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April 11, 2024

ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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[Morning Announcements](#): *Bookmark this link for daily new, updates and Rockridge Athletics schedules*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
April 15 - 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Science Students Travel to Bamfield
Mon, April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment FIT - Grade 9 Presentation - PH
Tues, April 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
Wed, April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment April PAC General Meeting 6:00pm - see details below
Thurs, April 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment FIT - ATL Reflections Part 1 - all students to complete with 1-2 teacher - "Communication & Research" - Goal Setting
Fri, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
Upcoming Events	
Mon, April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EARTH DAY Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00pm
Thu, April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students)
Fri, April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 9 Immunization Clinic #2 LLC (for students who are eligible for recommended vaccinations)
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During our first week back to school after Spring Break we held our monthly department coordinators' meeting. I posed the question to our teacher leaders about what they were looking forward to in these last three months of the year. The responses were very inspiring and included connecting to student learning events, special opportunities like trips and guest speakers, coaching spring teams, developing new units and assessments, professional development and more. They reflected an engaged and energetic Rockridge staff that has helped our Ravens have a positive start to this final spring term. It truly makes me proud to lead such professional, enthusiastic and dedicated educators who find, create and embrace positive experiences and joy for themselves and others.

With 12 spring sports teams in action, it really is worth scrolling down to the Raven Athletics updates to stay current on standings, upcoming games, matches and races. If you are not already following our Instagram accounts, I would really encourage you to do so. Our Ravens are making their mark, and this is another great place to celebrate our students for their accomplishments:

[Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram](#)
[Instagram @Rockridge.Athletics](#)

You can also check in on all that is happening with our Rockridge PAC (and it's a LOT), by scrolling down in our E-Bulletin, opening up this week's jam-packed Raven Life, or better yet, join our Ro-PAC meeting this coming Wednesday in the Learning Commons at 6pm.

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for spring sports photos, posters of upcoming events and more at the Rock.*

THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

As we continue our journey through the Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, nothing seems more pertinent in the news these days than Research.

The Research ATL does not *only* focus on the skills that allow learners to collect, analyze, communicate and give reference to information that they utilize in their courses, but it also includes skills that emphasize media literacy.

Learners today are bombarded with information. They have to decipher what is real, and what has bias and how different perspectives tell a whole story. Those are a lot of heavy duty skills! *How do you utilize those skills in **your** own day to day?*

Learners today are also encouraged to choose their personal viewing of media wisely. This includes self-regulation of how much or what media they consume. Placing and upholding healthy boundaries for themselves around what and how much they engage with various forms of media is so important for our learners today. *It's important for you too!* As you thoughtfully engage *and* disengage from the media that follows us, you can grow your own focus, build your own deeper relationships and widen your community view!

MYED BC Parent Portal

The **Grade 8 ADST & Fine Arts Learning Update for Rotation #2** has been published, Monday, April 8th.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT RESULTS - GNA & GLA

Students can view their scores on their MyEd portal. Parents can also see the scores on the parent portal under 'FAMILY' side tab 'ASSESSMENTS'. The Graduation Assessments will also be listed at the bottom of a student's Rockridge Diploma Verification (transcript).

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Rockridge & District Scholarship Applications (Due date Friday, April 12th)

Graduates have been encouraged to apply for our Rockridge & District scholarships by following the instructions on [this document](#). All applications are due on **Friday, April 12th 2024 @ 4pm (that's TOMORROW)**.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO GAUSS MATH CONTEST (grade 8) Wed, May 15th - LLC 1:30 – 2:30 pm

This math contest challenges students from around the world with a range of abilities to grow valuable problem-solving skills. Interested students please pay registration \$5.00 fee on School Cash Online by April 22nd at 3:00 pm. For practice, please see past contests at:

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

ROCKRIDGE INTERACT CLUB BINGO NIGHT

On April 24, 2024, the Rockridge Interact Club will be hosting a BINGO night at the Westerleigh Parc, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. All funds raised will support Shelterbox, an organization dedicated to providing shelter and relief in disaster-stricken countries. We are excited to see you there! Please use the link below to register for this fun evening. [Rockridge Interact BINGO Night Registration](#)

FAMILY PORTRAITS IN THE PARK at Horseshoe Bay! Saturday, May 4th, 2024: 2:30pm - 7:30pm

Please note this is a GradsBC Fundraiser event for Rockridge. If you have questions please contact info@gradsbc.com.

As a special event, GradsBC will be offering outdoor family portraits in picturesque Horseshoe Bay. These 10 minute sessions will provide you with a rare opportunity to receive 6-10 professionally orchestrated family portrait poses in a location that offers a waterfront setting and other beautiful landscape options.

For just \$39.00 your family will receive a full sitting with multiple poses and an 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (Valued at \$150!) \$20 of this fee goes directly back to your school as a fundraiser! This is our way of giving back and working with your school community to offer affordable keepsakes as a thank you for your business from grad and school photo programs that you participated in this past year.

- **Limited Space Available. In the past these events have sold out in one week! [Book Now](#)**
- **Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or info@gradsbc.com**

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 opened on **Monday, April 8 at 8:00 AM**. Elementary registration closes on May 10. **Secondary registration closes on June 14.**

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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.

2024-2025 PREMIER ACADEMIES and West Vancouver DISTRICT PROGRAMS are open for registration!

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

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Next Week - PAC General Meeting - Wed, April 17, 6:00 pm in Learning Commons

Topics include Rockridge Golf Tournament, Outdoor Classroom update, spring fundraisers, outdoor basketball court upgrade project, and presentations by Mr Dickinson and Mr Kolkea representing the Rockridge AI Committee: "AI in Education"; as well as Mr Stefanon sharing the "New Rockridge Athletics Branding." Find [full agenda online](#).

2nd Annual Rockridge PAC Golf Tournament - [buy tickets!](#)

Register now for our Scottish-themed golf fundraiser at Gleneagles Golf Course on Wed, May 15th. Get ready for another year of laughter and enjoyment while raising money for Rockridge. Join us for a round of golf with exciting activities on the course and attend our "Gathering of the Clans" after party on the patio at The Orchard beginning at 6pm. [Event tickets available for golfers and non-golfers](#).

Additionally, we're also looking for [silent auction and prize donations](#) such as boat rides, sports tickets, wine and gift cards. Email us if you're able to contribute by May 8th: ropac@wvschools.ca.

Fundraisers to Benefit Rockridge

Spring Plant Sale - [flyer](#)

Get ready to embrace the upcoming warmer weather with one of our favourite fundraisers! From hanging baskets to flowers, herbs, veggies, strawberries and soil, they've got you covered. [Orders are now open!](#)

- **Deadline** to order is Wed, April 24th.
- **Pick up:** Thu, May 9th at Rockridge between 2:00-4:00pm. (*Before Mother's Day!*)

**If you have any questions, please let us know by email and please consider sharing with your family and friends.*

Rockridge Raffle - [buy tickets](#)

All proceeds go directly to enriching Rockridge's school programs such as sports teams, music department, clubs and contributions towards the upgrade of the outdoor basketball court. [More information](#).

Draw: Thu, June 13th at the P2P Pub Night at The Orchard. (*Don't need to be present to win.*) \$5 each.

Krispy Kreme - [flyer](#)

Supporting Rockridge has never been sweeter. [Order a box of glazed or assorted Krispy Kreme donuts](#) in our new fundraiser.

- **Last day to order:** Thu, April 25th.
- **Pick up:** Fri, May 3rd, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Rockridge **or** Sat, May 4th at Spring Fest West at Gleneagles Community Centre.

Next Virtual Parent Edu Talk

Westcoast Family Centre will host a talk on “*Teens and Anxiety*” on Tues, April 23rd, 7:00pm. [Event flyer](#). More information can be found on the [PAC website](#).

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.

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. Or view schedules here:

Rockridge [School Field Schedule](#) & [Spring Athletic Master Schedule](#)

TEAM NEWS

Track and Field - Junior & Senior

- Practices Tuesday, Friday @ 3:10 PM, Wednesday 7:45AM - throwers: javelin, shot put

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

- Thursday April 11 - Game vs Sutherland @ HOME | 4:00 PM

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

- Had a tough loss to Seycove this week.
- Next games:
- Tuesday April 16 vs Windsor @ Home - 4:00 PM
- Thursday April 18 vs Sutherland @ Ambleside Field E - 3:30 PM

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

- Junior Girls forced the draw vs Sutherland but lost the additional point in Penalties.

Badminton - Junior & Senior - Google Classroom Code - h3pmzjg

- The Juniors took the match against Mulgrave 10-1, while the Seniors fought hard with a 3-8

final. ALL the players made Rockridge proud!

- Junior badminton won 11-0 over whistler on Monday and SMASHED Collingwood 10-1 on Wednesday, moving to 3-0 on the season

Ultimate - Google Classroom Code - w7u2oby

- Tough loss to WVSS 13-10
- Friday April 12 - Game vs Sutherland @ Loutet Park Field #2 | 3:45 PM

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

- The boys played an amazing first half of rugby vs Windsor leading 14-7. It was the wolves however who made a push in the second half to narrowly win by 7, a 26-19 result.
- Tuesday April 9 West Van also paid a visit to Rockridge for an exhibition match which saw the Junior ravens win by a score of 24-12
- The team play's host to Carson Graham Friday April 12 in their first regular season league matchup, 4:00 PM KO

Rugby - Senior Boys Google Classroom Code - s5wj7lr

- The senior boys moved to 3-1 on the season with a character win vs Whistler. Our deep bench provided the push for the Ravens, who outlasted and surpassed the Whistler Storm by a score of 33-15, despite trailing at the half 15-14.
- Tuesday April 9 saw the senior 2nd XV host Earl Marriott's 2nd XV in a match full of learning experiences.
- The Raven 1st XV play a provincial ranking match this Saturday at Klahanie Park vs St. Michael's University School | 12:30 PM KO. Come out and support the team, admission to the grandstand is free!

Ice Hockey

- Thursday April 11 - Game vs Carson Graham @ WV Arena | 2:30 PM
- See schedule [here](#)

Tennis Google Code - go3awf3

- While our senior tennis team lost to the Sentinel School Team yesterday, it was still a great day for tennis. The matches were well played and filled with great performances from both sides. Despite the results, our players showed true sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following tennis players: Jack D, Jacquie C, Rosteen A, Andy L, Anson C, Chloe RS, Amber K, Paxton T, Jerry Z, and Xinyue Z.
- Coming up Monday, April 15 Match vs Collingwood @ Murdo Fraser at 3:30 PM
- Match vs West Vancouver @ West Vancouver is rescheduled for Tuesday, April 16 at 3:30 PM

Mountain Biking Google Classroom (Code - rz55ubo)

- It was a great day for racing Wednesday and the team gave it their all in the opening race of the season. A top result goes to Aiden Neill in the Senior category, slicing his way into the top 20. Up next we have an exciting new course at Seymour next Wednesday.

Golf - Google Classroom (Code - 5z5lrgj)

- Our Competition group won their first two league matches vs Windsor and Chatelech
- April 15th – Competition Team (Deacon Brandt, Mateo Chow, Finn Cosgrave, Charlie Bradley, Roman Moyes) @ Sunshine Coast – Full day
- April 16th – Development Team (See roster below) @ Bowen Island – 11:00am dismissal

- April 17th – Competition Team (Roman Moyes, Ryland Bentall, Finn Cosgrave, Charlie Bradley) @ Squamish – 12:00 pm dismissal
- April 18th – Development Team @ Seymour Creek – 2:30 dismissal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Climate Action Forum - Monday April 15, 2024 7- 9 pm Kiwanis Great Hall

975 21st Street West Vancouver. Everyone is welcome.

This is a free Community Event to hear, recognize and support the interests of our Youth in Climate Change. Please contact cfuw.westvan@gmail.com if you require further information.

NACAC International Universities Fair Vancouver Sat, April 27, 2024 | 1 – 4pm - see flyer in Raven Life

A free event for students from grades 9 – 12, at the **Vancouver Convention Centre (West)** There will be 150+ universities attending the fair this year.

This is an opportunity for students and parents to meet one-on-one with top universities from across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and the world. Please find links to a [poster](#) and [postcard](#) to share with parents and students. Students are invited to [pre-register online](#) for this free event, and we encourage parents and students to take advantage of this fantastic event. Students and parents will find the [speaker sessions](#) of interest and you will find a list of all the [participating universities](#) this year.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Leesa Alldred LAlldred@wvschools.ca

CAMP IGNITE - Female Firefighter Camp!

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.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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

Understanding, Supporting & Connecting with Teens with Depression

April 11th 6 - 7:30 pm Online Event - [Register here](#)

Mood roller coasters are a part of normal development for our teens, but sometimes something more is going on with their mental health. How can we tell the difference? At what point should we intervene, and how can we go about it? If you as a caregiver and feel lost about how to best support your teen struggling with Depression, you are not alone. Join Victoria Keddiss, a parent with lived experience and

Karen Peters, a mental health therapist who supports children, teens and families, for a discussion about understanding how depression shows up in teens and ways of journeying with them through it. Come together with other families to watch this video presentation and stay for a facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

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 Sessions - April 16th - Remote

“Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities” for Families and Youth aged 10 and up. [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://saferschoolstogether.com)

Substance Use Prevention Presentation – A Guide for Parents

Dr. Haley Watson in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Child Care presented on Substance Use Prevention – A Guide for Parents. The presentation covered the following topics:

- What causes substance use in youth?
- What skills do young people need to prevent/overcome this?
- How can parents communicate effectively to encourage this skill building?

The presentation can be found in the WV Schools portal [here](#) and the video recording can be found at the following site: [Substance Use Prevention Recording](#)

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

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](#)

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

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.