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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 1: Mar 6 - 10	
Mar 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP Physics STEM to Kwantlen Polytechnic University ● Term 2 Linear Reports Posted ● JAZZ CAFE - 6PM (see poster attached)
Mar 6-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eco Cooks Program running in Foods Classes this week
Mar 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5 - Scavenger Hunt! ● Parent Teacher Virtual Conference - 2pm - 4:30pm
Mar 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kanata, Interact, & Dear Asian Youth host the INTERNATIONAL LUNCH!
Mar 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 8-9 Careers In-Person Presentation in Block 5
Mar 10	Yearbook Purchase Deadline Extended
UPCOMING	
SPRING BREAK - MAR 11 - 26	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We may be into the second semester of 2022-23, but I still consider myself the new principal at Rockridge. Throughout my first year at a school, each day is my first time at that point in the year. So, while I now have experience with being a secondary school principal from September to March 1st . . . March 2nd is my first experience at this point of the school year. I was thinking about this scenario on Tuesday, during our first snow day of the year. Snow days are a great example of something I am familiar with communicating and managing, but not from the context of Rockridge. A new section in the E-Bulletin this week is called *Grad News*. Again, I have experience with secondary school graduation, but not from personal experience here at Rockridge. I share this reflection with you now as it provides important context for my own learning journey this year. As I look ahead to each new day, week and month, my goal is not only to be an effective school leader, but also a communicator. You could say our E-Bulletin and other school communications are something I strive to make helpful, and from the perspective that this may also be your first year at Rockridge. So, whether you are *new* like me, or you are a veteran of the Rockridge family, I hope you are feeling informed, inspired and proud of the news

we have to share this week.

One of the important roles I enjoy as principal is celebrating and communicating student opportunities and successes. This week I wanted to make note of a couple successful events that you may not be aware of. Last Wednesday's participation of Rockridge students in the University of Waterloo Math Contest was quite significant and even more students entered than originally anticipated. A total of 56 students spanning grade 8 through 11 wrote the exam and are now awaiting their results. The Math Department is hosting another contest next month - the Euclid Math Contest that will take place on Tuesday, April 4th from 10:00 am- 12:30 pm in the library. For this contest the participants are mainly grade 12 students but students from other grades are able to participate.

Another event I wanted to highlight is from last Friday. Indigenous students from all four West Vancouver secondary schools (Rockridge, Sentinel, WVSS and Inglewood) enjoyed a special trip to UBC to learn more about what post-secondary education has to offer them next year and beyond. *Indigenous Experience UBC* welcomed hundreds of local Indigenous high school students in grades 9-12 to UBC's Vancouver campus. The students had a chance to explore the campus, meet the Indigenous campus community, learn about various programs, and have some fun and enjoy a catered lunch with their peers!

Once again, I appreciate the time you take to scroll down through our weekly E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. Again, please take a moment to browse this week's Raven Life for our most recent special student and staff learning stories.

ROCKRIDGE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS PRESENT JAZZ CAFE 2023 - TONIGHT, Thursday, March 2nd

- Doors open at 6 pm, music starts at 6:30 pm.
- Player's Hall has been transformed into our very own jazz café, with candlelit tables, coffee, tea and refreshments.
- Tickets for the event are \$15, payable through this schoolcash online link:
<https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/22594/105/False/True>

ROCKRIDGE INTERNATIONAL LUNCH IS BACK! March 8th - Player's Hall

On behalf of our Kanata, Interact, and Dear Asian Youth Clubs we are excited to let you know after a 2-year hiatus our annual International Lunch is back! The International Lunch has been a Rockridge tradition for over 20 years and we have been very grateful for the delicacies that Rockridge families have contributed to help make this event a success. In previous years we have sold over 300 plates of food and we are hoping to offer a variety of dishes again this year. We would greatly appreciate your contribution to our lunch. Students who contribute food will be given 5 free tickets and service hours. Details and sign up can be found here: <https://bit.ly/Internationallunch2023>

Please sign up by March 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Coulthard at ccoulthard@wvschools.ca

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES Tues, March 7th from 2:00-4:30 pm (Virtual through google meet)

Sign up for semester 2 parent teacher conferences will be open until March 5th @10pm on this site <http://rss.schoolappointments.com>.

Student Early Dismissal: 12:45pm All Students Dismissed

which facilitates the parent teacher conferences running from 2pm - 4:30pm. See details below:

Note: School Bus Riders dismissed at 11:55am for **12:00pm Bus Departure**

Schedule Tuesday, Mar 7th

Tuesday
Period 3 8:30-10:10
Break 10:10-10:15
Period 4 10:15-11:55
X Block/FIT 11:55-12:45
Lunch 12:45-1:20
PT Conferences 2:00-4:30pm

STUDENT REPORTS PUBLISHED TODAY

- Term 2 Linear reports will be published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal today, **Thursday, March 2nd**. You should receive an email with instructions and a link to take you to the MyEd Portal. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

2023-24 COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION

To access the recent course planning presentations you can find the slideshows, forms, course indexes and AP/Special programs video [HERE](#). All students should by now have submitted/uploaded their course requests for next year. To view your student's requests please see [the navigation page - scroll down - MyEd Viewing Student Course Requests](#).

If your account has been disabled from password reset - please email msmithers@wvschools.ca or jtowers@wvschools.ca

BLOCK 5 UPDATES & GRADE 8 ADVISORY DATES

Our Tuesday and Thursday schedule provides ongoing opportunities for students to use their time to focus on their individual curricular needs. It is also where our Gr. 8 & 9 students have Careers presentations scheduled. Here are the upcoming dates for scheduled presentations, along with the semester 2 Grade 8 Advisory Dates:

GR. 8/9 CAREERS DATES FOR BLOCK 5		GR. 8 ADVISORY DATES	
TUESDAY	THURSDAY		
	March 9	Advisory #9	Tue., March 7
April 4	April 20	Advisory #10	Thu., March 30
May 2	May 18	Advisory #11	Thu., April 13
May 30	June 15	Advisory #12	Tue., April 25
		Advisory #13	Tue., May 9
		Advisory #14	Thu., May 25

Teacher locations during Block 5: bit.ly/rrFITlocations22 This list will help students plan effective use of their flexible instruction time.

Semester one was filled with grade 8 homeroom activities and competitions that were led by our Mentorship 10 students.

We will Be wrapping up our RAVENS competition with a scavenger hunt on Tuesday, March 7th (12-12:45pm – PT Conference schedule) and a PIZZA treat for the final winning team at lunch on Thursday, March 9th. Students who need to take the bus on March 7th at noon will have an opportunity to join the scavenger hunt digitally later on that day at a time that is suitable for them. Currently the **Adaptable Black Penguins** are in the lead, but it's still anyone's game!!!

Grade 8 Homeroom	Homeroom Points
RESILIENT Red Bulls	1360
ADAPTABLE Black Penguins	3110
VALIANT White Polar Bears	2345

EMPATHETIC Yellow Blobfish	1905
NOBLE Orange Tigers	2810
SUPPORTIVE Green Snakes	2205

After spring break, grade 8s will be asked to choose their room of interest where they will have an opportunity to connect with grade 10 mentors on similar passions and interests. More information about these **interest clusters**, activities and locations will be communicated in these upcoming weeks so stay tuned.

GRADUATION NEWS

- ❖ Grad Gowns (Friday, March 3rd) Graduates are asked to complete [this sizing form](#) and to submit it by Friday, March 3rd.
- ❖ Yearbook Write-Up (Monday, March 6th) Graduates are asked to complete [this Gr.12 Yearbook Write-up form](#) by Monday, March 6th.
- ❖ Rockridge & District Scholarships (Tuesday, April 11th)

Graduates have been encouraged to apply for our Rockridge & District scholarships by following the instructions on [this document](#). All applications will be due on Tuesday, April 11th 2023 @ 4pm.

YEARBOOK - Extended FINAL order deadline to guarantee your yearbook- March 10th

We are extending the final order deadline for the books until Friday, March 10th! If you do not order a book before then, we cannot guarantee that a book will be available for you. Order yours now on [School Cash online](#) for \$50!

RAVENS ATHLETICS

If you would like to play for a school team this spring, look at the Google Class code board outside the Athletics office. Hint: You will be able to spot this on the [pink poster](#).

Rockridge Basketball -Players please return all uniforms to your coaches or Mr. Armstrong.

Rockridge Tennis Google Classroom Code: [go3awf3](#) Coaches: Ms. Neacs (W110) or Ms. Rinfret (W116)

Mountain Bike Team - Google Class code [rz55ubo](#) Racing begins in April.

Complete and return these forms ([registration](#) & [volunteer driver](#)) if interested, racing begins in April
Coaches: Mr. Ahmelich (Counselling) and Ms. Ferrajohn (Careers)

Badminton

- **Badminton Team** Google Class code: [qszipv](#) first practice TODAY after school.

- **Badminton Club** (non-competitive) Google Class code: [V55ioaa](#)

Girls Soccer Google Class code **Junior:** [zbq3rjt](#), Google Class code **Senior:** [Vybw6vb](#)

- Junior Girls Soccer tryouts are Friday March 3rd. At 3pm in the gym.

Rockridge Junior/Senior Ultimate Frisbee Google Class code: [btp5fxk](#)

If you are interested in Junior or Senior Ultimate Frisbee teams, sign up outside Mr. Armstrong's door.

Grade 8-9 boys volleyball Google Class code: [oxbzhea](#) Practice this Friday March 3 at 7:30 am

Rockridge Golf - Contact Coach Mr. Taguchi: TTaguchi@wvschools.ca

Rockridge Ice Hockey Google Classroom Code: [owc2sjg](#)

All forms, payment, and jersey deposit due to Mr. Kim by this Friday March 3, 2023.

Girls Rugby Google Class code: [kh2kmw4](#)

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Due to low numbers at the first 2 weeks of practice, the juniors will be playing with the seniors. see Mr. Zambon or Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca

Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Twitter: [Rockridge Secondary Twitter](#)
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram: [@rockridgess](#)
- Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca if you have questions regarding our Athletics program.

*Our student athletes should be members of their team's Google Classroom for full team schedules and messages.

ENVIRO CLUB FUNDRAISER FOR THE GARDEN

The Make it Sow fundraiser is back! If you would like to purchase seeds for your own garden in support of ours please go to this site <https://makeitsow.com/shop/#code-submission> and enter this code **RSSEC_2023**. The fundraiser **closes on March 5th** - with seeds to be picked up after Spring Break.

ROCKRIDGE OUTDOOR GATHERING AREA - PAC Final Fundraising Campaign

Our PAC needs your help to make the Rockridge covered outdoor student gathering area a reality. You can learn more about the final steps of this project by viewing our [digital flyer](#). You can make donations through School Cash Online [SCO](#)

UNIVERSITY of WATERLOO Euclid Math contest Tues Apr 4th, 10:00 am– 12:30 pm (2.5 hours)

This contest is recommended for grade 12 however students in lower grades may attempt it) takes place on Tuesday April 4th, 2023, from 10:00 am– 12:30 pm (2.5 hours) in the library. 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 \$18.00 on School Cash Online by March 9 at 3:00 pm.

For practice, please see past contests at: https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html

GRADE 8s RETURN TO CAMP SUMMIT - May 3-5

Please attend our [parent info night](#) - March 30th @ 6pm virtually through [google meet](#). Permission forms will go out to students during block 2-2 classes that week and are due along with the payment through school cash online - April 14th.

GRADE 10s write the GNA - April 24-28

Starting April 3rd - students can confirm their date to write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment as it will be posted on the Grad class of 2025 google classroom. In the mean time they can prepare by going to this site <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment> to see Videos, Exemplars and specifications and this site <https://bced.vretta.com/#/en/bced-landing/grad/sample/numeracy10> to complete sample assessment A and B.

NOTE: If any grade 10-12s wish to rewrite any previous grad assessments please reach out to Ms. Towers jtowers@wvschools.ca. If a student has missed a Grad assessment in a previous session - they will be contacted.

AWARDS 2022-23 - Held on June 26th

It is time to start nominating yourself for a major Rockridge award- **Principal's Awards of Merit, Rockridge Prestige Award (Athletics or Fine Arts), Caulfeild Village Merchant Community Spirit Award, Morgan Backhouse Award, Rock Solid Award and Service Award**. To prepare for future scholarship applications, we are asking grade 8-11 students to fill out the appropriate forms (linked [HERE](#)) in order to be recognized for a major award for the 2022-23 school year. Teachers will continue to nominate students for subject recognition awards but will no longer nominate for major awards but instead review the applications to determine the rightful winners. You will find descriptions of the awards and links to the application forms [HERE](#). Applications are due **May 28th @midnight**.

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS

WV Schools Presents Community Art Showcase - March 6th, 6:30-8:00 pm - Kay Meek - click [here](#)

All proceeds of this fundraiser will support

- Cinderella Project
- Downie Wenjack Legacy
- Schools & West Vancouver Schools
- Community ARTs Program

Parents as Education and Career Coaches - March 8, 2023 - 6:30-8:30 pm - MS Teams

EducationPlannerBC and West Vancouver Schools invite parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual workshop. Learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. All parents and supporters of high school students are welcome, but the presentation is especially helpful for those with students in Grades 10-12.

The session is engaging and informative, and includes a Q&A.

Topics include:

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions & credentials
- Program and admission requirements & key dates
- Financial assistance options & scholarships
- Navigating resources and the application process through our website www.EducationPlannerBC.ca

Hosted on MS Teams webinar. [Registration](#) is required.

For more information: support@educationplannerbc.ca

Contact: Leesa Alldred: LAlldred@wvschools.ca

FAST (FIRST AID SWIM TRAINING) - 2023-2024 Application deadline Friday, March 10th at 3:00 pm.

FAST is a young lifeguard education program that allows students to develop the essential skills to be successful and confident lifeguards. At the completion of the FAST program students will have obtained all of the required certification prerequisites necessary to enroll in the National Lifeguard Course, which students can take independently when they are 15 years of age or older. Completion of the National Lifeguard Course is the final credential necessary to qualify an individual to work as a lifeguard.

In addition to developing strong first aid skills, the FAST program also focuses on providing students with a practical foundation in resistance and cardiovascular training, swimming, stroke-development and leadership. Please [click this link](#) to learn more and to apply to the program.

2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on **Monday, April 3 at 8:00 a.m.** For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Host Families Needed for International Students – Exciting 2024 Fee Increase

[Apply now](#) and welcome a student for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

Did you know?

- 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.
- Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Don't miss out, placing students starts now. See below message from an actual student letter joining our program this fall. Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members.

"I genuinely believe that Canada is the place where I belong. It has everything I'm looking for: contact with nature, beautiful landscapes, friendly people, security, and excellent public schools. But the main reason why I chose Canada is the people; I will be welcome and feel at home"

Call Homestay Manager Martina Brazeau for more information at 604.341.0515 or visit our [web pages](#)

STUDENT WORKER Summer Learning Job Opportunity - International Programs - see attached

Looking for mature senior student leaders (currently in grade 10 and 11) at our secondary schools who provide leadership to our international students to be successful. They help the international students become familiar with our local schools, community, and culture. Successful candidates should be available from August 22, 2023 to August 31, 2023. There may be additional opportunities to work with International Programs during the school year.

WVS PREMIER SPORTS ACADEMIES

The WVS Premier Sports Academies are accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Please see the attached list of Academies noting information evenings and registration dates.

VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY TRYOUTS

Wednesday March 29th 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary New Gym

Thursday March 30th 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary New Gym

BASKETBALL ACADEMY TRYOUTS

Tuesday April 4th (RTC 1 & 2) 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary Old Gym

Wednesday April 5th (Development) - 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary Old Gym

NEW COURSE OFFERING - Computer Information Systems 12: Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence

Open to students from all three secondary schools, while priority is given to students entering Grade 12 in September, Grade 11s may also apply. Click [here](#) for details

2023-2024 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES - Application Deadline: Friday, March 10, 2023

To learn more about the program [visit this site](#) and to [apply click here](#). If you have any questions, email Akina Weitzel: Aweitzel@wvschools.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

VSO Education and Community Engagement Programs:

Relaxed Performance March 16th at 11:30am at the Orpheum. (During Spring Break)

Children of all ages, families, all neurodivergent community members, and those who simply want a more relaxed performance experience are welcome to this one-hour, sensory-friendly performance. Relaxed Performances have become a defined term in the performing arts, as performances specially designed to welcome a neurodiverse audience, and audiences that may perceive stresses or barriers in a more formal concert setting.

Relaxed performance is part of the dress rehearsal before a concert. Just like a concert, the orchestra runs through their program in an informal setting.

Please check this [link](#) for further information and tickets

Girls Exploring Physics event for grade 9 & 10- March 23, 2023 9:45 am -2:45 pm @ SFU

Simon Fraser University is hosting a *Girls Exploring Physics* event for grade 9 and 10 female-identifying and non-binary students interested in learning more about physics through two hands-on activities and a tour of the Trottier Astronomical Observatory & Science Courtyard. Lunch will be provided for the event which will run from 9:45 am to 2:45 pm. More information can be found [here](#) and you can register [here](#)

BECOME A CAMP IGNITE PARTICIPANT - CALLING ALL GRADE 11 & 12 GIRLS IN B.C.!

Become a Camp Ignite Participant. Girls in Grade 11 & 12 are invited to apply for this unique opportunity to train at the Vancouver Fire Rescue Centre for 3 days - apply <https://campignite.com/join-us>

RECURRING NEWS ITEMS

BEAT THE VAPE A Smoking Cessation Club at The Rock

Supporting students with making healthy and safe choices is important and challenging work. We know that educating and supporting adolescents around substance use and reduction requires student buy-in and engagement, but also adult expertise. With this in mind, we are pleased to introduce a new club opportunity for students at Rockridge called Beat the Vape. In partnership with VCH Tobacco & Vapour Reduction members, our Youth Worker, Leanne will be piloting a seven-week club during Block 5 for students who would like support to quit vaping.

Beat the Vape Information for Students and Families:

1. The club began on Tuesday, February 14th at 1:15 to 2:00pm *during Block 5*
2. The club will meet weekly on Tuesdays for 7 weeks in G-201
3. We have 10 spaces available for students to join for this session.
4. Students who would like to join can sign up directly with Leanne by visiting our counselling office or by emailing her.
5. Parents/guardians who would like to have their student attend can contact Leanne via email at LWarner@wvschools.ca or Garth Thomson GThomson@wvschools.ca, Jennifer Towers JTowers@wvschools.ca or Trevor Kolkea TKolkea@wvschools.ca
6. Parents/guardians will be important partners in our club to help support student attendance to be successful in achieving their goals

More about the program: The Lung Health Foundation smoking and vaping cessation program targets youth ages 14-19 who are interested in quitting. The program offers a self-directed, stage-by-stage quit plan based on whether users want to quit smoking, vaping or both. It includes customizations to support the user on their individual quit journey based on their unique quit goals. This adult-facilitated program portions are integrated with both the Quash website and mobile app tools.

Annual Winter Weather Reminder: Use this link for information about the communication of weather closures and procedures: [SCHOOL DISTRICT WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES](#)

District Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding grant for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities. Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Kolkea if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

Health & Safety

We want to ensure all our families know that the wellness of our Rockridge community is always top of mind. There are three simple reminders we continue to share with staff, students and caregivers:

1. Hand hygiene is an effective means to prevent illness.
2. Wearing a mask is always an option for members of our school community.
3. If you are not well, stay home, rest and return when you are better. Students can use Google Classroom, contact their teacher or classmates to keep up with assignments.
4. **Cold & Flu Season** - When to keep your child home from school - click [here](#)

SchoolCash Online - Student Fees

Rockridge uses School Cash Online for school items requiring payment. This system is utilized throughout the West Vancouver School District, and you and your child will continue to receive payment requests in this manner. If you are new to the WV School District and have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a temporary PIN number to be used the first time you log in, then you will be prompted to 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.

Excused Absences and Early Dismissals

If a student will be late for school or missing a block, 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'.

Automated phone calls/emails are sent home when students are absent from a class. This includes all Block 5 classes for grade 8s and Careers presentation classes for grade 8 and 9. The automated call system does not specifically explain which block a student missed, so we do ask that parents/guardians discuss any unexpected absence calls with the student first, then call our office with further questions.

Policies & Procedures Form 2022-2023 - <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be completed for all students each year. If a parent previously created an account to complete the 21/22 form, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. Once logged in, parents have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please be aware that a new P+P consent form **MUST** be completed for each student, each school year. Without a completed consent form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

Student Verification & Emergency Release Forms

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

MyEducation BC & BC Services Cards

MyEducation BC has developed a new feature that provides BC students and parents with the choice to connect their BC services card to MyEducation BC and use the BC services card app, rather than the district issued username and password. Please see the [MyEducation BC Family Portal](#) on the West Vancouver Schools Website and select 'Student Portal Guides' or 'Family Portal Guides' as appropriate for further information.