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June 9, 2022

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
June 9	6:30 PM Sounds of Spring - Rockridge Music Concert - entrance by donation
June 13	West Van Schools Indigenous Graduation Ceremony - 3:30 pm WVSS Cafeteria
June 13-17	Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
June 14	MYP Collab Day - Early Dismissal - Buses depart 12:05 PM
Ongoing	Summer Learning Registration: Summer Learning Website
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday has once again arrived Ravens, congratulations to our 2022 Graduates having completed their formal celebrations of Commencement and Graduation Banquet. We will be sharing in our Indigenous celebrations on Monday next week. Thank you to everyone involved in making those nights so memorable and successful! Just a reminder WE ARE NOT DONE YET! Hang in there everyone, we will not complete our official instruction until the 24th of June.

Congratulations this evening to our musicians who have been working hard, alongside staff, to prepare a wonderful evening of music for us to enjoy through the Sounds Of Spring Concert. If you are able, please feel free to join us!

We are so proud of all the hard work that has taken for us to get us to this place in June. Thank you to our teachers, students and especially parents for all the behind the scenes work. Along the same lines, I am sharing our FESL highlights of all the work and planning that has taken place over the last 3 years at Rockridge. We are so impressed with all the hard work to make our FESL project so meaningful to our learners. Finally, we know our Rockridge family has had some very heavy weeks as of late with the loss of one of our own, if you or your child need any help please reach out to us, we are here and ready to help.

SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCKRIDGE GRADUATES!

Our two grad events last week (Commencement & Banquet) were spectacular evenings. Thank you to all staff, parents and students involved. Maeya Jones created a special video memory for our grads. Please view it [HERE](#) if you wish.

Mayor Booth sends her well wishes to the Class of 2022

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/161mzUTOoKBIBKmg2jKRjsJ1UkVTffJmu?usp=sharing>

PURSUIT PROGRAM for grade 10-12 students: 2022-23 - applications due Jun 10, 2022

Information has been updated regarding the West Vancouver Pursuit program. Please visit the website (link below) for details and to complete the application forms.

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/pursuit-application-information>

EARLY DISMISSAL - Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 - MYP Collaboration day

Tuesday is an MYP Collaboration day, and the following schedule will run. School bus riders will be dismissed in time for the 12:05 pm bus departure from Rockridge.

Tuesday, June 14th	
PERIOD 2	8:30 - 10:10
BREAK	10:10 - 10:15
PERIOD 1	10:15 - 11:55
FIT	11:55 - 12:40
MYP Collab	1:20-2:50

GNA (Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10) - July 13-17

This is the 2nd graduation assessment for our grade 10s. Please go to the “Grad Class of 2024” Google classroom (stream posted May 30) for the schedule and link to practice/prepare. Please contact Ms. Towers jtowers@wvschools.ca if you have a conflict and need to shift your assessment.

Gr. 8-10 ATL REFLECTIONS – DUE JUN 15/17

As we approach the end of the school year, students have once again been asked to reflect on the development of their core learning skills, or “Approaches to Learning (ATL)” as they are known in the IB world. These five skill groups (Social, Self-Management, Thinking, Research, and Communication) are essential skills that support success in all areas of learning, regardless of subject or grade level. In these reflections, students consider areas of growth, areas of difficulty, and create personal plans for improvement. This exercise builds students’ metacognitive skills and supports their agency as they learn to direct their own personal growth.

Students have been instructed to complete these reflections through their Careers 8/9 classes or through in-person visits to their Gr. 10 Period 2-1 class. Reflection documents and instructions are accessible through their “Grad Class of 202_” google classroom (Grade 8 & 9) or their CLE10 google classroom (Grade 10). Students must submit reflections by June 15 (Grade 8/9) or June 17 (Gr. 10).

Completion and submission of all five ATL reflections throughout the year is a requirement for the Gr. 10 MYP certificate and also for honour roll eligibility in grades 8-10.

ATTENTION GRADE 9 FAMILIES

Next year (in grade 10), students will complete their Personal Project. The IB MYP Personal Project is an independent passion project in which students participate in self-directed inquiry, action, and reflection to explore personal interests and build capacity for next steps in their education, life, and work. During the project, students identify a learning goal and corresponding product goal, create their product, reflect on their learning journey, and share their experience with the school community during the annual MYP Exhibition. The project is completed during Semester 1.

Over the next two weeks, grade 9 students will have an “Introduction to Personal Project” session in their Period 2-4 class. While students have already learned a little bit about the personal project through their previous Careers assignments, this session will provide them an explicit opportunity to brainstorm possible topics as well as get a clearer sense of the project framework. Students significantly benefit from this introduction prior to their Grade 10 year, as many find it challenging to balance the independent nature of the Personal Project with other Grade 10 courses and schedule demands.

At this time, families are encouraged to:

- Review the [Personal Project materials](#) posted on the school website to gain a stronger understanding of the nature and expectations of the project.
- Ask your child about the personal project over the coming weeks to help them consolidate what was learned during their Period 2-4 session and brainstorm possible paths for their project.

Key Details:

- The personal project is facilitated through the Rockridge Career Life Education 10 (CLE10) class; however, the project is **largely completed during students’ own time**.
- Students who benefit most from this project choose topics related to personal interests, knowledge, and skills that inform or connect to their future plans.
- This project helps students develop a network of mentors and acts as evidence for the **Grade 12 Capstone project (a Graduation Requirement)**.
- Personal project is a separate course worth **2 credits** towards graduation. Assessment levels are published on students’ final high school transcripts.
- Successful completion of the Personal Project is a requirement to earn the MYP certificate and maintain eligibility for Honour Roll

Please reach out to our MYP Coordinator, Stephanie Langlois (slanglois@wvschools.ca) with any questions related to Personal Project.

Rockridge Library Learning Commons

Thank you for all of your support in raising a reader! Rockridge students have checked out over 4,000 books this school year! Nonetheless, it is that time of year where we must kindly ask for books to be returned. The current due date is Friday, June 3. Any books that are overdue by 30 days will be fined as

lost books on School Cash Online. Thank you for helping us gather the books back in for the next school year!

Continue reading this summer with West Vancouver Memorial Library's Teen Summer Reading Program! Registration for the Teen Summer Reading Program opened on Friday, June 3rd. Complete challenges for a chance to win new books and gift certificates! For more information and registration, check out <https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/teen-reading-club/>. Happy reading!

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GRAD SHOW 2022 - May 31st – June 13th - Atrium of the West Vancouver Community Centre

The [Ferry Building Gallery](#) Presents: Grad Show 2022 Mixed media by West Vancouver's graduating art students from Collingwood, Mulgrave, **Rockridge**, Sentinel, and West Vancouver Secondary schools. The exhibit will showcase two-dimensional and three-dimensional artworks exploring a variety of mediums, including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, and more.

Note: The restoration of the Ferry Building Gallery is not yet complete, so this exhibition will be held in the Atrium of the West Vancouver Community Centre: 2121 Marine Drive
Hours: Mon–Fri 5:30 am–9 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

WVS Premier Field Hockey Academy Grades 8-12

Calling all students who have an interest in or already participate in the sport of Field Hockey. The WVS Premier Field Hockey Academy is coached by West Van Field Hockey Club's Technical Director & Canadian U18 Men's National Team Head Coach, Geoff Matthews. The Academy focuses on individual skill development and tactical game play with a small coach to student ratio. For more information or to come out to try a session, please go to our <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/field-hockey>

Host an international student

While this academic school year is coming to an end, a friendly reminder that Homestay applications are accepted all year round. Have some down time in the summer? Check us out and connect.

Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.

Contact Homestay Manager Martina Brazeau MBrazeau@wvschools.ca 604.341.0515 for more information or visit our [webpage](#)

LANGARA'S EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM - Info Session June 13th 6-7:30 PM @ ILC

Interested in a career supporting children or already working as an Education Assistant in West Vancouver? This invitation is for you! - see attached for details

Community Events

Rotary Ride for Rescue - Jun 11, 2022 from 9 AM - 12 PM

The Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise & British Pacific Properties are proud to present The 11th Annual [Rotary Ride for Rescue](#).

Your fundraising efforts support North Shore Rescue and Rotary Humanitarian Causes.

North Shore Rescue responded to a record 226 calls for help last year and is British Columbia's busiest mountain search and rescue team. [Learn more](#) about the specific impact your fundraising dollars make.

What to Say to Kids (and Teens) When Nothing Seems to Work - June 16 @ 5-6 PM

This is a video of a live presentation by Dr. Ashley Miller, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Family Therapist and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Miller will share quick and effective strategies to help your child and you weather difficult moments in a way that strengthens resilience and relationships. Free Registration [here](#)

"Parenting in the Weeds" Thu, 16 June 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM

"Parenting in the Weeds" is an evidence based discussion on youth substance use and harm reduction. Join Foundry North Shore staff, in gaining a grounded understanding of the realities of substance use among youth, creating an environment for open and honest communication, as well as understanding what resources are available for youth and families. Free Registration: [here](#)

***For more Resources to help students during tough times:
visit the WV Schools website: [Mental Health Community Resources](#)***

ParticipACTION and the COMMUNITY BETTER CHALLENGE

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. It is open to everyone and all minutes tracked on the app and website from June 1-30 count toward a community's total score. At the conclusion of the challenge, one community will earn the top prize of \$100,000 and the title of being Canada's most active. In addition to the national winner, there will also be prizes of up to \$15,000 for the most active community in each province and territory. Shannon Penway is the Program Coordinator, Child & Family at the West Vancouver Community Centre who will be our contact person for all things ParticipACTION this year. spenway@westvancouver.ca 604-925-7221

West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner! This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 11 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>.

RECURRING ITEMS

LOST & FOUND - Please have your student come to the main office for lost valuables. We have had a number of items returned such as backpacks, jewellery, keys etc.

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 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 [Daily Health Check](#)

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 . 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'.

Online Registration Request Form for the 2022/23 Student Transportation is Open!

All Returning & New students' parents/guardians must submit an online request form for their eligible student(s). In order to adhere to legislated requirements to maintain accurate bus lists, registration is required for bus riders.

Registration must occur prior to **July 15** of each year through an online request form on the district's website to be considered during the bus routing process. Click [here](#) to register

NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Families that are moving or have other school plans for the 2022-23 school year are asked to inform your Rockridge counsellor, so that we can have an accurate forecast of our class sizes and new admissions.