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June 8, 2023

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 1: June 12-16	
Thurs, June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WVS Indigenous Student Graduation &amp; Family Gathering 4-6 pm - WVSS</li> <li>Rockridge Spring Music Concert 6:30 – 8:30 pm - see Raven Life attached</li> </ul>
Fri, June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law 12 Field Trip - Law Court observation</li> </ul>
Sun, June 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduation Commencement Ceremony - Orpheum Theatre</li> </ul>
Tues, June 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR Enviro Club Beach Cleanup @Ambleside 1:15 – 3:15 pm</li> <li>Grade 12 Sports Day 1:15 – 2:50pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr. 8/9 Careers Presentation Block 5 Gr 8 in PH / Gr 9 in LLC</li> <li>PAC Golf Tournament Fundraiser - Gleneagles</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
<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

It has been and is going to be a big week and weekend here at the Rock. While there continues to be exciting learning opportunities for our students and special events, there is none bigger than the graduation of the class of 2023 this Sunday. From MYP (Middle Years Program) to AP (Advanced Placement) and from grade 8 to grade 12, commencement stands out as the culmination of years of learning, hard work and dedication by our Rockridge Ravens. I look forward to sharing some reflections and pictures with our school community next week here in the E-Bulletin.

Thinking about these last weeks of June, please see the title below called ‘the last week of school overview’ to better understand the shape of our final days of the 2022-23 school year.

I would greatly appreciate you sharing 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. Afterall, this truly is a great place to learn and grow.

Please be sure to check out this week’s **Raven Life** attachment with a collection of updated photos and captions, 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 tonight!

### 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

### *ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS*

#### **Rockridge Golf Tournament Fundraiser + Beer Garden Social - June 15th**

Tickets still available for next week's fundraiser! It's a fun event for golfers of all levels (Texas Scramble format with contests + games throughout the course) or join us at the beer garden social starting at 6pm! [Register for the golf tournament](#) at Gleneagles Golf Course - includes access to the Beer Garden - or [buy a ticket](#) for the Beer Garden Social at The Orchard that evening. Wear your Hawaiian gear and help us raise money for our amazing school!

#### **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*

#### **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 - THANK YOU!**

Our Rockridge Junior Ravens Camps conclude tomorrow. A huge thank you to Ms. Lambie and Ravens Camp Director Marlie Behm for building this from concept to reality. Activity leaders played a huge role in planning and delivering great camps. Thank you to those leaders; Marin E, Taya M, Sydney F, Jason B, Luca J, Robert B, Adrian B, Tianne K, Claire, Jordan C, Lauren M, Ashlyn M and Theo Z.

#### **COLOUR RUN 2023**

On Thursday June 15th, the annual colour run will be taking place after lunch at 1:15pm on the field.

Please bring a donation in order to participate. All funds will go towards the Linda Harrison Youth Fund.

Freebies will also be sold for \$1 each. **Wear white and rainbow colours!**

### GARDEN SALES - Wed June 14th and 21st at 2:50 out 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 - see photo in Raven Life

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](#)

- **Grad Banquet** (June 24th @ the Bayshore) - **ticket sales for grads and their parents through school cash online will end TOMORROW, June 9th at midnight.** Table captains have been set. If you buy a ticket now and would like to be added to a table - please see Ms. Towers
- **Graduation Commencement - June 11th @11am. Sales close TODAY** - ticket \$15 per guest through school cash online. **Pick up tickets 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 starting at 10am.
  - **NOTE: the Graduate does not require a ticket - just guests**
  - **GOWNS AND REHEARSAL:** Students got their gowns and rehearsed the commencement yesterday at lunch. Students that missed the practice should see the Grad class google classroom for details and pick up their gown from the front 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. 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	
	Thursday June 15	Advisory #15	Thurs. June 8 <sup>th</sup>
		Advisory #16	Tues. June 20 <sup>th</sup>

Teacher locations during Block 5: [bit.ly/rrFITlocations22](http://bit.ly/rrFITlocations22) This list will help students plan effective use of their flexible instruction time.

### 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.

Outstanding:

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

*Thank you, Athletic Director*

**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](mailto: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 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.

**2023/24 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

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>

### **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**

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](mailto: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](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.

### **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.