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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 2: Apr 11-14	
UPCOMING	
Apr 5-6, 12-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TC Production: Talent Show Fail - evening performances at Kay Meek Centre</li> </ul>
Apr 7-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Easter Holiday</li> </ul>
Apr 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rockridge &amp; WV District Scholarship Deadline - see details below in Grad News</li> <li>● MYP Collaboration Day - 12:40pm Dismissal (Buses depart at 12pm)</li> </ul>
Apr 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5</li> <li>● Graduation Presentation - see details below in Grad News</li> </ul>
May 1st-19th - <a href="#">AP Exam Schedule</a>	
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WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the Easter weekend ahead, we hope our Raven community has been able to make some plans to stay connected with one another. Managing through challenging and emotional times cannot be done alone. While a long weekend can be exciting for some, it may feel long for others.

For our students, staff and family members who have been impacted by the recent tragedy, we encourage you to check in with yourself and each other so that you can talk, or simply share a common space with friends and family. The strength in our community are the connections we already have, but also the new ones we may need as we navigate our way through difficult times. With this in mind, our team here at Rockridge, our school district and community teams want to ensure you have a variety of resources and contacts on hand.

- Foundry North Shore: 211 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, North Vancouver, (604) 984-5060
  - Lara is the Counselling Team Lead @ [Foundry](#) and wants you to know students can email her and she will personally schedule appointments for you. Reach out to her at [Lara.wease@vch.ca](mailto:Lara.wease@vch.ca)
- Crisis Centre: 604-872-3311 or online chat [youthinbc.com](https://youthinbc.com)
- Intensive Youth Outreach Service (iYOS): urgent line 604-984-3884

- Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT): 1-888-261-7228 or text 778-839-1831
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- [FamilySmart.ca](https://www.family-smart.ca) 1 (855) 887 8004

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Once again, I want to express my appreciation for the time you take to scroll down through our weekly E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. Be sure to check out this week's **Raven Life** attachment that is full of new photos and captions celebrating our student's participation in special events, sports and learning here at Rockridge this week.

### **ROCKRIDGE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS - Tonight and Next Week!**

*Come enjoy this hilarious and heartwarming comedy called **Talent Show Fail**. It's a story about a small town desperate to save their undriveable roads by raising money with a talent show. The only problem is, the residents have no talent, but what the town of Holly Springs lacks in roads, they make up for in delusion!*

**When:** April 5, 6, 12, 13 @ 7:30pm

**Where:** Kay Meek Performing Arts Centre, Grosvenor Stage

**Tickets:** [School Cash Online](#)

Please click on 'Raven life' to view the Production poster

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

Permission forms were handed out to students last week. Forms must be returned to Period 2 teachers and payment is due through school cash online by **April 14th**. If you have any questions, please contact Trevor Kolkea [TKolkea@wvschools.ca](mailto:TKolkea@wvschools.ca) or Jennifer Towers [JTowers@wvschools.ca](mailto:JTowers@wvschools.ca) We are hoping for all students from our class of 2027 to attend this special field trip experience.

### **GRADE 8 FINE ART AND ADST LEARNING UPDATE PUBLISHED APRIL 6**

A Learning Update (Report Card) for Grade 8 first Fine Arts and ADST Rotation will be published late tonight on the [MYEDBC Portal](#).

### **STUDENT PARKING - IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Students parking in the Rockridge student designated lot MUST display a decal, which can be purchased from the office for \$25. There have regularly been far more cars parked than decals purchased, and some students that have purchased decals are finding no spots available when they arrive. Please ensure that you have purchased your decal from the office.

### **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION 2023 STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY – Gr 10 & 12 Parents**

During the month of April Grade 10 and 12 parents /guardians are invited to complete the Student Learning Survey 2023 at the following link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp> . The Student Learning Survey gathers information 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. To easily navigate to the Parent Log on screen please follow these directions:

1. Click on the link above
2. Scroll down to the “parent section” and use the “Direct Access – No Logon number” on the right side.
3. Complete the drop-down selections for School District 45, Rockridge, then Log on.

**Trouble?**

4. See the image of the parent section Direct Access [here](#)
5. Please contact our school office at 604-981-1300 if you need assistance.

**COLLAB BLOCK SCHEDULE & EARLY DISMISSAL - See Schedule Below**

Please note buses will leave at noon so that students can catch the 12:35pm Bowen ferry. To give the teachers the opportunity to fully focus on their MYP collaboration, we ask that if students remain in the building, they quietly work/study in the common area learning spaces available around the school. The classrooms and library will be off limits.

<b>MYP Collab Tues, Nov 22</b>
Block 2 <b>8:30-10:10</b>
Break <b>10:10-10:15</b>
Block 1 <b>10:15-11:55</b>
Bus Departs <b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Block 5 11:55-12:40</b>
Lunch <b>12:40-1:20</b>
MYP Collab <b>1:20-2:50</b>

**2023-24 COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION**

Course planning presentations can be helpful to review throughout the spring. 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 as they are now past due **March 26th**.

Access for students to add/change their requests has been disabled in MyEd. Students will have to connect directly with their counsellors regarding course selections moving forward.”

To view your student’s requests please see [the navigation instructions](#) - scroll down - *MyEd Viewing Student Course Requests*.

If your student or parent account has been disabled from password reset - please email [msmithers@wvschools.ca](mailto:msmithers@wvschools.ca) or [jtowers@wvschools.ca](mailto:jtowers@wvschools.ca) or [gthomson@wvschools.ca](mailto:gthomson@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 two Grade 8 Advisory Dates:

GR. 8/9 CAREERS DATES FOR BLOCK 5		GR. 8 ADVISORY DATES	
TUESDAY	THURSDAY		
May 2	April 20	Advisory #11	Thu., April 13
May 30	May 18	Advisory #12	Tue., April 25
	June 15	Advisory #13	Tue., May 9
		Advisory #14	Thu., May 25
		Advisory #15	Thurs. June 8 <sup>th</sup>
		Advisory #16	Tues. June 20 <sup>th</sup>

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

**GRADE 8 ADVISORY**

Advisory days for grade 8’s have taken on a new theme for the final weeks of semester two. Students are asked to choose their room of interest and attend where they will have an opportunity to connect with grade 10 mentors on similar passions and interests. Please see the list of Locations and mentors [here](#).

## GRADUATION NEWS

- ❖ Rockridge & District Scholarships (Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ Grad info assembly - April 13<sup>th</sup> at the end of block 2-4 (12:00pm)

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 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 4pm.

## GRADE 10s write the GNA - April 24-28

**Starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 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 meantime, they can prepare by going to this [site](#) to see Videos, Exemplars and specifications and this [site](#) 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup> @midnight**.

## RAVENS ATHLETICS

**Rockridge Basketball UNIFORM RETURN** - to your coach or the main office.

- Please label all uniforms with the student's name and team.

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

While our senior tennis team lost to the Sentinel School Team yesterday, it was still a great day for tennis. The matches were well played and filled with great performances from both sides. Despite the results, our players showed true sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following tennis players: Nathan T, Moritz B, Harry T, Chris W, Isaac O, Amelia D, Chiara G, Vittoria C, Noemi K and Heidi K.

**Mountain Bike Team** - Google Class code [rz55ubo](#)

First race of the season at Mt. Fromme Wed April 12<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at Fromme parking lot at 3pm.

Coaches: Mr. Ahmelich (Counselling) and Ms. Ferrajohn (Careers)

**Rockridge Senior Ultimate Frisbee** Google Class code: [btp5fxk](#) First competition today.

## **Badminton**

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

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

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

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

**Rockridge Golf** - Contact Coach Mr. Taguchi: [TTaguchi@wvschools.ca](mailto:TTaguchi@wvschools.ca)

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

The young Rockridge squad faced a strong West Van team and were soundly defeated. We were without our starting goalie and our backup was a grade 9 female goalie from WV Secondary. Our next game is at WV Arena next Thursday 2:30 PM vs Carson Graham. All games and statistics can be found at [NSHSHL](#)

**Boys Rugby Gr 10-12** -Coach Mr. Zambon

### **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](mailto: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.

## **WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS**

**[Dissolve - Wednesday, April 19, 7pm - Doors open at 6:30 pm - Rockridge Secondary](#)**

### **An evening performance**

**Written by Meghan Gardiner, Directed by Renée Iaci, and Starring Emmelia Gordon.**

**Presented by West Vancouver Schools, North Vancouver School District, and Family Services of the North Shore.**

Dissolve addresses the serious issues of sexual consent, drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault from a darkly humorous perspective. Following a college girl on a night out, moving back and forth from home to bar scenes, one actress plays 16 characters, both comic and dramatic. Night turns to morning, and "Anygirl" awakens from her ordeal, disoriented.

The show is designed to provoke thought and dialogue around drink spiking and consent and challenge our thinking and behaviour surrounding these topics.

The show is 45 minutes long and a talkback will follow the performance with Family Services of the North Shore Sexual Assault Response team. Tickets are free of charge. Registration is required through [Evenbrite](#)

*Dissolve is best suited for mature adolescents and their accompanying caregivers due to sensitive content, and strong language. While there is no graphic visuals or descriptions, Dissolve does include references to gender-based violence, victim blaming, and drug facilitated sexual assault which may be upsetting to some viewers.*

*If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence, support is available through the **Family Services of the North Shore's Sexual Assault Response Program** by contacting 604-924-7676. <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/>*

### **Hayley Watson Learning Opportunities - 7 - 8:30 pm Monday, April 24 @ Kay Meek**

Open Parachute founder Hayley Watson is returning to West Vancouver to facilitate a session. In this session, you will be taught skills for building mental health resilience in your child, so they can navigate the challenges they face throughout their academic journey.

Please see the following link for details: [DPAC parent session](#)

### **2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools**

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2023.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 3 at 8:00 AM.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

### **2023-2024 ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

The West Van Schools Baseball, Field Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Academies are open for registration!

Please visit the links below for further information on these exciting programs:

- [Baseball](#)
- [Field Hockey](#)
- [Rugby](#)
- [Soccer](#)

### **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](#)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ATTENTION DOG WALKERS

The Rockridge sports field is a classroom space, used by classes and teams, many of which will begin regular practices and games in our first week back. There has been a large amount of Dog Poop that is not only a distraction and slipping hazard, but also a health issue. We remind our community members that West Vancouver Bylaw prohibits dogs on the field and thank you for your cooperation in respecting this outdoor classroom space.

### The West Vancouver Youth Services team will soon be facilitating Teen Y-Minds!

This mental wellness program, for youth ages 13-18, teaches tools for managing anxiety, stress, and other difficult emotions.

Program start/end: April 4 - May 16

Meeting days: Every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Meeting location: Youth Hub at Park Royal (706 Main Street)

Other perks:

- free dinner provided every week.
- End of program outing that we will decide as a group.
- Meet like-minded youth
- Learn more about yourself and what coping strategies work for you!

**Sign up for our information session to learn more: [Y-Mind Teen Information Session](#)**

**Questions may be directed to Shakila Amiri at [samiri@westvancouver.ca](mailto:samiri@westvancouver.ca)**

**We invite you to join us for this free Community event in celebration of Earth Day 2023 and encourage you to spread the word to others who might be interested in this important topic.**

### **A CONVERSATION WITH MP ELIZABETH MAY ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE - April 14 from 7 – 9 pm**

**This event is hosted by The Canadian Federation of University Women, West Vancouver.**

**Everyone is Welcome**

- **The Great Hall, Kiwanis Garden Village, 975 21 St. WV**
- **Parking: available at West Van Recreation Centre, entrance off Gordon Ave**

Community residents and environmental advocates alike will have the opportunity to hear in person from a prominent leader in the fight against climate change, MP Elizabeth May. As one of Canada's foremost experts on environmental policy, Elizabeth May has spent decades advocating for strong and



decisive action on climate change. Her tireless efforts have helped to put this important issue at the forefront of public discourse. Elizabeth continues to drive for the creation of numerous policies and initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting our planet's fragile ecosystems.

Contact us at [cfuw.westvan@gmail.com](mailto:cfuw.westvan@gmail.com) for further information. Website: [cfuwwestvan.ca](http://cfuwwestvan.ca)

### **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**

### **MYED Family Portal - Accessing Student Reports**

To access student reports that have been published to the MyEd BC Parent Portal please use the email instructions sent directly to you which includes a link to the MyEd Portal. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

### **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](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.

### **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](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'.

*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.*

### **Extended Absences**

Daily attendance is critical to ensure student success. **We do not recommend** absences during the school term. Certain classroom activities and assessments may not be able to be made up if missed.

Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using this [form](#) for an extended absence. Teachers are not required to provide extra classes, make-up tests or specific work to be completed.

### **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 student at the beginning of the school year. If they are still at your home, please return them so 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.