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April 13, 2023

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 1: Apr 17-21	
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>
Mon, Apr 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous Students to Cheakamus Centre</li> </ul>
Tue, Apr 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls' Fit PE to Base 5 Climbing Centre</li> </ul>
Wed, Apr 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mtn. Bike Team Racing at Cap U</li> <li>Gr. 11 Presentation - 1:30pm - Dissolve</li> <li>Dissolve, an Evening Presentation - 7pm RR Player's Hall - see info below</li> </ul>
Thu, Apr 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr. 8/9 Careers Presentation in Block 5</li> <li>Sr. Rugby Game @ Klahani</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
Sat, Apr 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drumline Saturday Camp - 10am</li> </ul>
May 1st-19th - <a href="#">AP Exam Schedule</a>	
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I often find myself saying “we do five days in a four-day week after a long weekend.” That may be more of a principal, or staff member feeling, but I do appreciate that our students may also feel like they have jumped into a big week after Easter. Classes are coming up to the mid-term of the semester, so it is a good time for students to be reviewing and preparing for assessments that will be happening before the end of April. This week I have spent some longer visits in classes from grade 8 to 12 and continue to appreciate the focus and dedication that our students demonstrate under the guidance of our teachers. Student learning and success is truly a balance of many factors that impact our Ravens. Managing time, energy and emotions is just one layer of what students prioritize to keep doing their best in their classes. Without looking too far into the future, with the sun shining today and mid-term around the corner, it is not hard to picture June arriving before we know it. Until then, I will continue to look forward to seeing our Ravens supporting, encouraging, and celebrating one another throughout the day from classrooms to the rugby field and from the soccer pitch to Players Hall.

Thank you for reading this week's E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. Be sure to check out another new **Raven Life** attachment with updated photos and captions celebrating our students' participation in special events, sports and learning here at Rockridge this week.

### **ROCKRIDGE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS - Final Show Tonight!**

*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:** Tonight @ 7:30pm

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

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

What People are Saying:

*"Just wanted to give a huge shoutout to **Lindsay Corbett and the Rockridge Theatre Company** for such a FUN show!! I highly suggest going tonight if you haven't already. Take your friends, take your family! My kids absolutely loved it, in fact my son is begging to go again 😊"*

*"Yes - it was hilarious!"*

*"Give the performers a big congratulations on a fabulous show!"*

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

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

**Tomorrow:** 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 were published at the end of last week on the [MYEDBC Portal](#).

### **DISSOLVE - A Live Performance for Families**

Rockridge will host the following live performance for our Grade 11 students and the general public on Wednesday, April 19th in Player's Hall at Rockridge. . Grade 11's will attend a showing at 1:30pm while the general public is invited to attend the 7:00pm showing.



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 [Eventbrite](#)

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.

*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/>*

### **The UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO GAUSS Math contest (grade 8 age) Wednesday, May 17th, 2023**

Rockridge Library from 12:15 – 1:15 pm (1 hour). 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 \$5.00 on School Cash Online by April 24th.

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

### **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.

**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**

- ❖ **Grad Banquet** (June 24th @ the Bayshore) - tickets go on sale **April 24th** through school cash online. Table captains will fill out the table request google form (starting **May 8th** through the grad class of 2023 google classroom) - full names and proof payment for all table members are

required to complete the form. Table selection begins the week of **May 28th** at lunch. Tables can only be selected by those that have completed the table request google form completely.

❖ **Graduation Singers/Performers (Thursday, April 27th)**

Interested graduates are asked to audition for graduation performances on **Thursday, April 27th @ lunch** in the Drama Room. Chosen performers will perform at the Westin Bayshore during your graduation banquet.

❖ **Valedictorian applications due (May 1st to Ms. Rinfet in LSP W116)**

❖ **Graduation Commencement - June 11th @11am - tickets \$15 go on sale June 1st**

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

Students can confirm their date to write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment through the Grad class of 2025 google classroom. Please prepare for the assessment 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 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**.

### **RAVENS ATHLETICS**

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

Yesterday, Rockridge played the West Vancouver Secondary team and we are pleased to report that we were extremely successful, winning 4 - 3. All members of the team played well, Jack D. and Chiara C for both singles won 6 – 0 and in boys singles, Nathan T. and Harry T. won 6-1. The mixed double tennis match was a pleasure to watch, with Jack D. and Chiara C. winning 6-0. We are proud of all team members' sportsmanlike play yesterday, including Noemi K., Heidi K., Marin E., and Hanshu Z. Well done Ravens!

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

The team had their first race of the season with some strong performances from the team members. Next race is at Richard Jury on Wednesday.

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

**Rockridge Senior Ultimate Frisbee** Google Class code: [btp5fxk](#) Great turn out for our 1st 2 games - 4 more to go. Next practice tomorrow after school on the field.

## **Badminton**

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

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

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

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

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

There is no tiering in the NSHSHL. As a small school, we allow our younger players to experience playing with seniors. Our goal this year is to be competitive in every game. Coming off a loss last week, the team is determined to compete with Carson Graham in a game today at 2:30 PM at WV Arena.

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 [Armstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:Armstrong@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**

### **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 Event Poster](#)

### **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 is now open.

Elementary registration closes on **May 12**. Secondary registration closes on **June 16**.

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](#)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**This event is hosted by The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), 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.

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

### **OVERCOMING MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, AND HOMELESSNESS-Friday, April 21st 4:30-6:30 Gleneagles Clubhouse - See poster attached**

Next Friday the West Van and Cap Services are hosting a workshop for youth ages 13 -18 at Gleneagles community centre. The focus will be on Overcoming Mental Health, Addiction, and Homelessness with special guest presenter, Guy Felicella. Please share this opportunity to the youth you work with who would benefit from this opportunity. More detailed information about the session is below.

Free for youth ages 13–18 and youth-serving professionals. Please direct questions and RSVP to Shakila at [samiri@westvancouver.ca](mailto:samiri@westvancouver.ca) or 604-961-9819 (walk-ins are welcome)

### **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.

### **NATIONAL CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY with Dr. Ross Greene - May 4th 6-8 pm**

This online event for parents and caring adults is part of FamilySmart's National Child & Youth Mental Health Day celebrations.

For more info and resources go to: [National Child & Youth Mental Health Day \(may7icare.ca\)](https://www.may7icare.ca)

Join us to listen to Dr. Ross Greene speak about how Collaborative and Proactive Solutions can help us show our kids we care about them. Solving problems together creates connection and allows our children to be a part of finding solutions to what is causing their concerning behaviour. Dr. Greene's work reminds us that things go better for everyone, when we solve problems together and that kids do well if they can.

### **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.

### **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 Parking**

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.

### **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 here at Rockridge. **We do not recommend** absences during the school term, but realize they may be unavoidable. Please keep in mind that 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.