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June 1, 2023

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 2: June 5-9	
May 29 – June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Raven Camp
June 2 – 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WV Community Cultural Event - see details below
June 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MYP Collab/12:40 Dismissal • Gr. 7 Feeder School Visit 1:15 – 2:50pm
Wed, June 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Grade 8s - Cyber Safe • Presentation Grade 9s - Empowering Healthy Relationships • Grad Commencement Rehearsal 11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Thurs, June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Literature to Bard on the Beach 10:30 am – 4:30 pm • Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5 from 1:15 – 2:50 pm • WVS Indigenous Student Graduation & Family Gathering 4-6 pm - WVSS • Rockridge Spring Music Concert 6:30 – 8:30 pm - see Raven life attached
Fri, June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law 12 Field Trip - Law Court observation
UPCOMING	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our final month of the school year. I imagined the arrival of June back in September when I first started at Rockridge and now commencement is just over a week away. I did not expect to feel so at home here at the Rock within this first year, and while there is still much for me to learn and do, I am fully invested and excited about the future of our school, students and community.

Last week I captured some events from my calendar to reflect the special learning opportunities our students have been engaging in. Once again, this is a good theme for this week as it is challenging for me to keep up with and provide a full list of experiences that are happening from the east wing to west wing and beyond our school. Instead, I urge you to take a look at the calendar above, click on the Raven Life attachment and more importantly, ask your student - "What has been a highlight of your week?"

An important connection I have made over the last two weeks started with a quote I first heard in 1999. “We are preparing students for a future with jobs that do not yet exist.” 24 years later this statement is still true, but what I see happening for Rockridge students is our staff helping them become aware of what jobs already exist that they may not have known are there. Similarly, students are being introduced and exposed to programs at post-secondary institutions that are available to them that they may not have known about. It’s an interesting leap for me, because it is not just about preparing students for the far-reaching future, but instead, deepening their understanding of the present as well.

Rockridge has demonstrated once again this week it is an incredible place for learning for students in grade 8 to 12. With this in mind, feel free to share with friends and neighbours that as we are planning for the fall of 2023, we still have space for more student registrations at all grade levels at Rockridge. Just visit our [website](#) for registration information.

Please be sure to check out this week’s **Raven Life** attachment with an excellent collection of updated photos and captions celebrating our students’ participation in special events and learning here at Rockridge this week. You’ll also find the poster advertising our Sounds of Spring music concert featuring Drumline, Jazz A&B, Choir and Guitar students in Players Hall next Thursday.

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. **Please see the PAC NEWSLETTER tomorrow for more details...**

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!

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

We still have some serving dishes that are washed and ready for pick up in the main office.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

MYP COLLAB BLOCK SCHEDULE & 12:40 EARLY DISMISSAL - See Schedule Below

Please note buses will leave at **NOON** so that students can catch the 12:35pm Bowen ferry.

Thursday, June 8
Block 3 - 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

Break: 10:10 - 10:15 AM
Block 4: 10:15 - 11:55 AM
Block 5: 11:55 AM - 12:40 PM
Lunch: 12:40 - 1:20 PM
MYP Collab: 1:20 - 2:50 PM

To give the teachers the opportunity to fully focus on their MYP collaboration, we ask that if students remain in the building, they quietly work/study in the common area learning spaces available around the school. The classrooms and library will be off limits.

PURSUIT APPLICATIONS:

For students wishing to be considered for the WV Pursuit Program for the 2023-24 school year please complete the application form and coach/instructor form - here by June 9th <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/pursuit-application-information/>

ROCKRIDGE JUNIOR RAVENS CAMPS UNDERWAY

This was our first week of the Rockridge Junior Ravens Camps. Rockridge feeder school students in Grade 6, and Grade 7 students registered at Rockridge for September 2023 were invited to participate in our inaugural program.

GRADUATION NEWS



REMEMBERING MAYA

Along with Maya's family, West Vancouver Schools 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](http://MayaVeronicaCassadyMentalHealthWellnessFundWestvanfoundation.ca)

Scan the QR code to donate

- ❖ **Grad Banquet** (June 24th @ the Bayshore) - tickets for grads and their parents are on sale NOW through school cash online. Sales will close on June 9th. Table captains must fill out the [table request google form](#) to confirm who will sit at their table- full names and proof of payment for all table members are required to complete this form. **Tables of 10-11 are optional.**



- **NOTE:** If you do not have a group to join, please complete the form (link above) with your guests' names and proof of payment and we will seat your party at a table with space to accommodate you.

- ❖ **Graduation Commencement** - June 11th @11am. Sales will close on June 8th - ticket \$15 per guest through school cash online. Sale ends June 8th, tickets picked up at lunch in front of the office on June 9th. Pick up tickets and purchase additional tickets from Will Call at the Orpheum on June 11th.

- **NOTE:** the Graduate does not require a ticket - just guests
- **NOTE:** Grads will do a dress rehearsal of the event on June 7th at lunch in Player's Hall. They will practice the procession, get directions about the whole event and receive their caps and gowns.

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 #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

School athletic uniforms must be returned

We need to keep complete sets for next year's teams. Please look in your laundry for Rockridge uniforms. Please bundle uniform labelling Student Name, Team and return to coaches.

Outstanding:

- Girls' soccer uniforms
- Mountain Bike
- Ultimate Frisbee uniforms.

Thank you

Athletic Director

Badminton Club

Badminton Club- Badminton club welcomes all students to participate in games on Wednesdays after school in the gym. Next club day is Wednesday, June 14th.

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

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

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

The Ultimate team came in 17th at the BC Ultimate High School Championships winning the consolation round.

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

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

Outstanding fees should be paid through school cash online.

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

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

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

We have our final two teams: Argyle vs STA. This is a head-to-head winner takes all. NSHSHL

Championship is Today June 1, 2023 @ WV Arena. Puck drop 2:30 PM.

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Coach Mr. Zambon.

(Friday) at 12:20 -second game of the Provincial tournament versus Saint Michaels School in Abbotsford

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 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

2023/24 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION Online Registration is now Open!

At West Vancouver Schools, some students are eligible to receive transportation services.

- For eligibility details, visit our School District Student Transportation [webpage](#)
- Please click [here](#) to register.

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. 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, sportsmanship, and inclusivity. 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 PORTRAITS - DUNDARAVE: 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
- please see the attached poster which outlines the schedule times and performance titles.

NEURODIVERGENT & THRIVING - June 7th 7-9 pm - Mountainside Secondary

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

ParticipACTION 2023 - June 1-30

It is that exciting time again when we have the opportunity to be a part of a 'whole community of West Vancouver' initiative with the goal of being the most active community in Canada – at the very least, let's get to that top spot in British Columbia. It's a fun way to get in great shape for the summer! See the attached PDF, specifically page #2 on how to get involved this month.

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 SCHOOL 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. 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.