented by Mr. Trask – Learning Commons
11	6:30 pm GAP Year Presentation at Rockridge – see attached poster
13	7:00 pm Rockridge Parents' Party – West Vancouver Yacht Club
25	7:00-9:00 Angst – Raising Awareness Around Anxiety @ Kay Meek Theatre

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our students are exposed to many wonderful opportunities at Rockridge. Below is a reflection written by one of our students who attended the Biology Trip to Bamfield Sciences Centre just prior to spring break. Thank you Amy L!

Every year, Mr. Harding, the grade eleven biology teacher, arranges a week-long trip which is affectionately known as 'The Bamfield trip'. Despite the countless retellings from Mr. Harding and past students, no one knew what to expect.

My classmates and I stood in the middle of the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, inhaling fresh air while staring at small picturesque buildings lining the sides of an inlet. This inlet opens up into a gorgeous straight with mountains rising from the water on the opposite end. The beauty of Bamfield hardly sinks in as the exploration of the facility starts, leaving you in awe of the authenticity of what you are about to experience. This awe never fades despite the outdoor classes, labs and intertidal experiments being thrown at you from early in the day to late in the evening. Everyone is tired, rundown but completely enraptured with their surroundings.

Bamfield is a learning experience that is far beyond a normal high school trip. It lets you explore a career option and the outdoor environment in a new light. It's also an opportunity to get to know your fellow students better, both those you never had a chance to talk to and old friends. Most importantly, it's not just about the Biology, it's about your own self-exploration in this amazing environment, surrounded by amazing people.

GRADE 11 ENGINEERING COHORT

As you may be aware, Rockridge will be offering a Grade 11 Engineering Cohort next year. This is a unique opportunity for students who are enrolled in Math, Physics and Chemistry to learn these curricula in an interactive and hands-on way. Research shows that students benefit when their learning is rooted in real-world problem solving and that this is especially true in the STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Mr. Trask will be sharing further information about this Cohort tonight for interested parents. Meeting will be held in the library at 6:00pm.

GRADE 9 - MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY CONFERENCE – Part Two April 12th 8:30 – 11:51 am

COLLABORATION BLOCK – April 12th, 2018

Grade 8

Students will meet in Players Hall for a presentation from the Camp Summit Director. Students will learn how to best prepare themselves for their upcoming Outdoor Experience from May 2-4th. Students in Pursuits and Academy programs should see Ms. Towers in the Career Office to receive the necessary information.

Students in the Pursuits and Academy programs will be required to complete the Camp Summit assignment that will be posted on www.msjansen.com Career Education8 / April 12

Grade 9

Students will meet in the library. They will be completing a Mental Health Literacy Post-Quiz that compares their understanding to the Pre-Quiz they wrote last week in their P.E. classes. Both the pre-quiz and post-quiz are given to students to help measure their learning from the conference and are NOT for marks. Secondly, students will be given a survey to share their opinions and ideas about the conference.

Students in the Pursuits, Academy and F.A.S.T. programs are requested to complete these two documents that will be posted on: www.msjansen.com Career Education9 / April 12

Grade 10

Safeteen is scheduled for Thursday May 3 from 12:38 – 2:55 pm. Please put it in your calendars and plan to attend.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR STUDENT TO HAVE THEIR FORMS COMPLETED?

ONLINE FORMS

The completion of the online form enables students to fully participate in their classroom activities. At this time:

- **Some teachers cannot get all their students in their class set up on Google Apps**

We ask that parents and guardians please complete the District Policies and Procedures Forms electronically, which are found on the school website at <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

STUDENT RELEASE FORMS

We ask that parents complete and return these forms to the school so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness plan. Student Release Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

We ask that parents sign and return forms confirming all information is correct and noting any changes to contact information. Student Verification Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

**YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FORMS ARE COMPLETED
IS APPRECIATED**