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CALENDAR UPDATE	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
June 17	Last day to write the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment or make up missed Grad assessments
June 17	LAST DAY to Register for Summer Learning: <a href="#">Summer Learning Website</a>
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day 1:00 PM Senior Sports Day
June 24	Last Day of Instruction Gr 8-11 Awards Ceremony (grade 11@8:45, grade 10@10:15, grade 9@12:15 and grade 8@2:45)
June 27,28,29	Semester Turnaround Days
<b>ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE</b> <a href="#">CALENDAR</a>	

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ravens, we are really getting close to the end of this year's learning cycle. Just a reminder our last day of instruction is the 24th. (Please note the 27th, 28th and 29th are also available for students to connect with teachers, by appointment, to take care of any loose ends). I hope looking back through this year in the rear-view mirror you can see all the growth that we were so lucky to see in our students. I know these next few weeks will blur by as we start thinking about final reporting and school shutdown.

I would like to offer a few reminders to our students, please keep at it!! We are close but not there yet, please take care of their things (lockers, lost and found, text and library book returns etc.), watch for any updates in the announcements regarding end of year.

Finally, I would just like to follow up with my deepest thanks for the kind words and thoughts that have been shared with me. It really has been such a difficult decision to move to Squamish, I have honestly fallen in love with the school and the people in it. We really have such a strong staff, supportive parent community, and amazing students. Have a wonderful weekend!

### SECURITY OF PROPERTY AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

On the evening of June 9th during the Rockridge Music concert a car in the school parking lot was broken into. Stolen items included a laptop, iPad, iPhone, headphones and more. Please be advised to be vigilant. This was a 'daylight robbery' ....

### SCHOOL NEWS

## LAST WEEK OF CLASSES & AWARDS CEREMONY

Teachers will instruct and assess until the end of day June 24th. Please continue to attend all classes. Awards ceremony on Friday, June 24th during the school day (grade 11@8:45, grade 10@10:15, grade 9@12:15 and grade 8@2:45). Awards winners will be emailed early next week (parents/guardians are encouraged to attend) and we want all students to come and cheer them on. We will end the awards ceremony with a freezie treat for all in attendance.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCKRIDGE GRADUATES!

### GRAD

- **Commencement Photos** have arrived - Please pick up in the main office
- **Vases** from Banquet must be returned to the main office

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Myles Lindsay - Sunday June 26th at 2pm

Our Rockridge community has been invited to attend a celebration of life to remember and honour Myles Lindsay. Our celebration will take place on June 26th at 2 pm in our Rockridge gym. Our School and District counselling teams remain available to speak and counsel students and families during this difficult time. This helpful [link](#) can be a useful starting point when helping children deal with grief and loss. The BC Cancer Foundation presented the Lindsay family with [this video](#)

## 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.

This week and last, grade 9 students had an "Introduction to Personal Project" session in their Period 2-4 class. While students already learned a little bit about the personal project through their previous Careers assignments, this session provided them an explicit opportunity to brainstorm possible topics as well as get a clearer sense of the project framework. Students 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. **If your Gr. 9 child has English, Science, Math, Drama, French, or Art in 2-4 was absent from school the day of this session, please email our MYP Coordinator (contact info below) to schedule a make-up opportunity.**

### If you haven't already, 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.

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

## **ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS**

### **Senior Boys Rugby**

After finishing their league playoffs, the boys entered the BC Provincial Championships as the #8 seed in the province. Following a first-round loss to #1 seed Brentwood College School the boys were faced with a chance to play for 5<sup>th</sup> in the AA tier. The substitutes shone in a last minute 17-15 victory over DW Poppy School. The team finished off against perennial powerhouse Saint Michaels University School of Victoria. It was a high scoring game which saw Rockridge eventually prevail 33-21. Congratulations on a good result to finish in the top 5!

*Coach Zambon & Community Coaches*

### **Girls Rugby**

The girls rugby team teamed up with Sentinel to form a big team of 16 students. They had a record of 6 wins and 3 losses. The progress this team made was exceptional. Once they figured out how tough they were they became very effective and hard to defend. Their games were very exciting and team spirit was very supportive.

*Coach Armstrong*

### **Rockridge Mountain Bike Team**

The team had some solid finishes this year and performed really well at the league finals. Our Grade 9 boys came second in the league with big contributions from many members of the team. The team is hoping to keep the positive momentum going and make it to the Provincials for next year.

*Coach Ahmelich*

### **Rockridge Hockey**

The Rockridge Hockey team took to the ice after a COVID hiatus. This was a younger team with many grade 9's and one punky grade 8 in the mix. We also had to combine some North Shore talent from Collingwood, Carson, and Handsworth to complete the roster. The handful of 12's on the team showed their leadership on and off the ice. Some marking their names on the scoresheet, others showing their maturity in leading an 'End to Racism in Hockey' campaign with the other players from the league. Our record was not a good one this year and we were eventually bounced from the playoffs in 2 consecutive games. We lost to the eventual winner of the league, those stinky West Vancouver Highlanders. Thanks to all who came out to watch, to volunteer on the score clock, and those who committed to the team for the entire season.

*Coach Kim*

### **Rockridge Ultimate**

In their first season together, the Senior Ultimate team demonstrated exceptional growth, especially considering many players hadn't picked up a disc in years! With the support of student leader Ava Bl and community coach Deidre Baker, as well as guest coaches Charlotte Paterson and Max Peregoodoff, players competed in three tournaments and five league games throughout April and May. They wrapped up their season May 28-29 at the BC High School Ultimate Tournament, finishing in the top half of teams from around the province!

*Coach Langlois*

## **WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **West Vancouver Memorial Library**

- Keep your child reading through the summer with West Van Memorial Library's amazing Summer Reading Club - registration and more information on elementary [HERE](#) and secondary [HERE](#)
- The Library & our own West Vancouver DPAC have created a Summer Reading Inclusion Resources Hub featuring titles that can be read by the entire family. Link [HERE](#)

### **Community Events**

#### **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](mailto: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.

There is a bin located in the East wing staircase where Lost & Found clothing items are held. All students please collect these items before **June 24th**. Items not collected by the end of June will be donated to charity.

### **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**     [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](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'.

### **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.