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CALENDAR UPDATE	
February 2024	
Thurs, Mar 7,8 & 9	Rockridge Theatre Lab presents <i>Backstory</i> at Kay Meek - tickets
Fri, Mar 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Justice to SFU Harbour Centre • LP 2 Reports Posted to MyED parent portal
Mon, Mar 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00pm
Tues, Mar 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol Agreement Signing Ceremony - Squamish Nation 5-6 pm Sentinel • Jazz Cafe 6:30 – 8:30pm - See details below
Wed, Mar 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Lunch
Thurs, Mar 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students) • GetReal Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop 1 9:35 - 10:35 am (grade 8s) ❖ Workshop 2 10:45 - 11:45 am (grade 9s) • Last day of FNA Rotation 2
Fri, Mar 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of ADST Rotation 2
March 18-25	Rockridge French Students Travel to France
SPRING BREAK March 18 - 28	
March 29 - April 1	Easter Holiday – School Closed
Upcoming Events	
Tues, April 2nd	First day back to School after Spring Break & Easter Holiday
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I appreciate the time you take each week to scroll down through our weekly E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. This week, we officially started learning period 3, the final term of this school year. While this messaging might prompt some folks to start thinking about the end of June, I prefer to help students focus on shorter timelines and specific goals and objectives. For example, tomorrow students and parents/guardians will be able to access the second learning update (formerly

known as report cards) for the Rockridge student(s) in your household. This is an important opportunity for students and families to:

- Schedule a dedicated time when you can sit down together to review the report card without distractions.
- Check in on growth since learning update one. This includes reflecting on not just marks, but comments made by teachers.
- Celebrate accomplishments and strengths. Our students are dedicated to their learning and planning for the future, but pausing to recognize their milestones both big and small provides inspiration and positivity.
- Identify areas for growth and improvement. Ask your student to open their Grad Class Google Classroom and review their ATL Student Self-Reflections. Our students are already goal setting and reflecting with each learning update, however, there may be other plans of action that can be discussed and created together as a family as well.
- Follow up with a teacher when there are questions or uncertainties. Our Raven students know a lot about their learning, but when they are not sure about a comment or mark on the learning update, they should be communicating with their teacher - a good time to do so is during FIT Block on Mondays and Thursdays..

This week's **MYP Moment** from Ms. LeSieur and Ms. Millare below once again provides some helpful reminders (and RE-reminders!) for Grade 8 to 10 families as you navigate the learning update.

*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 be attending **BACKSTORY** which opens tonight and the **Jazz Cafe** next Tuesday just to name a couple things.*

MYED BC Parent Portal

Learning Update Two will be published digitally through the parent portal on Friday, March 8th.

If you have not done so already please see the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account.

Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are still having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

This is the week, parents! You will be able to access the second "Learning Update" (the new name for report cards) on MyEd on **Friday, March 8th, 2024** for the Rockridge student(s) in your household.

Here are a few reminders as you navigate the learning update:

1) What the Levels Mean in Grades 8 - 10

The MYP Levels are aligned with the new BC Proficiency Scale. So if you see a Level of 4 for a specific criterion, it does NOT mean that your student received a 4 out of 8. It means the following:

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
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Levels 1 - 2	Levels 3 - 4	Levels 5 - 6	Levels 7 - 8
Demonstrates an initial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the expected learning.

A passing level in a course is considered a 2.

If a 1 or an IE (insufficient evidence) is present, students will be given a supportive action plan to help get them back on track in the remainder of the course. You will receive this from the teacher.

2) Learning Takes Time

Perhaps your student isn't content with the levels they are receiving at this time. Remind them that growing and learning takes time. They will not remain at these levels if they're willing to reflect on what has been and make some plans to lean into the spaces that need attention.

3) Look for the Teacher Comments not the IB Generated Comments

Lastly, we're going to encourage you to ignore the generic IB comments that are generated based on levels and instead look to the specifics from your teacher comment (it will be indicated where it begins). The comments that are auto-generated from IB for the MYP program are in the lengthy process of being updated on a global scale, and currently, the language does not align with where BC Assessment is moving to. So, ignore them!

Look at the teacher's comment first. They know and can give the best feedback on your student.

We hope these reminders are helpful to you as you navigate the second learning update of the year.

2024-25 COURSE SELECTION: IN PERSON SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 11th (FIT)

Course selection sessions have now been completed by all grades with our counsellors and admin team. Students who missed their session or need additional support are encouraged to attend an in person session on Monday during FIT with Counselors and Admin in Players Hall. 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](#)

FAMILIES are advised to check immunization records before Spring Break Travel

With measles outbreaks being reported internationally and spring break on the horizon, the provincial health officer, BC Centre for Disease Control and public health officials are reminding people in British Columbia to check their vaccination records before travelling to ensure they are protected.

More information can be found [here](#) with the local West Vancouver immunization clinic [here](#)

LOST & FOUND - Clear out before Spring Break

Lost & Found items have been on display on tables in front of the office this week. All Items not collected by March 14th will be donated to charity. Students should check in with the office for any lost valuables. Throughout the year we have had a number of found items turned in to our office by students such as earpods, watches, jewelry, keys, bank cards, glasses etc.

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, March 14th

During our upcoming collaboration time, the school is open, and students are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory (attendance will not be taken during this time). Students may use this time to complete assignments and other incomplete work. Students who are in attendance during collaboration time will be stationed in the cafeteria where we will have staff supervising. For students planning to work from home, they are reminded to arrive on time for their first block of the day which begins at 9:30 am. See the bell schedule for the day below.

COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULE

COLLAB DAY	Times
School Collab (55 min)	8:30 - 9:25am
Break (5 min)	9:25 - 9:30am
Period 1 (65 minutes)	9:30 - 10:35 am
Break (10 minutes)	10:35 - 10:45 am
Period 2 (60 minutes)	10:45 - 11:45 am
Break (10 minutes)	11:45 - 11:55am
Period 3 (60 minutes)	11:55 - 12:55 pm
Lunch (45 minutes)	12:55 - 1:40pm
Period 4 (65 minutes)	1:40 - 2:45 pm

BACKSTORY opens TONIGHT and we are beyond proud of the students who have been working a minimum of four to six hours per week, for this show. We have a show that features students from all grades and they would be so grateful to have full houses. We have sold many tickets but many are still available through [schoolcashionline](#). You will see and learn so much from these young people.

The GetReal Movement coming to Rockridge on Thursday, March 14. We are excited to host the GetReal Movement at our school as they are going to present to all of our grade 8 and 9's. The grade-wide workshops encourage all of our students to continue to show respect, collaborate with each other and be empathetic to the diversity of all people that attend our school. One of the objectives of the BC curriculum and adapted to the MYP program which is central to student development is the ATL reflections. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to British Columbia's K-12 curriculum and assessment system and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens. For more details about the GetReal Movement please see [HERE](#)

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*

We are excited to remind you that our Rockridge Jazz Café event is now less than one week away! The enthusiasm in our music room is building, and we want to make sure you don't miss out on this fantastic evening of music and celebrating student work. See the attached poster.

- Date: Tuesday, Mar. 12
- Time: Doors at 6:00 pm, Show begins at 6:30 pm
- Location: Player's Hall, Rockridge Secondary

To ensure you have a spot at our Café, we would encourage you to purchase your tickets now. Tickets are available for purchase at

- <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](#)

2024 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 2024.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 AM.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on 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

2024-25 Baseball Academy Open House on Mon, March 11 at 7pm – West Van Secondary (Room C302)

Please join us for an information session on the [West Van Schools Baseball Academy](#). Our coaches will provide detailed information on this outstanding program and will answer any questions that you may have. The Academy is an excellent way to incorporate technical and tactical training within the school timetable and helps to prepare students for team tryouts and post-secondary endeavors.

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

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

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'. Simply use the drop down menu to enter our **District name: 45 West Vancouver** and **School name: Rockridge**, then select your preferred language to complete the survey. 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.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

March PAC Update

Virtual Parent Education Nights

"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](#)

Note: Both of these events are free and will be recorded. If you can't be present at the online webinar, a recording of the event will be emailed to all registrants after the event takes place

More free virtual parenting education talks can be found on the [PAC website](#). Next PAC Meeting is on April 17th, 6:00pm in the Learning Commons.

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

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Percussiano 3 at The Kay Meek Theatre March 10th at 3 pm

Percussiano 3 is a veritable pageant for the eye and ear featuring the two hands of percussionist Rod Thomas Squance and the four hands of Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann. This exciting performance features works from Bernstein's West Side Story and Gustav Holst's The Planets.

Featuring over 30 percussion instruments and two Steinway grand pianos, Percussiano 3 delivers all of the excitement of a percussion ensemble with a classical touch, presenting great masterpieces and unique transcriptions for percussion and piano. The Kay Meek Theatre is offering \$10 tickets for West Vancouver Schools' students on March 10th at 3pm. Tickets can be booked [online](#) or by calling our box office at 604-981-6335, using the promo code PERC10

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.

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

Please contact Highlands Buddy Coordinator Sophie Mariano at challengerbuddies@gmail.com for more information.

RAVEN ATHLETICS: #GoRavens

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

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

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

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: zbq3rjt**

- Tryout Thurs Mar 7th @ 3:30pm @Rockridge

Badminton - Junior & Senior - Google Classroom **Code - h3pmzjg**

Ultimate - 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 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**)
- **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.
- Please return consent forms and pay your fees to join
- Tryouts Wed, March 13th @ 3pm @ Rockridge

Golf - Google Classroom (**Code - 5z5lrgj**)

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.

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.