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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, June 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last Day for Cafeteria Service
Mon, June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awards Day - see details below ● Last Day of regular classes and instruction ● There will be no Cafeteria service this week
Tues, June 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review & Completion - see details below
Wed, June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review & Completion - see details below
Thurs, June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Final Reports posted to MyEducation Family Portal
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we grow closer to our last day together for 2023, there is an inverse reaction going on for most of our school community; our calendar updates grow smaller and the excitement for summer grows larger. While the end of June brings a feeling that we are *winding down*, I often think it is more accurate to say we are *winding up*. On one hand there are fewer days left in the year, however, we tend to pack a lot into that final month. Among the special events here at Rockridge in June, our students and staff continue to engage in a lot of meaningful learning opportunities this week that do not all look like final exams. This week's **Raven Life** attachment has a lovely collection of updated photos and captions, special events and learning that help showcase our Rockridge school community.

We will have our final E-Bulletin for 2022-23 next Thursday to offer some final wrap up details and celebrations, as well as some helpful information for our return in September!

As you head off for 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.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL OVERVIEW - * Please note - there will be no cafeteria service this week.

Monday, June 26 is our Last Day of regular classes and instruction. This is the last day of official attendance taken by teachers. Monday is also our awards day, and we are looking forward to recognizing many of our students for their accomplishments this year. Our staff have been very busy preparing for Monday and know our students will enjoy the awards day plans. Scroll down for more awards day information.

Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28 - Review & Completion Days. Some students will need to attend on one or both of these 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.

School Bus Schedule		
Mon	26-Jun	no change
Tue	27-Jun	2 buses (1 for HSB, 1 for LB), no time change
Wed	28-Jun	2 buses (1 for HSB, 1 for LB), no time change
Thurs	29-Jun	Last day of School -1 bus (for both HSB & LB), no time change
Fri	30-Jun	no bus

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

These awards include a) Major Awards, b) Mastery of Subject Awards and c) 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

HEADING BACK TO LINEAR FOR 2023-24

Next year we will be in a linear timetable system which means that all students will have 8 classes in their timetable that run all year. 4 classes on each day. Day 1 classes on one day and then Day 2 classes the following day.

Academies will take place either in the morning before school, during 1-4 and 2-4 (the afternoon periods) or after school. Your academy will let you know the schedule details.

There will be 50 mins of Flexible instructional time (FIT).

FIT will take place on **Mondays and Thursdays from 10:55 - 11:45am** and is replacing Block 5.

Lunch and Period 4 will begin at the same time each day.

Staff collaboration will take place 11 times next year. Collaboration days always fall on a Thursday from 8:30 to 9:25. 4 classes will follow with lunch and period 4 beginning at the usual time.

See [this Schedules for 2023-24 document](#) for the exact timing of each type of day:

- Regular day schedule
- FIT Day schedule

- c) Collaboration Day schedule
- d) Early Dismissal Days

Students have access to a google calendar that highlights which type of day it is on each day of the year. Parents will be informed through the website calendar and E-Bulletin.

Students were given a comprehensive presentation on next year's schedule in their classes this morning. Please ask your student if you require more information or contact Vice-Principal jtowers@wvschools.ca

LOCKER CLEAN-OUT DEADLINE - *Now Past Due!*

All students using lockers this year should now have their locker emptied of all contents and the locks should be locked on the locker door WITH THE LOCKER OPEN. All remaining items left in lockers will be donated to charity.

MYED FAMILY PORTAL - Accessing Student Reports

To access student reports that will be published next week 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](#)

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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

Lost & Found

Lost & Found items are displayed on tables in front of the office. Items not collected by the end of June will be donated to charity.

Please come to the main office for lost valuables. We have had a number of items returned such as backpacks, jewelry, keys, bank cards, glasses etc.

TEXTBOOKS

Please return all textbooks so that we can complete our 'class sets'!

Textbooks that have not been returned have been charged to your SchoolCashOnline accounts.

ROCKRIDGE Library Learning Commons

Thank you for all of 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. Any books that are overdue by 30 days will be fined as lost books on School Cash Online. To avoid this, please look around your home for any late books (they will have a neon pink sticker on the back) and return them to school. Thank you for helping us gather the books back in for the next school year!

GRADUATION NEWS

Below are some [final reminders](#) for the end of your high school experience:

► **SATURDAY - Graduation Banquet** (June 24th 6pm @ the Bayshore) - doors open at 6pm and the program begins at 7pm. All students and families were emailed this letter from Mr. Kolkea regarding the Grad Banquet on Saturday:

► **CLC Exit Survey** (**WAS DUE: Friday, May 26th**)

Complete [THIS Final Survey](#) to fulfill CLC requirements so that we can improve our career services and stay connected with you. 110 out of 175 grads have done this so far, keep your responses coming!!!

► **Locker Clean Out** (**Wednesday, June 21st**)

All students using lockers this year should have their locker emptied of all contents by Wednesday, June 21st and the locks should be locked on the locker door WITH THE LOCKER OPEN.

► **Graduation Banquet** (**Saturday, June 24th @ 6pm @ the Bayshore**)

Doors open at 6pm and the program will begin at 7pm. If you buy a ticket now and would like to be added to a table, please see or email Ms. Towers jtowers@wvschools.ca

► **Google Drive Files** (**Friday, June 30th**)

Transfer over your Google drive files to your personal account as your school account will become inactive (e.g. [Google Takeout](#), [Google Transfer](#), etc.).

► **Official High School Diploma & Final Transcript** (**end of August**)

Your diploma and final transcript will be mailed to the [local address](#) listed on myEd once it comes available at [the end of August](#).

- If your local mailing address is not up-to-date or correct, please see Ms. Smithers at the front office by the end of THIS WEEK.
- If you are an international student and would like to make alternate arrangements, please see Ms. Smithers at the front office by the end of THIS WEEK.

► **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](https://www.westvanfoundation.ca)

RAVENS ATHLETICS

School athletic uniforms need to be returned ML please check with Ian for updated wording needed for this section.

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 if you have questions regarding our Athletics program.

Outstanding:

- Girls' soccer uniforms
- Ultimate Frisbee uniforms.

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS

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

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 6th. 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.

2023-2024 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 or visit our [web pages](#)

FIRE SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Community members are reminded to be extra careful with fire building and follow provincial fire bans. Recent dry and windy weather conditions pose a fire hazard. Please be vigilant on our trails and in our parks.

Thank you for your custodianship of our community.

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>

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

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.