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| CALENDAR UPDATE   |   |
|---|---|
| Mon, May 27   | ● Tour of The Rock   12 pm to 1:00 pm   |
| Tues, May 28  | ●   |
| Wed, May 29   | ● GR. 8 SCIENCE FAIR   1:30 – 3:00pm - West Wing  |
| Thurs, May 30   | ● Collaboration Day (9:30am start for students - see details below)<br>● Social Justice to Chinatown   11:30am – 4:30pm |
| Friday, May 31  | ● West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest   May 31 – June 1, 2024  |
| Saturday, June 1  | ● Rockridge Grad Banquet - Westin Bayshore  |
| Upcoming Events   |   |
| Apr 12 - May 31   | WV Memorial Library Art Gallery Exhibition; <a href="#">Rockridge Secondary School</a>                                  |
| May 9th - June 2nd  | <a href="#">GRAD SHOW 2024</a> - Ferry Building Gallery - see poster in Raven Life                                      |
| <a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a> with <b>BLOCK ROTATIONS</b> |   |
| <a href="#">2023-24 At A Glance Calendar</a>                                |   |
| WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>                                |   |

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I do love a long weekend, but it has been great to be back to school among all our Ravens this week. It's only Thursday and already there is an abundance of good news stories of learning and accomplishments around The Rock to share. Our staff had a busy and productive professional development day last Friday working on ATLS as they connect to student self-reflections. This was a focus for all departments. What continues to impress and inspire me about the Rockridge staff is the incredible teacher leadership that makes these days possible and so successful. Students have really been leaning into their FIT time this week with the end of the year looming. If your son or daughter has not been discussing a plan with you each week to utilize their FIT block, please consider asking them which teacher they are planning to connect with next week on Monday's FIT. Students who are behind on assignments or at risk of not passing a course will be receiving IE (insufficient evidence) reports up to May 31st. These are important documents to help students focus on developing a plan for support and completion. Parents and guardians provide an important role in supporting students with IE reports by communicating with your child about the IE and/or reaching out to the teacher for clarification and answers to questions you may have.

Among the many PAC updates including my thanks below, are details for the upcoming AGM and a few other *save the date* items for parents and guardians in the ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS section.

Special thanks to our PAC for the wonderful donations, many volunteers and to organizer Sophia Ukani for the Staff Appreciation Lunch last Friday - see photo in *Raven Life*. Once again, this year, our staff were treated to a lovely and elaborate meal that even provided leftovers that were so greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Rockridge staff - to all our families, thank you for your generosity and time that was spent recognizing our team here at The Rock for Staff Appreciation Day.

*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 continued our journey through 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. Last week, we took a look at the characteristic: Principled. This week, we're going to look at the Learner Profile characteristic: **Caring**.

Caring learners show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and to the world around them.

At Rockridge, one of the ways that students are encouraged to be caring is through **service as action**. Service learning is a foundational element of the Middle Years Programme. This part of the program seeks to develop caring members of the community who act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and their environment. As part of **Career-Life Exploration 10 (CLE 10)**, students are required to gain **at least 15 hours** of service learning to fulfill their MYP certificate requirements.

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

- Take steps to role model the caring behaviour you would like your student to regularly use. The actions you take and the words you use are noticed and matter.
- Consider how, as a family unit, you might be able to give back to your community - either on your own or by getting involved with a local community organization.
- Read about active listening. What does it mean to really listen to someone and show that you care through the ways you listen and respond to them?

### **COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, May 30th**

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   |

**TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY** - The next tour will be Monday, May 27th 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](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

### GRADUATION NEWS

Service Awards - completed forms due: Monday, May 27th

If you have completed school service above and beyond the requirements for your careers classes, please complete and submit forms through Google classroom.

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

### Rockridge Students participate in TriCity Debate Tournament

Last weekend Adam U & Ben S competed in the Tricity Cup, a local debate tournament. They made it to the finals, placing 4th. Two weeks prior they competed in the UBC HST honing their skills and working toward building a Rockridge team.

### Rockridge SPRING CONCERT - June 6th - see poster from Raven Life

Come to the Music Department's performance titled "Sounds of Spring" in the Rockridge Gymnasium June 6th at 6 pm. Featuring our amazing Rockridge Music Ensembles such as Drumline, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Bands, Concert Bands and Choir. Entrance is by donation. Everyone is welcome!  
*Thanks for your support throughout the year*

### Grade 8 Science Fair at Rockridge Secondary - Wednesday May 29th from 1:35 pm to 2:50 pm

You are invited to the inaugural Grade 8 Science Fair at Rockridge Secondary! The students will begin their Year End investigations on the week of May 6th in class and present through findings on Wednesday May 29th from 1:35 pm to 2:50 pm. Students will be showcasing their ability to apply the Scientific Method to answer a question about the physical world around them. We (Ms. Davies and Ms. Brady) are hoping you can join us in their Science Classrooms (W204, and W205) and in the School Cafeteria to celebrate both your child's learning and the learning of their classmates. Students will be ready to give a quick presentation and answer any questions you may have about their exploration. We have also invited some elementary school future Ravens and other Rockridge Students to celebrate in the learning! Thanks for your support at home and hope to see you there!

\*Trifold poster boards will be available on SCO for \$3

*Ms. Davies and Ms. Brady*

### Hey Rockridge! THE ANNUAL TALENT SHOW is coming up, with a couple of crucial updates.

The Talent Show has been moved to Thursday, June 20th. On this day FIT will be moved to just before lunch. Sign-ups are still open so please either message student council on Instagram or come to see us Monday at lunch in the art room to sign up.

Are you in the show? A reminder that ALL PERFORMERS must attend the DRESS REHEARSAL/DRY RUN on June 5th after school, on stage.. Mr Parker and the Student Council team will be in attendance to help with your equipment set up, and act transitions.

### 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 **still 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](#).

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

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

### GRADE 8 - 11 AWARDS DAY 2023/24 - Held on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

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](#)

### **2024/25 Student Transportation - Online Registration Request Form now Open!**

Please visit our [School District Student Transportation website](#) for more information.

- **IMPORTANT!** All Returning & New students' parents/guardians must submit an online request form for their eligible student(s).
- In order to adhere to legislated requirements to maintain accurate bus lists, registration is required for all school bus riders.
- Registration must occur prior to **July 15** of each year through an online request form on the district's website to be considered during the bus routing process.
- Please note that **school bus space may not be guaranteed for students that do not submit an Online Registration Form (<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/transportation-form>) or register after the deadline (July 15, 2024).**

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## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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### **PAC AGM: Wed, June 5, 6:00pm**

At the last meeting of the year, the PAC Executive will report on financial position, propose the budget for the 2024/25 school year and report on this year's activities and achievements – including a rundown on where your PAC donated dollars have been spent.

Over the past few months, parents have expressed questions or concerns through various channels about activities taking place at or around the school (i.e. vaping, washrooms, theft). There have also been questions about student learning around MYP, AP and reporting. To help all of us better understand what really goes on at the school and how the administration team is responding, planning and leading, please plan to attend a special "fireside chat" with Principal Kolkea and Vice Principals Baker and Thomson at the beginning of the meeting. **If you have questions you would like asked, please email them to [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca) by Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> and we will add them to the list of questions.**

### **PAC Executive: Call for Nominations**

Nominations for next year's executive are open. If you are interested in joining the PAC, please submit your name and position of interest by email to [Sara Gardner](mailto:Sara.Gardner@wvschools.ca), our Nominations Committee Chairperson. If you have questions about the PAC and want to learn more about what we do, email [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca).

### **Save the Dates**

- **June 5th - PAC AGM Fireside Chat in the Learning Commons**
- **June 13th - P2P pub night at The Orchard - featuring Rockridge Raffle Draw at 9pm!**

- Remember to [buy raffle tickets](#)! \$500 Grand Prize! All proceeds go to Rockridge.

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

- Congratulations once again to Tess O. and Ciel F. on qualifying for the Sea to Sky Zones Meet that took place this week. With her 4th place finish in the junior girls 800m Tuesday, Ciel F. will be racing at Provincials in Nanaimo on June 8th.
- Practices Tuesday, Friday @ 3:10 PM

### Rugby - Senior Boys

- Thursday May 23 VS2S Consolation Final vs Sir Charles Tupper @ Sir Charles Tupper | 4:15 PM KO

### Ice Hockey

- Game 2 - Thursday May 23 @2:00 PM Canlan Sports vs STA
- Best of 2 series. Winner advances to the semi-finals.
- Student-athletes will check in with the period 4 teacher before dismissal.
- [https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/front\\_pageFree.cfm?clientID=6981&leagueID=34583](https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/front_pageFree.cfm?clientID=6981&leagueID=34583)

### Golf

- Senior Team placed 2nd in the NSSSAA Championship Monday, May 13 in Sechelt and qualified for the Sea to Sky Final. Congratulations to - Roman M, Ryland B, Mateo C, Ty A, Will M

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

May is here which means the WVBC summer camps are right around the corner. 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. Many camps sold out last summer so don't

wait too long to sign up. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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**National Forum on Physical, Mental and Spiritual Health -Jun 1 - [Active Youth](#) - see poster in Raven Life**

**National Forum on Physical, Mental and Spiritual Health - June 2 - [Walk with your Doc](#) - see Raven Life**

**Parent/Guardian Ed Series - Foundry: Vaping Information Session – June 12 - See poster in Raven life**

Please join Foundry North Shore, as we welcome you to a FREE Community Conversation on Youth & Vaping - Information, Considerations & Impacts – at Rockridge Secondary School. [Register Here](#)

This evening event will be led by keynote speakers: Lindsay MacDonald and Lauren Wilkinson, both of whom have extensive knowledge surrounding the world of youth and vaping.

Topics to be discussed will include: Youth vaping rates, stats, products, industry influence, health impacts including addiction, and local supports for youth.

**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.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Health Vision Lions Gate Hospital - see poster in Raven Life**

Lions Gate Hospital would like your feedback on evolving health care needs in our community. Please consider filling out the survey - [Health Vision Lions Gate Hospital – Survey](#) For further information: click [here](#)

## Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the West Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live in West Vancouver to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

Share your home and your heart

1. Full-service homestay team support
2. \$28,000\* in reimbursements
3. Single placements and 5-month students available

\*Based on two international students both hosted from September to June.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our Homestay Coordinators at [homestay@wvschools.ca](mailto:homestay@wvschools.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on our website at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

## 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!

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## ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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## 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.



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## FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 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