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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 2: May 8-12	
May 3 – 5	● Gr. 8s to Camp Summit
May 4	● AP Seminar Exam-12pm
May 5	● Rockridge Drumline to Provincial Competition ● Sr. Rugby game at Klahanie Park - 3:45 pm kickoff
May 9	● Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5 - 1:15 – 2:50pm
May 10	● AP Bio Exam-12pm ● Mtn. Bike Team Race - Richard Juryn - Rice Lake Parking Lot in NV
May 12	● AP Phys 2 Exam-12pm
UPCOMING	
May 1st-19th - AP Exam Schedule	
The University of Waterloo GAUSS MATH CONTEST (grade 8) Wednesday, May 17th	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Live on location from Camp Summit I wanted to share some news about the great trip we are having with the Class of 2027. I was able to take a few minutes and borrow the Wi-Fi here at camp that our students are not able to access. While I appreciate the skills our students have with technology, being unplugged, for all of us, has been refreshing. In case you are unfamiliar with this 6X annual tradition, our grade eights are spending three days and two nights in the remote wilderness of Squamish. This has been a great chance for students to try new activities, connect to nature, make some new friends and work with a variety of Rockridge staff who love coming to support this experience. As an added bonus, our leadership and mentorship students from grade 10 to 12 are helping to staff events here at Camp Summit. Not surprisingly, the official camp staff here are skilled fun leaders that are great role models and facilitators for our students. I have been pleased to hear so many positive things that they have to say about our students' participation and positive attitudes to playing and working together. On a week where the Raven Life attachment highlights a number of guest speakers/teachers, it is very fitting to be highlighting the special learning and experiences with new people the class of 2027 is having this week

as well. I expect as we head towards the end of June we will no doubt be highlighting our class of 2023 and their accomplishments towards graduation. For our youngest Ravens they are making memories that I hope will carry through to that moment when they are crossing the stage to graduate in 2027. For now I better get to the high ropes as my group is gathering and ready for their final rotation in the sunshine here today. My final closing remark is simply a shout out to my amazing Rockridge staff for their support here at camp and at school leading up to and during Camp Summit 2027. With Ms. Towers leading the way we have all been able to take on a role to support another special experience for students at Rockridge.

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 students participation in special events, sports and learning here at Rockridge this week.

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 opens May 5th at 6:00pm. 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.

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

New BC Reporting Policy in Action - May 17th - 6:00 pm Rockridge Library

Director of Instruction Ian Kennedy will provide us with an overview of the New BC Reporting Policy. 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.

PAC Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Our Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is back (after a few years off) and is right around the corner!

[Sign up here](#) to make something delicious to show your love and support for our amazing teachers and staff! The date is Friday, May 19th, but cold items can be dropped off the day before!

Turn it Off Tuesday

Teenage stress is well documented and there are undoubtedly a variety of reasons for it. Climate change worries, societal unrest, an uncertain future. I am willing to bet that social media plays a part, too. How do we help our teenagers? One great way to start is by modelling better behaviour ourselves. So, I am going to suggest we start a revolution of sorts. A small, quiet and non-violent one. **Turn It Off Tuesday!** See the blog post [here](#). A good read for parents, teachers and students from one of our district lead teachers.

SEMESTER TWO MID TERM STUDENT REPORTS

Semester 2 Midterm reports were published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal Thursday, April 27th. You would 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:** 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.

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 18	Advisory #13	Tue., May 9
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.

GRADE 8 ADVISORY INFORMATION Please see the list of Locations and mentors [here](#).

GRADUATION NEWS

- ❖ **Grad Banquet** (June 24th @ the Bayshore) - tickets can be purchased 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 this 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 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)

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

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

The mountain bike team had an impressive showing at the highly anticipated enduro race in Squamish, with each member displaying an exceptional level of determination on the most challenging course of the season. Lochlan, in particular, was a standout performer in his first enduro race. Lochlan remained determined and pushed himself to the limit, but unfortunately went down before the finish. Finn, known for his agility in the corners, lived up to his reputation and navigated through the challenging terrain with ease. Rogan also displayed remarkable grit and determination as he battled through the course's toughest sections, showcasing his skill and experience in the sport. Taylor, the newest addition to the team, had a strong performance in his first race for the team. His impressive debut left no doubt about his potential and his future prospect as a key contributor to the team's success. Ben had a strong showing in the bantam division and showcased his experience in enduro style events. Next up, Richard Juryn Park next Wednesday.

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

We haven't won a game but have amazing heart and talent. We are going into the playoffs in the Wild card spot— Monday, May 8th at InterRiver Park. Wish us luck!!

Badminton Google Class code: [qszripv](#)

Juniors Summary: Rockridge 3rd in North Shore West Division and 5th North Shore overall!
Junior Badminton won their playoff game against Lions Gate Christian and now moves on to the semi-finals next Tuesday against Sentinel at Sentinel at 4:00pm.
The senior team lost their playoff game but everyone enjoyed the match.

Seniors Summary: Rockridge 4th in North Shore West Division and 9th North Shore overall.

Junior Girls Soccer Google Class code: [zbq3rjt](#) The team won their final regular season game to finish 3rd in the competitive West Division. Next game is a quarterfinal match vs Sutherland @ Sutherland 3:30pm on Wednesday, May 10th.

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

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

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

Schedules and statistics can be found at [NSHSHL](#)

- Rockridge scored a goal in the 2nd period and held onto a 1-0 win versus Carson Graham last Thursday.
- Tuesday vs Sentinel at WV Arena with 14 seconds remaining and with an OZ faceoff, a lucky bounce that evaded our defenseman off the wall resulted in Sentinel scoring with :01 seconds. Another tough loss, but a good lesson for our young team.

Wins are tough and team details are important. Next Tuesday, we play the last game of the regular season vs West Vancouver. Puck drop 2:15 PM at WV Arena.

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Coach Mr. Zambon

Senior rugby has a cross zone rankings game versus Clayton Heights (Surrey) on Friday May 5. Kickoff is at 3pm at Klahanie field in West Vancouver.

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

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>

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. 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.

Book: <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 9th 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

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.

Rotary Ride for Rescue - Saturday, June 10, 2023 - see poster attached

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

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.