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<b>CALENDAR UPDATE</b>	
Linear Week 2: June 19-23	
Mon, June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crepe Truck onsite! 8:30am – 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tues, June 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GNA/GLA Rewrite 12:00 – 3:00pm</li> <li>● Gr. 8 Science Fair 2.0 Block 5 at 1:15 – 2:50pm</li> <li>● Grade 12 Sports Day 1:15 – 2:50pm</li> </ul>
Wed, June 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</b></li> <li>● LOCKER CLEAN-OUT DEADLINE</li> </ul>
<b>UPCOMING</b>	
Mon, June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Awards Day - see details below</li> </ul>
Tues, June 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review &amp; Completion - see details below</li> </ul>
Wed, June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review &amp; Completion - see details below</li> </ul>
Thurs, June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Final Reports posted to <a href="#">MyEducation Family Portal</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a>	
<a href="#">2023-24 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Above are the main calendar dates that will take us through to the end of June. At the risk of sounding cliché, I simply cannot believe we are at that point in the school year. I realize we just celebrated commencement, so the end of the year should not feel like a surprise . . . but that is how it feels for me today. I will keep this message brief this week so you can focus on and absorb the end of the year end dates and action items.

Please be sure to check out this week’s **Raven Life** attachment with a huge collection of updated photos and captions, special events and learning here at Rockridge this week.

As we grow nearer to the summer holidays, remember to promote 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.

### **LOCKER CLEAN-OUT DEADLINE** - Wednesday, June 21

All students using lockers this year should have their locker emptied of all contents by next Wednesday, and the locks should be locked on the locker door WITH THE LOCKER OPEN.

### **LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL OVERVIEW**

Monday, June 26 is our Last Day of Regular Classes and instruction. This is the last day of official attendance taken by teachers.

Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28 Semester 2 - Review & Completion Days. Some students will need to attend on one or both days. Teachers will communicate with students and families if attendance is mandatory for them on these days. Other students are welcome and encouraged to attend for June 27th and 28th.

Thursday, June 29th - Final Reports posted to MyEducation Family Portal

### **AWARDS DAY - Monday, June 26th - parents are welcome to attend but seating is limited.**

These awards include Major Awards, Mastery of Subject Awards and Athletic Awards.

- Block 1(8:35) - grade 11
- Block 2 (10:03) - grade 10
- Block 3 (12:07)- grade 9
- Block 4 (1:35) - grade 8

### **ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS**

#### **Rockridge Golf Tournament Fundraiser + Beer Garden Social - TODAY!**

#### **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**

#### **COLOUR RUN 2023**

Today, the annual colour run took place during Block 5 on the field. Students were encouraged to bring a donation in order to participate. All funds will go towards the Linda Harrison Youth Fund. Freezies were also sold for \$1 each. See our social media accounts (see links at top of page) for photos from today!

#### **GARDEN SALES - Wed June 14th and 21st at 2:50 at the front of the school**

Rockridge Environment Club is having a [GARDEN SALE](#)! Drop by to buy fresh lettuce, kale, chives, oregano, peas... and more! - Prices by donation.

### **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://www.mayaveronicacassadymentalhealthwellnessfundwestvanfoundation.ca)

**GRAD BANQUET** - (June 24th 6pm @ the Bayshore) - doors open at 6pm and program begins at 7pm  
Table captains have been set. If you buy a ticket now and would like to be added to a table - please see or email Ms. Towers [jtowers@wvschools.ca](mailto:jtowers@wvschools.ca)

**\*Grads please pick up your tickets Friday (tomorrow) at lunch in front of the office.**

### **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.

<b>GR. 8/9 CAREERS DATES FOR BLOCK 5</b>		<b>GR. 8 ADVISORY DATES</b>	
	Thursday June 15 - Colour Run	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.

### **ROCKRIDGE Library Learning Commons**

Thank you for all your support in raising a reader. Rockridge students have checked out almost 4,000 books this school year! Nonetheless, it is that time of year where we must kindly ask for books to be returned. The current due date is Friday, June 15. Any books that are overdue by 30 days will be fined as lost books on School Cash Online. Thank you for helping us gather the books back in for the next school year!

### **WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2023 Teen Reading Club**

Continue reading this summer with West Vancouver Memorial Library's Teen Summer Reading Program!

We challenge you to discover new-to-you books and authors this summer. Complete challenges for a chance to win new books and gift cards! Open to students going into grade 7 and up. For more information and to register, check out: <https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/teen-reading-club/>. Happy reading

### **RAVENS ATHLETICS**

#### **School athletic uniforms need to 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. Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong [IArmstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:IArmstrong@wvschools.ca) if you have questions regarding our Athletics program.

Outstanding:

- Girls' soccer uniforms
- Ultimate Frisbee uniforms.

## 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.

### WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS - Pride Parade Participation

West Vancouver Schools is inviting staff, students and their families to come together in celebration at the Vancouver Pride Parade on Sunday, August 6, 2023. Registration is now open. Please register [here](#) for the parade. Space is limited so register early. Additional information about the parade will be emailed out to registrants closer to August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please order a Pride Is Alive t-shirt if you do not already own one.

### 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.

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>

### **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](mailto:homestay@wvschools.ca) or visit our [web pages](#)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **ParticipACTION 2023 - June 1-30**

We are halfway there! West Vancouver is currently standing in 4th place out of 294 communities in British Columbia. We need everyone's help to get us to #1! If we win the \$100,000, the funds will be going to the Physical Literacy Table! This would be absolutely incredible for the entire community of West Vancouver to Make Movement Matter in all kinds of creative ways!

Please find attached the information for the ParticipACTION event. For some incentive, there are individual prizes such as Sport Chek gift cards, which are up for grabs to those who participate!!

And finally, anyone who has a watch with a built-in fitness tracker, this automatically connects to the app, which makes tracking super easy as you don't need to physically enter in your minutes.

### **VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH- School Clinic Immunization Survey**

Vancouver Coastal Health is conducting an online survey to gather feedback from parents/guardians who have experienced the school clinic immunization process. The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete and open until Friday, **June 30**, 2023. For more information please visit the survey page using

the link provided. <https://engage.vch.ca/your-experience-with-immunizations-offered-in-schools>

### **JUNIOR SUMMER LEARN TO ROW**

The Vancouver Rowing club is actively building its Junior program following the pandemic. They are hoping to run more Learn to Row programs this summer to attract more rowers to the Junior team. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **RECURRING SCHOOL 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](#)

### **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

### **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](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.