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CALENDAR UPDATE	
April 14	Rockridge Theatre Company Presents: <b>On Stage in 10</b> - last showing tonight! Details below
April 15 - 18	Good Friday / Easter Monday - School Closed
April 18	EVERY DROP COUNTS video contest submission Deadline: <a href="http://westvancouver.ca/studentvideos">westvancouver.ca/studentvideos</a>
April 20	Grad Semi-Formal at the Pinnacle Hotel
April 22-29	Mayor's Community Clean-up: <a href="http://westvancouver.ca/lovewestvan">westvancouver.ca/lovewestvan</a>
April 25-29	Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA10) and make-up assessment
April 29	Rockridge PAC Spring Fling- 6:30pm at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. \$55 pp. - see poster
April 30	Summer Learning <a href="#">Job</a> Posting International Programs application deadline
UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 4-6	Grade 8 Camp Summit - Squamish
Ongoing	Summer Learning Registration: <a href="#">Summer Learning Website</a>
<b>ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE</b> <a href="#">CALENDAR</a>	

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Thursday Ravens, we have completed another busy week! Congratulations to our Theatre Company, their hard work was so evident in their production. As we move towards Easter, I had found a minute to think about the wonder of school. I feel so lucky to watch our students grow and learn every day. Learning is a complicated process, it isn't always linear, it isn't always clear and can make you feel foolish. But every day I see our learners embrace the challenge knowing that if they persevere and are ok to be vulnerable for a short time they will gain the skills and learning they want. I am truly grateful to be able to watch this process and it reminded me of a quote from James Clear *"For those who expect everything, there are many curses. For those who appreciate everything, there are many blessings."* I hope you are able to carve out a few minutes this weekend to see all of the great things that are in your life and the lives of our children. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Please Note:** Due to the trenching construction taking place on Headland Drive we are encouraging students that can walk to school, to do so to avoid the congestion and stress that the added school traffic brings. If you can arrange carpooling or drop off locations other than the front of the school that will also help. We will be reduced to single lane traffic and crews will be busy directly in front of our school for the near future. Thank you in advance!

For the next two weeks, traffic pulling in the main entrance of Rockridge will have to exit onto Caulfeild Drive, adjacent to the student parking lot. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Graham

## Careers 9

Tuesday April 19th will be another mandatory in person Careers 9 session for all Grade 9 students at 1:15-2:00. Students will report to their Period 1 classroom for attendance and then head to their sessions. Grade 9 students will meet in the Library. Students in Academies and Pursuit can complete the work on their own time and do not need to attend. Thanks for supporting this class.

Upcoming Careers dates:

- Tuesday April 19th In person session - Library
- Thursday May 5th Online Class
- Thursday May 19th In person session – Library
- Tuesday May 31st Online Class

## Careers 8

Tuesday April 19th will be another mandatory in person Careers 8 session for all Grade 8 students at 1:15-2:00. Students will report to their Period 1 classroom for attendance and then head to their sessions. Grade 8 students will meet in Player's hall. Students in Academies and Pursuit can complete the work on their own time and do not need to attend. Thanks for supporting this class.

Upcoming Careers dates:

- Tuesday April 19th In person session - Player's Hall
- Thursday May 5th Online Class
- Thursday May 19th In person session – Player's Hall
- Tuesday May 31st Online Class

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Student Learning Survey 2021/2022**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

This month the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Here is the link to the survey. Please complete it by April 29th -[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Scroll down to the Direct access section and select "45 West Vancouver" and "Rockridge".

### **Camp Summit for Grade 8s - May 4-6, 2022**

Students have received permission forms in their Period 1 class. Please complete and submit forms by April 19th and return them to students' period 1 teachers. Payment will be made through School cash online. For more information about the trip, please go through these [slides](#) or watch this [video](#) with the camp director. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Towers [jtowers@wvschools.ca](mailto:jtowers@wvschools.ca)

### **Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA10) and make up assessment - April 25-29, 2022**

The GLA10 has been rescheduled for April 25-29. The schedule has been shared with students on the grad class of 2024 google classroom.

- If students have any conflicts they must reach out to Ms. Towers ASAP to reschedule.

- Grade 11s and 12s that missed the GLA10 last year or GLA 12 in November will rewrite at this time. Ms. Towers will send a separate email to those students/families.
- Students that would like to redo a previous assessment - GLA10, GNA 10 or GLA 12 can reach out to Ms. Towers to sign-up.

### GRADE 8-11 AWARDS 2021-22

If a student would like to nominate themselves or a peer for a Major school award, please review the [descriptions](#) of the awards and then complete the appropriate form(s) linked below: (**Due:** May 13, 2022)

- Principles Award of Merit - [nomination form](#)
- Caulfield Village Spirit Award - [nomination form](#)
- Morgan Backhouse award (gr 9 only) - [nomination form](#)
- Prestige Award - fine arts - [nomination form](#)
- Prestige Awards - athletics - [nomination form](#)
- Rock Solid Award - [nomination form](#)
- Service Award - [form](#)

### GRAD 2022!

We are now in the planning stages of our year-end Graduation events! Mark your calendar for:

- Semi-Formal @ Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier on Wednesday, April 20th 6-10pm - **SOLD OUT! There are many forms still outstanding from students and they must be submitted by end of day Tuesday, April 19th for students to attend this event.**
  - Permission forms REQUIRED for all attendees (please pick up from the table in the cafeteria).
- Commencement @ the Orpheum on Tuesday, May 31st, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
  - Please pay required student fees through school cash online.
  - Tickets for families and friends \$20 each (will go on sale in May)
- Banquet @ the Bayshore on Saturday, June 4th, 6pm - approx. 11pm
  - Tickets for grads, families and dates (\$145) will go on sale April 25, 2022 through school cash online
  - Table assignment will take place via a google form starting May 9, 2022 (required student fees and tickets for all parties sharing a table must be paid for before table assignment can be completed)
- See yesterday's email for all the details of our year-end grad events.

**Note:** For assistance with accessing your [school cash online account](#), email [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca).

Christopher Burt will be presenting on this very useful topic:

### Rockridge PAC Spring Fling - Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. \$55 pp.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#)! See the poster attached for details. The Spring Fling is in just a few short weeks, so please spread the word and get your tickets soon! It's been a long time since we were all able to mingle and dance! Yay!

### HOW TO TALK TO TEENS SO THEY WILL LISTEN

Join us on Thursday, April 21 at 1:15 pm in our Library Learning Commons.

*Growing through the teen years involves wanting to learn and try things out for yourself, without always being told what to do or what might happen. This is the desire for independence and self-reliance and is absolutely necessary for development. But parents can have a very different reaction when their 'kids' strive for independence, as they start to worry or even panic that their teens will make poor choices*

*without appreciating the consequences. We speak with parents all the time about how to talk to teenagers so teens will listen. We should also respect the new-found responsibility of teens, and teach teens how to talk to their parents so their parents will listen too.*

### **The University of Waterloo Gauss Math contest (grade 8) Wed, May 18th - Library 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

This math contest challenges students from around the world with a range of abilities to grow valuable problem-solving skills.

If any student is interested in writing this contest, please pay \$4.00 on School Cash Online by April 25th at 3:00 pm

For practice, please see past contests: [https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past\\_contests.html](https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html)

### **Have you heard of the HONOUR CHOIR Program in WV Schools?**

Do you love to sing and to perform music with others at the highest level possible? If so, the WV Schools' Honour Choir Program is an exciting opportunity for you. Honour Choir is a district-wide program that extends the music learning of our students through choral music. The Honour Choirs are open to students who will be in Grade 6/7 (Junior Honour Choir) and Grades 8-12 (Treble and Mixed Honour Choir). For more information about the program or to register for an audition to be part of these special courses, please click on the relevant link below:

Link for students going into Grades 8-12 in the 2022/2023 school year:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/honour-choir>

Please contact Program Director, Suzanne Fulton ([sfulton@wvschools.ca](mailto:sfulton@wvschools.ca)), if you have any further questions.

### **WVS Premier Soccer Academy has NEW COACHING STAFF!**

Calling all students currently in Grades 8-11 who love soccer! Do you want to improve your soccer skills by being actively engaged and having fun? The WVS Premier Soccer Academy is hosting a **FREE Open House ON-FIELD session Tuesday, May 3 from 1:30 – 3:00 at Ambleside Turf Field D**. Come experience first-hand a session by our **NEW top coaches** who are currently working with the **UBC and SFU soccer programs as well as a renowned soccer specialist from Calgary, Alberta**. Come on out and experience the district's new format for the Soccer Academy!

Calling all parents of students who love soccer! The second part of the Soccer Academy Open House is an **Information Session for parents (and students)**. **This session will be held VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**To register for the FREE on-field session and/or the Parent Information Session please go to our website:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer>

\*Please note that if students are not able to attend the Open House afternoon training session for any reason, please register online and then contact Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction [dnelson@wvschools.ca](mailto:dnelson@wvschools.ca).

### **Student Workers - International Programs - See attached Posting**

Each year, West Vancouver Schools' International Programs offers a New Student Orientation program to elementary and secondary-level international students who have just arrived to begin their studies in our schools. Student Leaders form an important part of New Student Orientation.

### **West Vancouver Community Initiatives**

**West Vancouver Police - Youth Academy** - August 15-August 19th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Are you a West Vancouver School District student in grades 10-12? Consider applying for our upcoming youth academy. Over the course of 5 days, participants will be exposed to different areas of policing including:

- Police physical training (running, hiking, and weights)
- Police Dog Services
- Traffic Services
- Community Services
- Forensic Identification
- and more!

The purpose of this program is to provide participants with a glimpse into the role of police in society, meet new people, and build leadership skills.

\*The WVPD will be covering the cost of the camp.

Application deadline is April 30, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cst. Nicole Braithwaite [nicolebraithwaite@wvpd.ca](mailto:nicolebraithwaite@wvpd.ca) or 604-925-7345.

### **West Vancouver Police Department Speed Watch program**

Speed Watch is conducted in partnership with police, citizen volunteers, and ICBC. Speed Watch road checks are operated by trained volunteers who monitor speeds, particularly school and playground zones, and work in conjunction with police to make our community safe. These volunteer opportunities are primarily weekdays between 8:00am and 3:00pm with flexible scheduling.

If you or your friends are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Cpl. Trevor Griffith at [TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca](mailto:TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca) or 604 925-7300.

### **RECURRING ITEMS**

#### **SchoolCash Online - Student Fees**

If you have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a PIN number to be used the first time you log in, when you will be prompted to register and create a login and password for future access. Please email [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you are not yet set up with an account. We thank you for keeping your account current.

#### **West Vancouver Schools Emergency Communications**

Parents, if you did not receive a text message from School Messenger to opt in to our emergency communications, please text "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list

#### **Policies & Procedures and Family Information Verification Forms 2021-2022**

This online form must be completed every year for each student. If you have not yet done this for the current year, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Account information does not change from one year to the next, and instructions are provided for password resets. Once logged in, you have the option to update the existing P+P form created last year or start a new one. Please complete the forms here: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

#### **Emergency Release Form**

This form was sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return this form as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

**Excused Absences & Early Dismissal**

If a student is ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) . Please include the student's full legal name and grade, time of Absence and Reason for Absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate 'late' rather than 'absent'.