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CALENDAR UPDATE	
April 29 - May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Cooks working with Foods 9 Classes
Mon, April 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIT - Grade 8 Advisory #12 with mentors (Various Locations) Grade 12 Assembly - Grad Presentation - PH
Wed, May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals' Day
Thurs, May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIT - Grade 9 Careers Task #9 - PH
Fri, May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial Drumline Competition Law 12 Court Observation
Upcoming Events	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week there are Raven staff and students to recognize and celebrate, opportunities to highlight that promote student success on the road to graduation, a special highlight from our Rockridge Math Department and so much more. In short, my principal message is very easy to write due to the volume of positive content that our school community is generating this week.

On Wednesday we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day at Rockridge. This is a day that recognizes the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, executive assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. Here at Rockridge we celebrated our office staff of Ms. Rowbotham, Ms. Smithers, Ms. Sung, Ms. Archibald and Ms. Watson. On a daily basis they make our school a better place through their dedication, communication, organization and care for The Rock's school community.

I know you may have seen my post on Instagram showing how busy the field is at lunch time on sunny days, but our students are not only able to be active with friends or be engaged in a club, they can be learning more about their post secondary futures! It is an amazing thing to see as almost every week our Careers Department has universities and other post secondary institutions in our foyer meeting

students, answering questions and handing out information to promote their schools. The front foyer was particularly busy on Wednesday this week at lunch with multiple visiting schools including University of Sussex, Brighton, Cardiff and King's College University, Halifax. Today we took over Player's Hall to facilitate nine universities from England, Ireland, Scotland, Spain and France. I am a firm believer that these kinds of opportunities for information and inspiration is how Rockridge achieves 95% or more of our graduates attending post secondary institutions within two years after graduation.

Finally a special blog post has been added to our Rockridge website by our Math Department. It really is worth the 5 minutes to read as you will be amazed and pleased with what you will learn, especially with regard to math and the MYP. Here's the link: [By The Numbers - Rockridge Math Department Blog Post](#)

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

THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

Last week, we introduced the Learner Profile which consists of the 10 traits that represent the qualities of successful citizens we would hope all our learners grow to become.

This week, we're going to start our journey with the Learner Profile characteristic: **Knowledgeable**.

In some aspects, being knowledgeable as a learner, means engaging with all of the subject areas at school to the best of their ability. But in other aspects, students who are truly knowledgeable delve into concepts, ideas and issues that have importance both at local and global levels. By engaging with the wider world, they gain in-depth knowledge they can transfer to a wide range of disciplines.

If you would like to know a bit more about what it means for a learner to be knowledgeable, you can find a video introduction [here](#).

How can you help your learners grow to be knowledgeable at home?

- Encourage your students to be aware of current events by watching or reading about them from various sources. Discussion is encouraged!
- When the student in your household asks a question, where appropriate, give them opportunities to seek the answer out for themselves rather than giving them the answer or doing the work for them.
- Ask your Rockridge learners what they're learning about in school and engage them in conversations about it. Try to ask open-ended questions that get them to share their thoughts about the topics they're learning.

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). For those students who wrote the GNA the week of April 15th, results will be posted to MyEd June 3rd, 2024.

AWARDS 2023/24 - Held on Monday, June 24th

It is time for our grade 8-11 students to start nominating themselves for a major Rockridge award. To prepare for future scholarship applications, we are asking grade 8-11 students to fill out the appropriate forms (linked below) in order to be recognized for a major award for the 2023-24 school year. Teachers

will continue to nominate students for subject recognition awards but will no longer nominate for major awards. Award winners will be chosen by a committee of admin, counsellors and teachers. You will find descriptions of the awards and links to the application forms below. Applications are due May 27 @ midnight. [2024 Rockridge Year End Awards Nomination Forms](#)

GRADUATION NEWS

Commencement Fee (**OVERDUE** - Payment must be made by Friday, April 26th)

There are still 40 graduates who need to pay \$50 on School Cash online [HERE](#). This fee must be paid in order for the graduates to participate in grad events.

Graduation Presentation (**Monday, April 29th**)

ALL graduates are asked to join our Graduation presentation on **April 29th @ FIT (11:00-11:45 am)** in Player's Hall. Information regarding upcoming graduation events will be discussed and more instructions about what to expect for these events will be given.

Graduation Banquet Tickets (**Friday, May 3rd**)

Celebrate our Rockridge Grads of 2024 at their graduation banquet dinner and dance at the Westin Bayshore on **Saturday, June 1st from 6:30 - 10:30 pm**. Graduates, dates and family members are encouraged to attend - \$150/person through School Cash Online by **Friday, May 3rd**. Families will have received an email with a link to purchase their tickets. The banquet attire is formal - gowns, suits/tuxedos.

Graduation Banquet Singers/Performers (**Tuesday, May 7th**)

Interested graduates are asked to audition for graduation performances on Tuesday, May 7th @ 3:00pm in the Drama Room. Chosen performers will perform at the Westin Bayshore during your graduation banquet.

Graduation Banquet Tables (**Monday, May 13th**)

Table captains must fill out this [BANQUET TABLE REQUEST FORM](#) to confirm who will sit at their table.

Full names and proof of payment for all table members are required to complete this form. Tables of 10 are optimal. Banquet table selection will be done by Table Captains on Monday, May 13th during FIT in front of the office. Tables can only be selected once all tickets in your table party have been purchased and completed table request forms have been submitted including all receipts.

Graduation Write-Ups (**Monday, May 20th**)

ALL graduates are asked to complete this [GRAD WRITE-UP FORM](#) by **Monday, May 20th @ midnight**. This is what will be read as students walk across the stage at the Orpheum during their graduation commencement on June 9th.

Service Awards (**Monday, May 20th**)

If you have completed school service above and beyond the requirements for your careers classes, please complete this [form](#) to be considered for a service award by **Monday, May 20th @ Midnight**:

- Bronze Medal: = 30 to 60 hours of service
- Silver Medal: = 61 to 100 hours of service
- Gold Medal: = 101 +hours of service

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

GRAD SHOW 2024 - Ferry Building Gallery May 9th - June 2nd

Every year, the Ferry Building Gallery hosts an art show of select work by the Grade 12 students from all West Vancouver schools. It's always one of the most popular shows they put on and the work is always innovative and provocative.

If you are wandering down by the West Vancouver Seawall at the bottom of 14th Street - do check out the show which opens May 9th and runs to June 2nd.

Here is the link with details, which features work by Rockridge Students; Phoenix M, Alina J and Kate G. <https://ferrybuildinggallery.ca/exhibitions/grad-show-2024>

WV MEMORIAL LIBRARY ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS: ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY - APRIL 12 – MAY 31

The West Vancouver Memorial Library has partnered with the West Vancouver Art Museum to showcase a selection of 2D and 3D works by high school students from Rockridge Secondary School, taught by Art and Design Teacher, Carrie Lehman. Also on display, is the draft of the Rockridge 2023-24 yearbook showcasing Rockridge students' creativity. The Yearbook was fully designed by the student body. Click [here](#) for further information.

ESP POP-UP SHOP EVENT - Monday, May 6th, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM - see poster in Raven Life

Rockridge families! Come Join us at Rockridge for a showcase of young entrepreneurial talent at the ESP Pop-Up Shop.

- This event is a highlight of the **Economic Strategies Program (ESP)**, where students from our intensive merger of Economics 12 and E-Commerce 12 courses showcase the businesses they've built from the ground up.
- Not only does ESP teach core principles of economics and e-commerce, it also fosters real-world skills through group collaboration and capstone projects like Junior Achievement's Company Program and UrbanPlan. ESP helps instill confidence and creativity in young minds poised to become tomorrow's leaders in business.

ECO COOKS to work with Foods 9 students from April 23rd – May 3rd

"EcoCooks is a science-based environmental cooking program that addresses how food choices impact the health of our planet. By exploring fun, hands-on projects at the intersection of cooking and the environment, students are inspired and empowered to connect their choices in the kitchen with their health, the planet, and its inhabitants".

For more about the program that will be delivered, click here: <https://elements-society.org/ecocooks>

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 & secondary Summer Learning is **now open**.
- 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 - available until Friday, May 3rd

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

Rockridge Golf Tournament - [register today!](#)

Only 3 weeks till our Scottish-themed golf fundraiser. It helps our event team if you register sooner + priority tee times are given to early registrants. Join for golf or simply attend the Gathering of the Clans After Party. Every dollar raised goes to Rockridge. Event: Wed, May 15th at Gleneagles Golf Course
- - - [Click to Buy Tickets](#) - - -

Last Day to Buy - [Krispy Kreme Fundraiser](#) - [flyer](#)

Order Deadline TODAY! Supporting Rockridge has never been sweeter - [Order a box of Krispy Kreme donuts](#)

Pick up options: Fri, May 3rd, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Rockridge or Sat, May 4th at Spring Fest West at Gleneagles Community Centre.

Staff Appreciation Potluck Lunch - [Sign up to bring a dish/volunteer](#)

Friday, May 17th is a Pro-D Day presenting an opportunity to treat our wonderful staff to a meal as they dedicate themselves to work and learning. Looking for a lot of parent support to make this day special for our Rockridge Staff! Any questions or if you need to drop your dish off on Thurs afternoon, please email Sophie: sophieukani@yahoo.com - [More information](#)

April PAC Update

If you haven't already seen our [April PAC Newsletter](#), you can find it [online](#). It includes updates about the Outdoor Classroom as well as upcoming event dates: Chipotle Fundraiser, PAC AGM and End-of-Year P2P Pub Night (which is when we'll have the draw for the Rockridge Raffle)!! Remember to [buy raffle tickets](#)! \$500 Grand Prize! All proceeds go to enriching Rockridge's school programs like clubs, music, sports and STEM and contributes towards the upgrade of the outdoor basketball court. \$5 each. [More information](#).

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

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

- Our Raven track and field athletes are training hard in preparation for the first two day meet of the season - North Shore Track & Field Championships starting on May 6th.
- Practices Tuesday, Friday @ 3:10 PM, Wednesday 7:45AM - throwers: javelin, shot put

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

- Match today

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

- Huge win vs Sutherland 2-1 last Thursday with goals from Sam G & Koyuki B. Girls finished the 2nd half of the game with no substitutes and an awesome final minutes in net by Tatjana W
- Close loss on Tuesday against STA losing 2-1. Another goal by Sam G to put her at 6 for the season. Standout performances by Greenlee L and Taylor D on defense.
- Next game Tuesday April 30 - vs Collingwood @ Rockridge | 4:00 PM KO - Last regular season game.

Soccer - Junior Girls (Grade 8-10) - Google Classroom Code: zbq3rjt

- Monday April 29 - Game @ Argyle | 3:45PM (Early Dismissal 2:30 PM)
- Practice Wednesday 7:00 AM on the field

Badminton - Junior & Senior - Google Classroom Code - h3pmzjg

- Congratulations to the Junior team that finished second in the league and is now heading to the playoffs next week.

Ultimate - Google Classroom Code - w7u2oby

- See Raven life for Ultimate Frisbee in Action

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

- The junior boys rugby team had a great showing against Collingwood Friday April 19, despite what the 45-7 scoreline might suggest. Strong games by Andy L and Rhory B. Karsten K had the lone try for the Ravens.
- Next up are the Sutherland Sabres Thursday April 25, in a match that is a must win to continue the season for Rockridge.

Rugby - Senior Boys Google Classroom - Code - s5wj7lr

- The senior boys rugby team tested their depth last week and ran up against a strong Argyle side. At the half it was Argyle leading by a score of 17-10. The ravens ran out of gas in the second half and had no answers when Argyle was able to pour it on. The team now plays Sutherland at 1:45 PM on Thursday April 25 to keep their playoff hopes alive!

Ice Hockey

- Thursday April 25 - Game vs Carson Graham @ WV Arena | 2:30 PM
- See schedule [here](#)

Tennis Google Classroom - go3awf3

- Please check in on Thursday or Friday with either Ms. Neacs or Ms. Rinfret to share your availability for next week

Mountain Biking Google Classroom (Code - rz55ubo)

- Great riding by our 5 racers at the Squamish XC. They braved wet and slippery conditions to complete this course. Next up: Wednesday May 1 - Squamish Enduro Race.
- Meet at the Race Centre at Half Nelson Parking lot by 3:00 PM.
- Team meeting Monday April 29th, Drama room @lunch for Enduro info.

Golf - Google Classroom (Code - 5z5lrgj)

- Next Match Friday, Apr 26, 2024

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

The WVBC is proud to be offering its 16th year of summer camps this July and August. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

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 Career Advisor, Leesa Alldred LAlldred@wvschools.ca

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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

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/>

Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Educators and School Communities

[Language Matters! An Introductory Guide for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Educators and School Communities](#) is now officially available on the [mental health and well-being](#) erase website.

Please find linked below a promotional poster with a QR code that you may share with your school community to raise awareness of the resource. [MHSU Language Guide Promotional Poster.pdf](#)

A webinar will be hosted on May 8, 2024 (12:00-1:00 p.m. PT) during Canadian Mental Health Week, to provide an overview of how schools may use the guide. [Registration](#) to attend the webinar is required.

- If you have any questions, please reach out to EDUC.MentalHealth@gov.bc.ca

Youth Week May 1-7

Cities and organizations across the province are planning for BC Youth Week 2024. There are many events taking place across the North Shore for youth. All events and activities can be found at the website: <https://www.bcyouthweek.com/events/vancouver-sea-to-sky>

CMHA Mental Health Week: May 6-12

A Call to be KIND is this year's theme for Canadian Mental Health Associations Mental Health Week and will centre on the healing power of compassion. Resources are available at their website:

<https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/toolkits/>

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

WVML e-newsletter

The WVML Late April / May 2024 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We still have lots going on, even with the weather taking a beautiful turn. **Click [here](#) to view**

❖ **As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.**

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>

Youth Friendly North Shore

The North Vancouver District in partnership with the North Vancouver RCMP, the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver are working together with the help of federal funding on creating a "Youth Friendly North Shore". The Youth Action Team audited 11 spaces in the North Shore communities and created a report for recommendations. The report findings can be found here:

<https://www.dnv.org/sites/default/files/edocs/welcome-cohort1-report.pdf>

The committee will be reaching out for more youth to participate, particularly youth in West Vancouver!

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.

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.

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.