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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 2: Apr 24-28	
Apr 24-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● GNA (Grad Numeracy Assessment)
Mon, Apr 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
Tue, Apr 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5
Wed, Apr 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● French 9 - 12 to SFU● Mtn. Bike Team Race in Squamish
Thu, Apr 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mid-Term Reports Posted● Sr. Boys' Rugby game at Klahanie
UPCOMING	
May 1st-19th - AP Exam Schedule	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In case you are not a hockey fan, it is the NHL playoff season - one of my favourite times of year. Of course, we are also in a busy spring season of Raven sports and midterm reports will be published next week too. In short, there are a lot of things that can keep this principal busy over the next few weeks and months.

I have found that as I get older, I find more and more joy in the success and accomplishments of others, especially my students. Naturally, I enjoy being in a leadership role and focusing on ways to support my school community. What I have noticed this year, however, is how proud and personally invested I am in being a Raven. For example, getting out to support our Rugby team today at the Hatch Shield match versus Collingwood at Klahanie is truly important to me. However, having to leave the Raven Ultimate game on home turf today before it finishes in order to make it to Klahanie will be equally hard to do. I'm not alone in having this Raven pride - it is part of what makes Rockridge such a great school to be a part of. Not only has student athletic achievement inspired me this week, but so too has the commitment I am seeing as students work toward sharing their best learning before our semester two mid-term reports. Take a moment today to ask your student what they are most proud of this week?

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

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

Tomorrow: We will visit the grade 8 classrooms and students will complete the cabin mate/activity choice survey during block 2-2. A few students still have outstanding forms/payments. Please submit those ASAP.

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 they should reach out to Ms. Towers jtowers@wvschools.ca. If a student has missed a Grad assessment in a previous session - they will be contacted.

The University of Waterloo GAUSS MATH CONTEST (grade 8 age) Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 in the 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

Congratulations to Warren B (grade 9), who earned this year's Canadian Mathematical Olympiad (CMO) Cup and the top prize of \$2000 cash!

The Canadian Mathematical Olympiad (CMO) is Canada's top mathematical problem-solving competition aimed at high school students and administered by the Canadian Mathematical Society. Among its objectives is the selection of candidates to represent Canada in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). Good luck, Warren in the selection process for IMO!

This is an excerpt from the Canadian Mathematical Society Media Release on April 18, 2023:

Warren B (grade 9) of West Vancouver's Rockridge Secondary School (BC) is the 2023 CMO Champion. In recognition of his remarkable achievement, he will receive a cash prize and his name will be added to the CMO Championship Cup.

When asked about the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad, Warren responded:

"I enjoyed the CMO competition and am glad to receive the gold medal again. I love math and puzzles, and in my own club I met many like-minded students. Sharing and discussing math and puzzles has brought me a lot of joy. Every competition is exciting, and I always look forward to interesting problems, like this year's."

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 #12	Tue., April 25
May 30	May 18	Advisory #13	Tue., May 9
	June 15	Advisory #14	Thu., May 25
		Advisory #15	Thurs. June 8 th
		Advisory #16	Tues. June 20 th

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

GRADE 8 ADVISORY INFORMATION 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 of 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. Rinfret in LSP W116)**

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

❖ **Graduation Write-Ups (due Monday, May 22nd)**

ALL graduates are asked to complete this [Grad Write-Up Google form](#) by **Monday, May 22nd @ midnight**. This is what will be read as you walk across the stage at the Orpheum during your graduation commencement on June 11th.

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)
Unfortunately, this week the games were cancelled due to rain. Updated schedule next week.

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

The team had an excellent effort at Richard Juryn yesterday. Monty R. had a second-place finish for the junior boys. Next Race Wednesday at Squamish.

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

Rockridge Senior Ultimate Frisbee Google Class code: [btp5fxk](#) Game today after school at Rockridge – come on out! Then 2 more games next week with practices on Mon/Wed/Fri.

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

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

This week our team suffered a loss with :01 seconds remaining in the game vs Carson Graham. Game this Thursday vs Sentinel at WV Arena. Puck drops at 2:30 PM. Schedules and statistics can be found at [NSHSHL](#)

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Coach Mr. Zambon

Senior rugby has the annual Hatch Shield game versus Collingwood today. Kickoff is Thursday (April 20) 4:00pm at Klahanie.

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.

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS

Sing Project 3.0 Video

Sing Project 3.0 is a district initiative that brings all students in the choral community at the Elementary and Secondary level to sing together for one special event. The piece of music, "Try a Little Kindness" was rehearsed, performed and recorded live at the Kay Meek on March 30th. The piece was led and conducted by Suzanne Fulton, accompanied by the West Bay Ukuleles (Moriah Gibli), and Cynthia Fairbank (Bowen Island Community School) on the Piano.

This is the third iteration of the event with 1.0 happening in 2015 and 2.0 happened in 2018.

A big *thank you* to everyone for participating in Sing Project 3.0. We are excited to share the [final video](#).

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](#)

Vancouver International Universities Fair, April 29th (1-4PM) Vancouver Convention Centre

Vancouver's Largest University Fair is finally back after 3 years. This is a free event and of interest to anyone thinking of attending post-secondary. We are expecting over 140 institutions from all over the

world including most Canadian universities. We encourage students and parents to attend.

In conjunction with the Fair there will be a large number of information sessions provided covering a variety of topics. See attachments

Register [HERE](#)

FAMILY PORTRAIT OPPORTUNITY at Horseshoe Bay!

Saturday, May 6th, 2023: 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Please note this is a GradsBC event, if you have questions, please contact info@gradsbc.com.

As a special event, GradsBC will be offering outdoor family portraits at the picturesque Horseshoe Bay. These 10-minute sessions will provide you with a rare opportunity to receive 6-10 professionally orchestrated family portrait poses in a location that offers a waterfront setting and other beautiful landscape options.

For just \$39.00 your family will receive a full sitting with multiple poses and an 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (Valued at \$150!) \$20 of this fee goes directly back to your school as a fundraiser! This is our way of giving back and working with your school community to offer affordable keepsakes as a thank you for your business from grad and school photo programs that you participated in this past year.

***Only 10 Spots Left! Book Now:**

<https://gradsbc.as.me/?appointmentType=16484745>

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

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 or 604-961-9819 (walk-ins are welcome)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION - Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023 6:30-8:30 pm

For more information visit [Enhance West Van](#)

The Sky's No Limit – Girls Fly Too! 2022/3 - Opening Ceremony 11:00 Saturday April 29th

Meet NASA Astronaut Heide Stefanyshyn-Piper - U.S. Navy deep sea diver that set her sights on the stars!

World's largest Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence diversity outreach event at the Abbotsford International Airport, Abbotsford BC April 29 – 30, 2023. See [website](#) for details

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 \(may7icare.ca\)](#)

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.

Gleneagles Spring Fest West - May 6, 2023 10 am - 2 pm - see poster attached

Visit West Vancouver Community [website](#) for more information.

West Vancouver Community Awards 2023 - visit [website](#) to nominate

Community Awards recognize the efforts and commitments made by individuals and groups to build a stronger community and enhance our quality of life through volunteerism, achievement, acts of heroism or philanthropy.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.