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April 27, 2023

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 1: May 1-5	
Thu, Apr 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● S2 Mid-Term Reports Posted</li> <li>● Sr. Boys' Rugby game at Klahanie</li> </ul>
Fri, Apr 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flags at Half-Mast - Workers' Mourning Day - to recognize persons killed or injured in the workplace.</li> <li>● Student Council Spirit Day Theme: <a href="#">CANADIAN TUXEDO DAY</a> - wear DENIM. Top and Bottom. Any denim. Lots of denim...</li> </ul>
Apr 30	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION 2023 STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY – Gr 10 & 12 Parents Last day to complete - survey link <a href="#">here</a>
Mon, May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP Chem Exam-12pm</li> </ul>
Tues, May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP Psych Exam-12pm</li> <li>● Gr. 8/9 Careers Presentation - Block 5: 8s in PH / 9s in LLC</li> </ul>
May 3 – 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gr. 8s to Camp Summit</li> </ul>
May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP EN Exam-8:30am</li> <li>● AP Comp Sci A Exam-12pm</li> </ul>
May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP Sem Exam-12pm</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
May 1st-19th - <a href="#">AP Exam Schedule</a>	
The University of Waterloo GAUSS MATH CONTEST (grade 8) Wednesday, May 17th	
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

From a quick glance at the calendar above and the message below that student reports are being published today, it is clearly a busy time for talking about learning at Rockridge. I hope you have time to review your student's reports with them either today or tomorrow and have them speak to you about their learning. Teacher comments help tell some of each student's learning journey, but the conversations with each learner is what truly helps you know how they are progressing. For me, it is the personal conversations with students that helps me understand their goals, accomplishments and stretches too. Enjoy the sunshine ahead for tomorrow and the weekend - I hope everyone gets some

time to get outdoors to enjoy this new spring heat.

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.

### **SEMESTER TWO MID TERM STUDENT REPORTS**

Semester 2 Midterm reports will be published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal this afternoon/evening Thursday, April 27th. You will receive an email to alert you to go to the MyEd Portal. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#) **Please note:** Math 9 and Precalc & Foundations 10 reports are missing levels for each of the criteria. We are working to resolve this issue and then will publish.

### **HAYLEY WATSON SESSION**

Thank you to those parents that attended the Hayley Watson session on Monday evening. The parent session was very well attended (over 350 people) and the content was well received by the audience. During the parent session Hayley focused on building resilience and presented a simple model and strategies for parents to use. If you attended the presentation, or not, you may be interested in the slides from the presentation: [Parent Session Slides from Monday evening](#)

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

A few students still have outstanding forms/payments. Parents/Guardians please help your student submit these forms Friday.

- **Students Not Attending Camp**

Please note that education will be provided for those that do not attend camp as follows. Students will be assigned to one of two classrooms and given tasks to complete on google classroom. Teachers will supervise the students. In some cases, students may do activities together but for the most part they will work independently on the google classroom assignments that have been designed to replace the learning that will be taking place at camp.

### **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 <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 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**)

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), Caulfield 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)

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

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

It was an outstanding performance by the athletes at the Squamish XC race on Wednesday. A special shoutout goes to Ben for his exceptional performance, achieving his best result of the season and securing a brilliant 14th position among the grade 8 competitors. Well done, Ben! The Junior boys also had a strong finish, with Finn leading the pack and securing a solid 14th position in the category. Other notable performances among the Junior boys include Rogan who secured a respectable 17th place, Aiden, who finished strong in 22nd place, Luca who put in an impressive effort to finish in 24th position, and Lochlan, who demonstrated great determination and finished in 31st place.

Overall, it was an exceptional day for the team, with each athlete displaying remarkable skill, strength, and perseverance throughout the race. Kudos to all the competitors for their outstanding effort!

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

Last game tomorrow at 3:30 at Rockridge vs. West Van. Come out to cheer the team on. They have improved so much and are looking for a win.

**Badminton** Google Class code: [qszipv](#)

**Juniors Summary:** Rockridge 3rd in North Shore West Division and 5th North Shore overall! Quarter Finals Match on Tuesday, May 2, 4:00 against Lions Gate Christian Academy (at LGCA).

**Seniors Summary:** Rockridge 4th in North Shore West Division and 9th North Shore overall. Quarter Finals Match on Wednesday, May 3 against Handsworth (at Handsworth).

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

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

- Please remember to pay your team fees on School Cash Online

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

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

Schedules 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**

**VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES FAIR, April 29<sup>th</sup> (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 last week's bulletin for session descriptions and Bios. Register [HERE](#)

**FAMILY PORTRAIT OPPORTUNITY at Dundarave Park (Note change of Venue!)**

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

Please note this is a GradsBC event, if you have questions, please contact [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com). As a special event, GradsBC will be offering outdoor family portraits at the picturesque **Dundarave Park**. 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.*

**\*A few Spots Left! Book Now:** <https://gradsbc.as.me/?appointmentType=16484745>



# TAKE A HIKE FOUNDATION

## Take a Hike Foundation & West Vancouver Schools Information Session - Tuesday, May 9th @ 6:30 pm

Location: Inglewood Secondary School, 1735 Inglewood Avenue

RSVP here: [WV Community Session](#)

Starting in the 2023/24 school year, the West Vancouver School District will be partnering with the Take a Hike Foundation to offer a more comprehensive program to Inglewood Secondary for students in grades 10 -12. Take a Hike layers additional support on top of existing school resources to provide students with a full-time alternative education program. Through group therapy sessions and land-based learning activities, clinical therapists and educators work collaboratively to help students process emotions, build resilience and self-awareness, and learn to use physical activity and mindfulness practices to improve well-being. Take a Hike currently works with school districts on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and the Interior. We are excited to partner with Take a Hike to help support the students and families of West Vancouver Schools.

We will be offering an information session on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm for interested community members who would like to learn more about the Take a Hike program. Pete Prediger, Director of Programs & Clinical Director and Alaine Anicete, Program Manager will be sharing a short presentation and answer any questions about the program and partnership with West Vancouver Schools.

Detailed information about the Take a Hike Foundation can be found [here](#).

### 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

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

### **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

### **YOUTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS: May 1-6, 2023 - see attached flyer**

Youth Week will kick off on Monday May 1st, with the [Youth Achievement Awards and the Youth Council Meeting](#) being held at West Vancouver Municipal Hall. Mayor Sager, along with Council Members, will be in attendance as the Youth sit in the Council Chamber to put on a Mock Council Session. After this, the Youth Achievement Awards Reception will commence where Youth will be honored for their achievements.

The week is full of activities and will culminate in a fantastic and free [Youth Recreation Day](#) on Saturday May 6th. This day has several activities planned from fitness classes to a drum “jam” workshop and even Karaoke! Students are welcome to participate in as many activities as they wish, pre-registration is recommended to avoid disappointment.

### **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. See attached flyer

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. Register [here](#)

### **Gleneagles Spring Fest West - May 6, 2023 10 am - 2 pm**

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](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.

### **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.