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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 2: May 23-26	
May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PRO- D day - Classes Not in Session ● AP Calc AB/BC Exams-8:30 am ● PAC Teacher Appreciation Lunch ● Foods classes to UBC: Farm to School BC Conference
May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed
May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outdoor Rec Kayaking Trip May 23 - 25 ● FAST to Hollyburn Sailing Club
May 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP Physics to Arc'teryx
May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5 - 1:15 – 2:50pm ● Rockridge Choir to Kay Meek Theatre - Dr. Rollo Dilworth Workshop ● CAREER EXPO - 1:00 – 3:00pm
UPCOMING	
May 1st-19th - AP Exam Schedule	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I know you may have a busy long weekend to prepare for, but I thank you for reading this week's E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. Next week I will take some time here to share the learning that not only our school or district will engage in, but all educators in the province. Tomorrow our professional development is rooted in the theme of Indigenous Education. I am looking forward to the opportunity to come together with other colleagues in West Vancouver in the morning and then reconnect with Rockridge staff for the afternoon. Planted in the middle of this special day of learning is the Rockridge Staff Appreciation lunch hosted by the PAC that we are all looking forward to. Speaking of the Rockridge PAC . . . I provided a 'shout out' to our PAC executive last week, but would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts of our parents who participated in our PAC - AGM last night. Please know that our school is, once again, in very good hands when it comes to parent leadership and partnership not only for the remainder of this year, but for 2023-24 as well. You will have noticed an increase in communication from the Rockridge PAC recently to help keep you informed about

opportunities to get involved with upcoming events and initiatives.

Once again, be sure to check out this week's **Raven Life** attachment with more updated photos and captions celebrating our students participation in special events, sports and learning here at Rockridge this week.

2023-24 At A Glance Calendar

The 2023-24 school calendar was presented for approval at last night's PAC meeting. It will be circulated in our E-Bulletin for all families to review. Please see the attached PDF.

Details about our daily period rotation schedule will be included in future E-Bulletins.



REMEMBERING MAYA

Along with Maya's family, the Board of Education of School District 45 (West Vancouver) has set up the Maya Veronica Cassady Mental Health Wellness Award to honour Maya's heroic fight for her mental wellbeing. This is an annual award gifted to a student who needs financial assistance as they seek ways to improve their mental health. The award is to help provide hope and support to students on their personal journey towards mental wellness.

[Maya Veronica Cassady Mental Health Wellness Fund
Westvanfoundation.ca](https://www.westvanfoundation.ca)

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Rockridge Golf Tournament Fundraiser - Thurs, June 15th at Gleneagles Golf Course

Texas Scramble or just enjoy the beer garden! [Register for the golf tournament](#) - includes access to the Beer Garden - or [buy a ticket](#) to join us at the Beer Garden Social at The Orchard that evening.

Let's Take It Outside! Help Us Finish Our Outdoor Gathering Area

With your \$50 donation, we can create a space for our teens to connect with nature and each other - see further details [here](#). Please [donate here](#) today!

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

CAREER EXPO: May 25th from 1-3pm

ALL CLC 11 & CLC 12 students are required to attend the Rockridge Career Expo on May 25th from 1-3pm. Students are asked to reserve TWO different Eventbrite tickets for this event, one for 1:00-1:50pm and the other for 2:00-2:50 pm. Students can do so by clicking on TWO of the career clusters listed below. There are only 30 spots for each cluster and time, so reserve your tickets as soon as you can.

- **E103** - [Creative Industry](#) (Creative director, tattoo artist, graphic designer, creative officer, fashion designer)
- **G201** - [Communication & Emergency Services](#) (Police officer, radio broadcaster, first responder, multi-media lead, English professor)
- **C203** - [Business, Sales & Marketing](#) (Sales manager, realtor, management consultant, marketing manager)
- **C201** - [Wellness & Education](#) (Physiotherapist, rehabilitation professor, English professor, registered massage therapist, mental health therapist)
- **E201** - [Health Science](#) (Scientific researcher, fertility doctor, nurse educator, mental health clinician, scientist)
- **E202** - [Building & Design](#) (Workplace strategist, Interior designer, architect, electrician, skilled trades BC representative)
- **E203** - [Business & Tech](#) (Senior director, VP – loyalty programs, chartered professional accountant, e-commerce strategist)
- **E206** - [STEM & Environment](#) (Biologist, joint venture coordinator, biomedical engineer, civil engineer, managing director of environmental initiatives, pilot)
- **E207** - [Business & Commerce](#) (Human resource director, consultant, chartered professional accountant, business owner)
- **E208** - [Government & Legal](#) (Member of parliament, criminal lawyer, corporate lawyer)

SEMESTER TWO - Fine Arts 8 and ADST 8 rotation #2 report

Grade 8 rotation #2 report cards were published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal today - Thursday, May 18th. You should have received 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: The Math 9 and Foundations and Precalc 10 report card error has been fixed and reports have been reprinted with achievement levels - you should have received an email this afternoon alerting you to login into MyEd to view the report.

FASHION CLUB CLOTHING DRIVE - Cleaning out your wardrobe for summer? Fashion club is holding a clothing drive from Monday, **May 15 to Friday, May 26!** All donations will be going to support the Covenant House. Their most needed items are: Jackets, hoodies, rain ponchos, men's jeans size 32-34, men's socks, neutral coloured sweatpants and t-shirts. There IS a box in front of the office where you can drop off your donations.

YOU'RE INVITED – [ROCKRIDGE JUNIOR RAVENS CAMPS](#) - see attached poster

Rockridge feeder school students in Grade 6, and Grade 7 students registered at Rockridge for September 2023 are invited to participate in our inaugural 'Junior Ravens' program beginning late May. Students can [register](#) for one or more activities which include: Art and Games, Boys and Girls Basketball, Drama, Floor Hockey, Girls Volleyball and Ultimate / Disc Golf. Cost is \$30 and includes a program T-shirt. Please click above or scan the QR Code on the attached form to register. Registration opened on May 5th. Payment and Waivers links will be provided once your child's registration is confirmed. Please email Junior Ravens Coordinator Marlie Behm (marlieb005@edu.sd45.bc.ca) or Teacher Leader Ms. Daphne Lambie (dlambie@wvschools.ca) if you have additional questions.

GRADUATION NEWS

- ❖ **Grad Banquet** (June 24th @ the Bayshore) - **tickets for grads and their parents are on sale NOW through school cash online.** Table captains must fill out the [table request google form](#) to confirm who will seat at their table- full names and proof of payment for all table members are required to complete this form. **Tables of 10-11 are optimal. We only have one more table of 12-13 available.** Table location 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 Commencement - June 11th @11am** - ticket \$15 pp
Note: the Graduate does not require a ticket - just guests
- ❖ **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. Award winners will be chosen by a committee of admin, counsellors and teachers. You will find descriptions of the awards and links to the application forms [HERE](#). Applications are due **May 28th @midnight.**

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 30	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.

RAVENS ATHLETICS

Rockridge Tennis Google Classroom Code: [go3awf3](#)

Coaches: Ms. Neacs (W110) or Ms. Rinfret (W116)

It has been a pleasure to watch the incredible growth and skill of our senior tennis team. The weather was not our friend this season, but yet we managed to win several matches. It was an absolute pleasure to watch Jack D., a nationally ranked player compete, not only was he humble, but a great example to younger players. We could not have competed without a host of eager International students, who despite having to take buses, rose to the occasion. Chiara G. played singles/mixed and although a busy club volleyball player did not hesitate to attend every game with a smile. Other eager international players include Vittoria C., Noemi, Heidi K., and Moritz, who played with grit and sportsmanship.....we are proud. Nathan T. happily played wherever asked and made room in his busy rugby schedule to show up for the team. Harry T. also played doubles with intensity and always strived to do his very best. Isaac O. and Chris W., both grade 8's happily played with the seniors and were not intimidated by their ages. Amelia D. never failed to support the team and play whenever asked, and with her quiet disposition made herself invaluable. Thanks to Marin E., Hanshu Z, Maria L., and Ben L. who stepped up when we needed them the most. We had so many exciting matches, and we are so very proud of our team. They represented Rockridge with passion, determination and never failed to be great sports. Watch for them next year, we will only be stronger!

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

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

In an exhilarating finale at the Mountain Bike League Finals in Whistler yesterday, athletes showcased their skills and determination, leaving spectators in awe. Finn, delivering an outstanding performance, achieved a remarkable season-best finish, securing an impressive 10th place. This accomplishment is a testament to Finn's hard work and dedication throughout the season.

Aiden and Rogan faced their fair share of challenges during the finals, but their unwavering spirit and perseverance shone through. Despite the obstacles, they can reflect on their overall season performance with great pride. Their commitment and consistent effort have propelled them to new heights, setting a solid foundation for future successes.

In a true display of skill and determination, Ben left no doubt about his abilities in the final speed fest of the year. He delivered a sensational performance, earning a spot on the podium with his season-best result. This achievement is a testament to Ben's unwavering focus and dedication to his craft.

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

The Ultimate team will be attending the BC ultimate invitational tournament May 27/28 at Newton Athletic Park.

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

This talented and athletic Raven team finished the season this week with an overtime loss in penalty kicks to Handsworth. Despite the heartbreaking loss, our Ravens had a successful winning record season and will be a force to contend with next year.

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

Please pay your fees on school cash online if you have not already.

Return your jersey to Ms. Bates in the gym.

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

On Wednesday, our Raven golf team came in second (out of seven schools). All our players had good rounds. Rockridge only lost by 10 strokes, so it was a close contest for first place. The Ravens are now qualified for the Regional Championship next week.

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

Best of 2 - ¼ finals playoffs loss to Sentinel Tuesday. 4-3 going into the 3rd, but the team couldn't hang in with their relentless puck pressure and turnovers. Game 2 is next Tuesday at WV Arena. Puck drop is at 2:15 PM. Schedules and statistics can be found at [NSHSHL](#)

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Coach Mr. Zambon. Good luck to our Ravens who square off against Sutherland today at 4:00 pm in playoff action.

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

K-12 Student Reporting Policy Support Materials for Families

The new Student Reporting Policy aligns with the redesigned curriculum (Know, Do & Understand) and creates consistency across the province. These updated reporting practices also ensure alignment with B.C.'s provincial assessment system. The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done. It also maintains high standards for students by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning.

Information for parents and caregivers regarding the changes to K-12 Student Reporting Policy are now available in 8 languages. The documents aim to help parents and caregivers understand the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, which will be implemented this fall for the 2023/24 school year. The complete information package can be found on the [K-12](#)

[Student Reporting Policy Information for Families](#) web page.

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](#)

West Vancouver BASKETBALL Club Summer Camps - Registration now open

May is here which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 10 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School.

- To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

Looking for Summer Camps? Try ULTIMATE Frisbee!

If you are looking for an outdoor, physically active, and FUN summer camp for your students, check out Elevate Ultimate's Ultimate Frisbee [summer camps](#) The camps are running at Confederation Turf throughout the month of July, 2023.

Ultimate frisbee is a great sport for everyone of all genders and skill levels. Elevate Ultimate's professional staff promote values such as open-mindedness, sportspersonship, and inclusivity.

Elevate Ultimate is owned by former Team Canada Ultimate Frisbee representatives, Ari Nitikman and Danie Proby. Both Ari and Danie have played the sport at an elite level and currently coach at all levels.

Please use code Westvan50 for \$50 off any [summer camp](#)!

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"

- Contact the Homestay Coordinators for more information at homestay@wvschools.ca or visit our [web pages](#)

FAMILY PORTRAIT OPPORTUNITY at Dundarave Park - still time to register - a few spaces left - [Book Sunday June 4th, 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 **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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL FEST Fri, June 2, 4–9:30 pm, Sat, June 3, 11 am–9:30 pm

- The District of West Vancouver invites everyone to attend West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest (formerly Bridge Festival).
- This two-day festival brings people together through food, music and culture. Join us as we celebrate the multicultural diversity of West Vancouver!
- Click [here](#) for Festival Details

Neurodivergent & Thriving - June 7th 7-9 pm - Mountainside Secondary

Understanding Neurodiversity A Youth Perspective - For more information and to register click [here](#)

ROTARY RIDE FOR RESCUE - Saturday, June 10, 2023

It's time to gear up, clip in, and reach out to your community for support on your quest to conquer Cypress Mountain this June. Make it to the top and then join us at British Pacific Properties Pop Up Village to celebrate.

Ride for Rescue benefits North Shore Rescue. As a team, North Shore Rescue is continually evolving and seeking ways to provide the best and most efficient care to injured or lost subjects. Learn more [here](#)

[Registration](#) is now open for road cyclists (including E-bikes) and mountain bikers. Sign up as an individual, create a team or join an already existing team. Register before May 9th to save \$10 on the registration cost. The Registration fee will increase to \$60 after May 10th.

Please follow the regular registration process. Once your team has registered, reach out to: rotaryrideforrescue@gmail.com for information on logistics and setup for your team.

RECURRING NEWS ITEMS

Student Parking - [Important Reminders](#)

Recently there have been a large number of unregistered student vehicles parked in our Visitors spaces and in the Student Parking lot. So many, that those who have purchased decals are finding nothing available to them when they arrive. Due to this, we have begun noting vehicles and plate numbers and re-offending vehicles **may be towed at owners' expense**. Vehicles parked in the Rockridge student designated lot must **clearly** display a decal, which can be purchased from the office for \$25. Please ensure that you have purchased your decal from the office.

Note: At no time are students permitted to park in Visitor spots

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 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.