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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Friday, June 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● THE COLOUR RUN!   3:00 – 4:00 pm: details below</li> </ul>
Mon, June 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIT - Student locker cleanout - see details below</li> <li>● Grade 10 Presentation: Youth &amp; Philanthropy Initiative</li> </ul>
Tues, June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP Biology to Vancouver Aquarium   9:45am – 2:45pm</li> <li>● Tour of The Rock   12:00 – 1:00pm</li> <li>● Taco Tuesday - Food truck coming for Spanish classes and Lunch</li> </ul>
Wed, June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● West Vancouver Schools Indigenous Grad Ceremony   4:30 – 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, June 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIT Gr. 8 BBQ   12:00 – 1:00pm</li> <li>● Rockridge Talent Show (Rotation Change)</li> </ul>
Friday, June 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last day of FNA Rotation 3</li> <li>● National Indigenous Peoples Day</li> <li>● 2024 SUMMER LEARNING Secondary registration closes on June 14</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	
June 24	Last day of Cafeteria Service
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a>	
<a href="#">2023-24 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It was no surprise to the audience last week at the Orpheum that I incorporated a couple references to the game of hockey during my commencement speech. There is a certain familiarity about the language, the flow of the season and the joy that I get from watching and especially playing hockey myself. There are memories, friendships, celebrations, and accomplishments that have stuck with me from my childhood and new stories to tell from this year’s summer season. Of course, I could also write the exact same things about school too with regard to positive and memorable opportunities! That is why learning and playing - school and hockey are such valuable pursuits in my life. *Of course, I wish I could also say hockey was my career too, but the NHL is not looking for a 51-year-old veteran center man.*

All jokes aside, as June approaches the midway point, final tests and assignments are completed, yearbooks are signed and certificates awarded, I always take time to pause and reflect on how truly

grateful I am for the Rockridge school community. No matter how busy the final weeks become, it is always because of our students. Their success and accomplishments are the focus for staff amidst the special kinds of events at this time of year. I should also clarify that our students also play a key role in creating and planning many of our June events. From performing or speaking at grad events, to planning and hosting opportunities like the Colour Run and Pied for Pride, Rockridge becomes a special place because of our students. Our students are the force behind creating a culture where everyone feels like they belong. Our students are the ones who prioritize looking after themselves, this place and one another. Just like the Stanley Cup playoffs, we are not done 2023-24 yet. I encourage and expect our students to continue to strive to do their best and finish this year with the same positive energy and choices that they started with in September. Thank you families for continuing to support our Ravens to finish strong and be the best version of themselves.

*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.*

### Locker Clean Out

All **Grade 8's** will report to their homeroom on Monday, June 17th during FIT for instructions on locker clean-out. Grade 8 students can find their homeroom number on their student ID card. Lists will also be posted at the main entrance near the office. **Grades 9 - 12** will also clean out lockers and return locks to the cafeteria check-in table.

### LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL OVERVIEW

1. Monday, June 24th is our last day of regular class rotations, and the last day that attendance will be taken. It is also Gr. 8 - 11 **Awards Day!** These awards include Major Awards, Mastery of Subject Awards and Athletic Awards. Parents are welcome to attend but seating is limited.
  - Period 1(8:35) - grade 11
  - Period 2 (10:03) - grade 10
  - Period 3 (12:07)- grade 9
  - Period 4 (1:35) - grade 8
2. Tuesday, June 25th and Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> are Final Review and Completion days.
3. Some students will be required to attend on one or both days. Teachers will communicate with students and families if attendance is required for them on these days. Other students are welcome and encouraged to attend for June 25th and 26<sup>th</sup> to complete any outstanding assignments or projects as needed.
4. Thursday, June 27th - Final Reports will be posted to MyEducation Family Portal. This is the last day that the school will be open to students.

### 2023/2024 Yearbooks have arrived!

You can check your [School Cash Online](#) to see if you purchased one. If you did, and have not picked it up yet, you can pick it up outside the office at lunch this week.

If you did not purchase a yearbook online yet, we have a few extras, but cannot guarantee one for you yet. Email Mr.Lam at [dlam@wvschools.ca](mailto:dlam@wvschools.ca) and he will add you to a new School Cash Online list and we will get back to you next week.

### THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

We are in the closing stretch of 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: Communicators. This week, we're going to look at the Learner Profile characteristic: **Open-Minded**

Learners who are open-minded appreciate their own personal stories and histories and are open to learning about the perspectives and traditions of other individuals and cultures. A person who is open-minded listens to others' points of view and considers them all before making a decision. They celebrate each individual's unique story.

*How can you help your learners grow to be open-minded at home?*

- Model open and effective listening of others, especially when someone is sharing their story.
- Try new things! Foods! Games! Traditions!
- Learn about other countries' cultures by watching appropriate foreign films. (Yay subtitles!)
- As a family, attend a variety of cultural events around the city and approach them in a non-judgmental way.

### **REMINDER :: Important MYP Learning Update 3 Info for Parents**

The end of the 2023-2024 school year is in sight! Learning Update 3, the final update of the year, will be released on **Thursday, June 27th, 2024**. Here are 2 important points for you to know prior to reading the updates.

All MYP courses (Grades 8 - 10) will have Levels 1 - 8 associated with their subject specific criterion categories.

#### **1) A Final IB Level for the Course**

All MYP Courses (Grades 8 - 10) will have final level scores of 1 - 8 for their four subject specific criterion. ***The minimum total score across criterions to achieve an "Emerging that meets the learning standards of a course" is an 8.***

What will be *new* at this time of year is that you will see a final IB score for a course with levels from 1 - 7. (*Why IB suddenly changes from an 8 point level scale of assessment to a 7 point final score is primarily annoying in our Rockridge context of things, but it has to do with aligning with final assessment in the Diploma Program for Grades 11/12. DP takes place at West Van.*)

#### **2) 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 for the best reflection and guidance. They know and give the best feedback on your student.

**TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY** - The next tour will be Tuesday, June 18 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**

Thank you to all parents who have returned the vases from the Grad Banquet. There are still a few outstanding to complete our supply for next year. Please drop off at the main office.

*Thank you from our Grad Committee*

### **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 are now posted to MyEdBC.

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## **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **COLOUR RUN 2024**

The annual Colour Run will be taking place after school at 3:00pm tomorrow (June 14th) on the field. Students are encouraged to bring a donation. All funds will go towards the Linda Harrison Youth Fund. Freezies will also be sold for \$2 each. Wear white and rainbow colours!

### **Youth & Philanthropy Initiative**

Our Careers 10 students are currently working on their Youth & Philanthropy Initiative project and a big part of this project is to have students try persuading a group of judges why their chosen charity deserves to win a \$5000 grant – real money! The top groups from each Careers 10 class will go head-to-head for the \$5000 grant on Monday, June 17th during FIT and block 1-1 in Player's Hall.

We are asking for all Careers 10 students (All grade 10s + list of 11s & 12s below) to be present at these YPI finals to support their peers and to learn about these local non-profit organizations. If you need any of these students to be with you for FIT and/or block 1-1, please let us know and we'll help make it happen.

### **Rockridge Library Learning Commons**

Have you noticed any unfamiliar looking books around the house? The June 7th due date has passed and Rockridge library books need to be returned. Any books that are overdue by 30 days will be fined as Lost Books on School Cash Online. To avoid this, please ask your student to return those books (with a neon pink sticker on the back) to school. Thank you for helping us gather the books for the next school year!

### **Try Rugby Day at Elementary School - see poster in Raven life**

Our rugby program here at Rockridge is steeped in a tradition of excellence, and coaches had the opportunity to introduce the game to all of our young Ravens at our feeder schools; Caulfeild, Gleneagles, West Bay and Bowen Island over the past two weeks. Grade 6 & 7 students learned the ins and outs of the game of rugby from our rugby coaches Scott Rickard and Brychan Williams. Students had a chance to get a ball in their hand, have a great run around and instill a love for the game! As a bonus, while at Bowen Island, both Mr. Williams and our alumni students answered questions about what to expect next year and helped the future Ravens get excited for their upcoming years at Rockridge.

### **Learn to Surf Trip**

The 2024 Learn to Surf Trip will be on September 19-22. There will be 3 days of surfing lessons at Long Beach on Vancouver Island. Students will be staying at the West Coast Motel in Ucluelet and chaperoned by really cool Rockridge Teachers. More information and registration forms can be found on the Google Class: ym74ft4. Contact Athletic Director, Ian Armstrong [IArmstrong@wvschools.ca](mailto:IArmstrong@wvschools.ca) with any questions.

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

The Talent Show is Thursday, June 20th in FIT BLOCK. On this day FIT will be moved to just before lunch. Sign-ups are now closed and the acts are AMAZING! You won't want to miss this show. Performers, a reminder to do a final confirmation of all technical needs with Mr. Parker if anything has changed, and singers make sure those lyrics are memorized!

### **The Really Gay History Tour in Vancouver - see photo in Raven Life**

Students Immersed themselves in the history and culture of Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ community on this half-day walking tour. Following a guide on a curated itinerary designed to show the history of the movement in the Canadian city, with stops at Granville Street, the Imperial Court coronations site, locations of police raids and bookstore bombings. On the way from downtown to the historic gay neighborhood of Davie Street, students had time to ask questions and snap photos and receive engaging commentary from a guide about the history of the LGBTQ2+ community in Vancouver.

### **2024-2025 School Calendar**

[HERE](#) is the draft version of our [At-A-Glance Calendar](#) for next year.

### **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.

### **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).**

#### Art Department Wish List

- small clear jars (eg. baby food) or plastic mini containers with lids (condiment containers).

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### ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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#### Tonight! P2P Pub Night Social - [flyer](#)

Join us tonight at The Orchard Gleneagles for Game 3 and a parent pub night - organized by our P2P committee. It's the last P2P parent social of the year. Stanley Cup Finals puck drop at 5:00pm. Parent Pub Social begins at 6:00pm on the patio. Also this evening: Online Auction closes at 8:30pm; the draw for the Rockridge Raffle at 9:00pm - *need not be present to win*. [Click to bid on auction items](#) and [purchase raffle tickets](#). All Rockridge parents welcome! Hope to see you tonight!

#### Your PAC Dollars at Work

Thanks parents for all of your support this year! Together we raised over \$66,00 through fundraising events, grants and a refund - with those funds we were able to achieve a lot for the school. From an upgrade to the outdoor basketball court to a classroom set of graphing calculators, tools for ADST & STEM, drumline carriers for music, ravioli maker for foods and guest speakers for various grades – your PAC dollars made a great impact on our kids this year. Thank you! [Click to see your PAC dollars at work](#). Meeting minutes and discussion notes from last week's "Fireside Chat with Principal Kolkea and VPs Thomson & Baker" can now be found on the PAC website - [click here to review](#).

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

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### RAVEN ATHLETICS: #GoRavens

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Follow us on [Instagram @Rockridge.Athletics](#) Follow us on [X/Twitter @RockridgeAthlct](#)  
Athletic Awards will be distributed during the Grade level ceremonies on June 24th

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:

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### **Boys Club Network Summer camps – For Rockridge Grade 8 or 9 boys**

July 2-26, 2024. An opportunity for boys to spend quality summer time together with their peers, mentors and qualified educators - learning and growing, developing confidence, compassion, life skills and emotional intelligence - inside and 'outside' the classroom setting.

The Summer Camps are offered 8:30 am thru 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. Breakfast and lunch are provided. There is no cost to enroll, and all field trip and activity fees and transportation are covered by the Network (Westcoast Boys Club Network Foundation). Two camp shirts, one camp hat to each boy. The adult/participant ratio is 12:1 outside of the classroom. Space is limited. Please contact Jamal Ahmelich [jahmelich@wvschools.ca](mailto:jahmelich@wvschools.ca) for a registration form.

### **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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**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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### **West Vancouver Memorial Library 2024 Teen Summer Reading Club**

We challenge our students to discover new-to-you books and authors this summer. Complete challenges for a chance to win gift cards! Open to students going into grade 7 and up. For more information and to register, check out: [Teen Reading Club](#).

Also, WV Memorial Library now has an [Adult Summer Reading Club](#) with prizes, too. Happy reading!

### **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.ca/international/>.

### **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.