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CALENDAR UPDATE	
February 2024	
Mon, Mar 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of LP 3
Tues, Mar 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESP Pop-Up Shop Days! 2-3 (11:35-12:50) - PH - see details below • FAST - SFA Training Day 2 1– 9 pm Rockridge LLC
Wed, Mar 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESP Pop-Up Shop Days! 1-3 (10:05-11:20) PH - see details below • Pre-AP Art & STEM to KPU Rmd - Wilson School of Design 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Thurs, Mar 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFU Preview Day for Indigenous Students 9:00am – 3:00pm
March 7, 8 & 9	Rockridge Theatre Lab presents <i>Backstory</i> at Kay Meek - see details below
Fri, Mar 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Justice to SFU Harbour Ctre • LP 2 Reports Posted to MyED parent portal
Upcoming Events	
Wed, Mar 13	International Lunch - Players Hall
March 18-25	Rockridge French Students Travel to France
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week I shared my recent blog post from our school website about my one word for 2024 being *build*. This week has absolutely been a week of action with *building* at the core of my schedule. Building and supporting incredible opportunities in a positive school culture is why I have less time to write a lot here this week. For example, today alone, I had the pleasure of taking a Polar Plunge with Ms. Green and the Chilly Ravens (see [Raven Life](#)), engaging with our Rock staff in learning update comment writing collaboration sessions, visiting West Bay Elementary with Mr. Trask and some of our STEM students, all while trying to keep my hair tidy for tonight’s Grad Semi-Formal event!

A very important part of my school leadership is supporting all members of our Raven community including students, families and staff. Communication is a very big part of my job and I hope that today’s E-Bulletin provides an effective update for you to feel informed, connected and inspired to get involved with one or more of the opportunities that are highlighted today.

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for photos and posters of recent and upcoming events at the Rock. There are a number of special events advertised again this week we hope you will consider attending.*

Ministry of Education 2024 Learning Survey

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and is available in 18 languages. No logon # is required - see right side of 'parent section'. The survey will be available until Friday, May 3rd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

Lost & Found - Clear out before Spring Break

Lost & Found items will be displayed on tables in front of the office starting Monday, Mar 4th. All Items not collected by March 14th will be donated to charity.

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

TEXT MESSAGE OPT IN

Text Messaging – For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

2024-25 COURSE SELECTION:

Course selection sessions got underway this week for Grade 11 students selecting courses for Grade 12. Next week, all other Rockridge students will participate in course selection sessions with our counsellors and admin team. Students will have entry access in MYEDBC until April 1 to enter course requests and to make changes to their choices. Parents are asked to please review their child's choices with them. Hyperlinks to the presentations and more information are below.

- [Grade 8 & 9 Course Planning Presentation](#)
- [Grade 10 & 11 + AP/STEM/ESP Presentation](#)
- [Rockridge Website Course Planning Page](#)

THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

It's hard to believe, but this week marks the end of Learning Period Two! Oh, how time flies! Students will be able to access their second "Learning Update" (the new name for report cards) on MyEd on **Friday, March 8th, 2024.**

This week, we want to remind you that the MYP is a growth-focused program—one that acknowledges how learning is a dynamic process that takes time. And it may be that, at this time, students are not yet reaching levels that they've seen in the past. That is okay! Students still have the opportunity to reflect on their biggest successes and challenges from the first two learning periods, and to consider this when making goals for the final learning period (from now until June).

When it comes to assessment, criterion levels are based on students' most recent and consistent levels. This means that, as they grow and deepen their skills in the criteria, the levels will grow and adjust accordingly!

Just like a tree, growing takes time. Learning takes time. And, as we start to look ahead towards the final learning period, walk alongside your students with patience and encouragement. Help empower them in the spaces that need support. Help them set goals and establish healthy structures and work habits that make sense for them and their context.

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY - The next tour will be Monday, March 11 from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Do you know a family that may be interested in registering at Rockridge in the future? Please pass along this information to them so they can join us at our next school tour. **Inquiries and RSVP:** rockridge@wvschools.ca

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

2024 SUMMER LEARNING with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

From The Math Department

THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO Euclid Math Contest -Wed April 3rd from 8:30 am – 11:00 am (2.5 hours)

(primarily designed for grade 12 however, students in lower grades may attempt it if they are interested in math challenges). This math contest challenges students from around the world with a range of abilities to grow valuable problem-solving skills.

- Interested students, please pay \$18.00 on School Cash Online by March 7 at 8:00 am
- For practice, please see past contests at:

https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html

University of Waterloo Math Contest Gr 8-11 - See Raven Life for photo

Engaging in these competitions fosters invaluable skills among our students, such as creative problem-solving and critical thinking. By participating, they delve into new realms, refining their mathematical abilities and embracing innovative approaches. These contests not only expand their knowledge but also cultivate a deeper understanding of the broader concepts at play.

ESP Pop-Up Shop Days - Tues March 5th 2-3 (11:35-12:50) & Wed March 6th 1-3 (10:05-11:20).PH

The Economic Strategies Program (ESP) is a dynamic and immersive experience designed to ignite students' passion for business and equip them with essential skills for the modern economy. In ESP, we merge Economics 12 and E-Commerce 12 into a seamless curriculum, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of both economic principles and the dynamic world of e-commerce. Our program emphasizes collaboration, mirroring real-world team dynamics, and each course is carefully designed to complement the other, creating a cohesive learning experience. With dedicated instructors and engaging multi-month capstone projects, such as creating a business with Junior Achievement or participating in an urban planning simulation, students will not only gain valuable knowledge but also develop essential teamwork and entrepreneurial skills. We believe that ESP isn't just about teaching

business—it's about empowering students to become confident, innovative thinkers prepared to tackle the challenges of the future.

Students have been working hard on creating their companies and products and they are now ready to market and sell them.

**YOU ARE INVITED! Rockridge Theatre Lab Presents: BACKSTORY, MARCH 7, 8, & 9th
7pm (doors open 6:30 pm) Kay Meek Theatre**

What are the stories we share? Do you know what REALLY goes on behind closed doors? How about in the minds of teens or in school? Come see this unflinching look at the world of parents, teachers and highschool students. You will laugh, you will cry and you will leave thinking...

Have you got your tickets yet?

We look forward to seeing you at the Kay Meek Theatre March 7-9th. Check out the poster in the Raven Life for more details. **Tickets are available on [SchoolCashOnline](#).**

Thanks so much for your support!

ROCKRIDGE JAZZ CAFE -Tues, March 12th in Players Hall | Doors open 6 pm, music to start at 6:30 pm
Guest Artist: Teresa Marie and The Three

You are invited to the 2nd annual Rockridge Jazz Café. We will be transforming Player's Hall into our very own café, with candlelit tables, coffee, tea and refreshments.

At the Jazz Café, you will hear from the Rockridge "A" and "B" Big Bands and combos. This year, we are excited to have Teresa Marie and The Three performing as our featured artist. Teresa is an exciting up-and-coming vocalist in the Vancouver jazz scene, and we are overjoyed that she and her band will be performing to kick off our evening. Check her out!

- We hope to see you there! Please note that tickets are first-come, first-served, and will sell quickly. **Get yours now! \$15, payable through this schoolcash online link:**
<https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/27698/105/False/True>
- Thanks to students Lara H and Mary L for designing our awesome poster in Raven Life
- Let me know if you have any questions about the Jazz Café: Ben Parker BParker@wvschools.ca

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH hosted by Rockridge Kanata Club - Wed, March 13th in Player's Hall

The International Lunch has been a Rockridge tradition for over 20 years and we have been very grateful for the food Rockridge families have contributed to help make this event a success. In previous years we have sold over 300 plates of food and we are hoping to be able to offer a variety of dishes again this year. We would greatly appreciate it if you could contribute to our lunch. Students who contribute food will be given 5 free tickets and service hours for their time. To sign up for the Contribute click [here](#)

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies and West Vancouver District Programs are open for registration!

Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information.

VOLUNTEER with North Shore Highlands Challenger Baseball! See poster [here](#)

Please contact Highlands Buddy Coordinator Sophie Mariano at challengerbuddies@gmail.com for more information - see details in Raven Life

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

February PAC Update

Last week's PAC coffee meeting featured updates from Principal Kolkea on key events and issues around the school, and presentation by [WV School Board Trustee Lynne Block](#). The meeting was followed by an informal coffee get together. [Minutes are on the PAC website](#).

Our next PAC General Meeting will be Wed, April 17th at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons. This is a forum for parents to come together to discuss and share their thoughts and concerns related to school matters. We really appreciate parents' presence at these meetings, as it ensures full discussions when addressing issues with an administrator present to listen and respond to parent concerns. Your participation is vital and we hope to see you on April 17th!

Outdoor Classroom Update

The PAC executive team met with Kennedy Construction to finalize details and get the project underway. We are waiting for a stretch of better weather for construction to proceed. We anticipate being able to provide parents with a more detailed update in the weeks ahead.

Virtual Parent Education Nights

"We Are All Connected. Supporting Children's K - 12 Peer Relationships" - Thu, Mar 7th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- [event poster](#)

Hear practical advice and the science behind how families and schools can foster supportive relationships between children. What's normal and when should we help? Led by Dr Diana Divecha, Developmental Psychologist, Yale Child Study Center and hosted by DPAC. To register and submit questions ahead of time, email dpac@wvschools.ca.

"Parents as Education & Career Coaches" - Wed, Mar 13th, 6:30 - 8pm

Hosted by Education Planner BC and WVS. [Find event information](#). Key points: BC's post-secondary institutions and credentials, admission requirements, key dates, costs and navigating resources. This is especially helpful for Grades 10-12 families. For more information contact:

- Rockridge Career & Post Secondary Advisor: LAlldred@wvschools.ca.
- Registration required: [Click to Register](#)

More free virtual parenting education talks can be found on the [PAC website](#).

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Join the Rockridge [P2P](#) WhatsApp Group!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMP IGNITE - Female Firefighter Camp! - See poster in Raven Life

Are you a female grade 11 or 12 student who is interested in becoming a first responder?

Apply for 'Camp Ignite' which will take place on August 9-11 2024.
For further details click [here](#) - applications due May 1st.

RAVEN ATHLETICS: #GoRavens

Follow us on [Instagram @Rockridge.Athletics](#) Follow us on [X/Twitter @RockridgeAthlct](#)

If you are looking to keep up with our Raven Athletics Events, just scroll through our [Morning Announcements](#). The second page of the announcements is dedicated to Raven Athletics teams, schedules, upcoming events and results. Watch for Spring Sports starting soon.

TEAM NEWS

Wrestling - Junior & Senior Boys

Congratulations to Roham Z . who placed 5th in the Provincial Championships.

Volleyball - Bantam Boys - Google Classroom (Code - aht4wfa)

- Practices are Tuesday and Thursday this week. Feb 27 and 29. 3:00-4:30 in our gym.

Soccer - Senior Girls - Google Classroom (Code - vybw6vb)

- Tryout Thursday March 7th and Tuesday March 12th from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Soccer - Junior Girls (Grade 8-10) - Google Classroom Code: z bq3rjt

- Tryouts Thurs Feb 29th & Thurs Mar 7th @ 3:30pm @Rockridge

Badminton - Junior & Senior

- Google Classroom **Code - h3pmzjg**

Ultimate

- Join the Google Classroom **Code - w7u2oby**

Rugby - Junior Boys -Google Classroom code: Code - oi5q2um

- Senior and Junior Boys Rugby travel to Sir Charles Tupper next Thursday March 7 for a double header vs the Tigers!

Rugby - Senior Boys Google Classroom Code - s5wj7lr

- Senior Boys rugby opened their season with a bonus point win 33-12 over sentinel on Wednesday
- Senior and Junior Boys Rugby travel to Sir Charles Tupper next Thursday March 7 for a double header vs the Tigers!

Ice Hockey

- Google Classroom (**Code - tsbwtnm**)
- **Payment on School Cash online. Deposit cheque for jersey to Mr. Kim by this Friday (March 1). Roster will be confirmed after tryouts.**
- See schedule [here](#)

Tennis

- Those interested in the tennis team this spring, please add yourself to the Google Classroom (**Code - go3awf3**) and complete the **form**.

Mountain Biking Google Classroom (Code - rz55ubo)

- Sign up and come race with us! Races begin in April. XC and Enduro formats this year.
- Tryouts Wed, March 13th @ 3pm @ Rockridge

Golf

- Please join the Google Classroom (Code - 5z5lrgj) and complete the survey
- The golf team has had their first tryout....

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Unpacking Youth Culture *Let's Talk Shop* - Wednesday, March 6th - Sentinel Secondary School

“Let’s Talk Shop” is a facilitated evening event that brings volunteer parents of teens from one community together with volunteer teens from another community in a confidential, respectful, and safe environment. Through guided exercises and workshops, parents and teens are prepared for the event which seeks to: provide parent education; empower teenagers; and strengthen connections between the teen and adult populations. During the event, parents will be together in a circle amongst the teenagers listening to them describe what it is like in their world – what pressures and issues North Shore teenagers struggle with. The teens share their insights on topics such as relationships with parents and peers, stress, school, drugs and alcohol, internet influences, mental health, and other difficult but important issues. There is no glamorization of risky behavior nor is there opportunity to scare or mislead parents. Parents also have the opportunity, if they choose, to answer youth questions on what it’s like to be a parent today. Parents walk away from the event with a renewed sense of empathy and respect for young people, an understanding of their challenges, and greater confidence to be more effective agents in their own teen’s life. Teenagers walk away with the knowledge that they have made a valuable contribution to the adult community and a greater appreciation for their parents’ experiences. Through this event, staff and community partners provide a rare and empowering opportunity to build capacity in and connection between North Shore teenagers and parents. Registration is required: [Eventbrite](#)

Federal Mental Health/Suicide Crisis helpline: 9-8-8 Call or Text

You deserve to be heard. A safe space to talk, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. <https://988.ca/>

FAMILY SMART Monthly Events - LINK - Online & In-Person for Parents and Caregivers 2024.

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED - How Families Can Support Children’s K-12 Peer Relationships

DPAC Virtual Event hosted by Dr. Diana Divecha - March 7th | 7-8:30 PM -See Raven Life for details

To register email: dpac@wvschools.ca

FEEDING FUTURES INITIATIVE

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal - Trevor Kolkea tkolkea@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

West Vancouver Rec Centre Happenings:

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

ONLINE POLICIES & PROCEDURES FORMS 2023-2024 - <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.

Permissions expire on August 31 each year. The form includes consent for the following:

- Student Code of Conduct and Discipline
- District Network and Internet Appropriate Use
- Privately Owned Electronic Devices Appropriate Use
- Use of Website Applications Outside British Columbia - Parental Consent
- Media, Digital Media, and Video Release
- Community Activities Release Parental Consent
- Consent of Release Permission

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If there are any changes to address, legal custody, or citizenship status, please upload documentation to support the changes using [this link](#). The changes will not be reflected until the documentation is submitted.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

MYED BC Parent Portal

If you need assistance logging onto the parent portal, please use this link [MyEd Parent Portal](#) for instructions on registering your MyEdBC account. Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

ATTENDANCE - Notifying the Office and Extended Absences

If you know your student will not be in attendance for all, or part of a school day, we ask that you

please let our office know in advance - rockridge@wvschools.ca Please include your child's first and last name in your email.

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.

SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:

Thank you to families who have paid this year's school fees for your student(s). As a reminder, the 2023/2024 School Course Fees are available for payment on School Cash Online. All school fees and field trips are added to this site and can be paid easily [online](#). If you have not signed in before, you will need your child's Student Pupil number which can be found on MyEd or on a previous report card. You can find Registration Instructions [here](#). Please contact Rockridge Accounting rockridgeaccounting@wvschools.ca in the main office if you have any questions or assistance with logging in.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for International Students – 2024 Host Family Fee Increase

Apply now and welcome a student:

- 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 excerpt below from a new student 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](#)

STUDENT Bus Transportation

Each student must register (by completing the online registration request form:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/transportation-form/> to reserve a seat on the bus.

Please be sure to submit the online registration form via the link above, and that you have received confirmation from Transportation SD45.