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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Sat, June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR Grad Banquet Dinner &amp; Dance 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Westin Bayshore</li> </ul>
Mon, June 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bowen Island Community School, Caulfeild &amp; Out of Catchment Gr. 7 Visits</li> <li>Tour For Humanity stop @ The Rock</li> <li>FIT - Gr9 - Guest Presenter Fine Arts</li> </ul>
Tues, June 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Westbay, Gleneagles &amp; Out of Catchment Gr. 7 Visits</li> </ul>
Wed, June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAC Meeting-AGM   6:00 – 7:00 pm LLC</li> </ul>
Thurs, June 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIT - Gr 9 - Guest Presenter Fine Arts</li> <li>Commencement Rehearsal   10:55 – 11:45am</li> <li>SPRING CONCERT   6:30 Gym</li> </ul>
Friday, June 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESP Playland Field Trip</li> <li>Gr. 11 UBC Visit</li> <li>Pied for Pride Day   3:00 PM - 4:30 PM outdoor basketball court.</li> </ul>
Saturday, June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Ocean Day - see poster in Raven Life</li> </ul>
Sunday, June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR Commencement   11:00am – 1:30 pm - Orpheum Theatre</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	
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**

If you tour by the front of the school, you will see the graduation banner . . . *hung by the doorway with care, in hopes that our grad class will be celebrated with flair!*

Yes, we are looking forward to celebrating with the Grad Class of 2024 this Saturday evening at the Westin Bayshore at this year's Graduation Banquet. The honouring of our grade 12's will continue next Sunday at the Orpheum Theatre with the 2024 Rockridge Commencement. The great part of mentioning these celebrations is that while there is a lot of attention toward our senior students, we have also had a big week with our youngest Ravens. Yesterday the Class of 2028 participated in the Grade 8 Science Fair that was a fantastic celebration of learning. I wish to thank the great number of family members who came to The Rock to tour through the students' projects and ask questions. The

Raven Life has two links to some photos and videos if you are wondering what our Science Department looked like yesterday.

It will be no surprise to you that I am a sports fan, and as such, I am very proud of our Ravens who are competing at BC provincials. The senior rugby team is representing Rockridge at the three day provincial tournament in Abbotsford this week, our golf team will travel to the island for provincials from Monday to Wednesday and our Ravens will be represented at Track and Field provincials next Saturday in Nanaimo. It truly is another week of feeling very proud and honoured to be the principal of Rockridge.

*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 looked at the characteristic: Caring. This week, we are going to look at the Learner Profile characteristic: **Reflective**.

Reflective learners have a strong sense of self. They know their skillset and they also know the areas that have room for growth. Where there is space for growth, they are unafraid to make changes, are open to feedback, and take steps to make things better for themselves.

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

- Take time to review their learning updates with them. Learners should have the opportunity to review and consider the implications of the document. When discussing with them, be open to considering the beliefs they have surrounding their strengths and areas for growth.
- Work with your learner to set realistic goals for the learning that is ahead of them. Help them understand the specific actions they should take to actually take steps to work towards their goals. And set dates for when you will check in to discuss and reflect on how things are actually going.
- Consider clear goals you can set for yourself that you can work on alongside your learner too and involve them in the discussion and reflection of these goals as appropriate.

Know who else are reflective learners?

Our own Rockridge teachers! They have spent time this morning reflecting on the MYP assessment practices they currently have in place and are considering and developing ones that focus on skill development and clarity for students. Teachers so long to help ALL our learners have a strong understanding of their true skills, how they can clearly apply them in their various subject tasks and where they can extend themselves.

In addition, the International Baccalaureate as the organization that oversees the Middle Years Program is very intentional about modelling good reflection practices. They make regular efforts to set goals, collect data, reflect and adjust to meet best practices accordingly. As MYP Coordinators, we are also

spending time today working with other MYP coordinators from schools in the lower mainland learning about how the IB is working towards best practices using student feedback and considering the ongoing rise of AI.

Undoubtedly, reflection abounds at ALL levels of our learning, living, working, and growing at Rockridge!

### **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)

### **Tour for Humanity - June 3rd & 6th - Social Studies**

Gr. 10 Social Justice, Political Science, and History students will be participating in a one-hour lesson in a giant mobile classroom bus that will be onsite at Rockridge.

The workshop begins with a screening of FSWC's three-part documentary series titled The Holocaust, Universal Genocide and Real-World Heroes. The documentary is followed by a discussion of The Ten Stages of Genocide, focusing on the Holocaust and other genocides, including in Rwanda and Cambodia, and crimes against humanity in Ukraine and Eastern Europe committed by the former Soviet Union under dictator Joseph Stalin.

### **GRADUATION NEWS**

It has been brought to our attention that there are graduates who still want an opportunity to be recognized at our graduation commencement, which we want as well!

**Your FINAL DEADLINE for the following graduation recognition items is now **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**:**

#### **► External Recognition**

Interested graduates are encouraged to email Ms. Rowbotham any scholarships, awards and/or recognition that they have received this year (*e.g. entrance scholarship to your ONE chosen institution*). Email [trowbotham@wvschools.ca](mailto:trowbotham@wvschools.ca) with the subject line "External Recognition - Name".

In the body of the email include:

- the name of the recognition (e.g. entrance scholarship, semi-finalist, etc.), and
- the name of the issuing organization (e.g. UVic, Loran, etc.)

#### **► Service Awards**

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.

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

#### **► Graduation Write-Ups**

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

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm really looking forward to celebrating with all of you at the graduation banquet this Saturday!!!

*Ms. Ferrajohn*

### **Capstone Presentation**

- Refer to the presentation in Google classroom for instructions on how to complete your capstone project which is **DUE Friday, May 31st**
- Upload your capstone presentation to your Careers 11/12 myBlueprint portfolio.
- Complete the Google form to let us know how you would like to present it.
- Complete ALL of your CLC activities AND your self-evaluation on the Grad Class of 2024 Google classroom page by Friday, May 31st.

### **Commencement Ceremony Rehearsal (Thursday, June 6th)**

ALL Graduates are required to join a dress rehearsal to prepare for their commencement ceremony. This rehearsal will take place on Thursday, June 6th in Player's Hall during FIT. Graduates will practice the procession, get directions about the whole event, and receive their caps and gowns.

### **Commencement Ceremony (Sunday, June 9th)**

Celebrate our Rockridge Grads of 2024 at their commencement ceremony at the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday, June 9th @ 11am. Graduates and their families are encouraged to attend - \$15 per guest/family member

(Grads do not need to purchase a ticket) through SchoolCash Online in June. The commencement attire is a nice outfit with your grad gown over top.

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## **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **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*

### **2024 Rockridge Grade 8 SCIENCE FAIR - see Raven Life to link to the Instagram posts**

Rockridge Grade 8s amazed and impressed visiting families, district principals, trustees, fellow students and teachers at our Annual Rockridge Grade 8 Science Fair on May 29th. It was truly a celebration of learning, showcasing how students used The Scientific Method to make some new and fascinating discoveries. Experiments observed objects flying, growing, and exploding, to name just a few. With over 150 different inspiring investigations in 7 classrooms, you could feel the energy and pride that our students felt about their learning throughout the school.

*Thank you to each and every grade 8 student and their supportive parents! It was a job well done.*

*Ms. Brady and Ms. Davies*

### **A Busy Weekend for Model UN - see photos in Raven Life**

- 1) **Model UN club attended the North Shore Model UN Conference** on Saturday May 25th. This conference was organized and run by three schools, Rockridge, Sentinel, and Argyle and hosted 40 students. Baran C, Hanna N, and Adele A acted as Directors of the conference.
  - a. Three RR kids won awards!
    - i. Carmelito B (Best Delegate as the USA in the UNSC, where they discussed the war on terror)
    - ii. Timur R (Best Researched as Ireland in the UNSC).
    - iii. Lauren J (Outstanding Delegate as Spain in the UNFCCC, where they discussed the feasibility of sustainable cities)
- 2) **Baran C, Timur R, Chloe I, and Hanna N met the Premier of BC, David Eby** when they attended the Youth in Politics conference. They are part of the CYC and were invited by MP Patrick Weiler.

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

The Talent Show has 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) 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. A committee of admin, counsellors and teachers will choose award winners. 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 5th, 6:00pm, Learning Commons**

[Meeting Agenda](#) - For our final PAC meeting of the year, we will be trying something a little different. Based on all of the questions/comments that have come up from parents over the school year, we are organizing a *fireside chat* with Principal Kolkea and Vice Principals Baker and Thomson. Here's your chance to hear answers to your questions directly from them.

**\*Submit any questions you would like asked to [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca) by tomorrow - Friday, May 31st.** This is also our AGM and will include a report on PAC financial position, budget proposal for the 2024/25 school year and election for the 2024/25 PAC Executive Team.

### **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).

### **Rockridge Online Auction - [click to bid](#)**

Discover amazing deals on tickets, gift cards and summer camps with all proceeds benefiting programs at Rockridge. The online auction closes on June 13th at 8:30pm. [Place your bid](#) from anywhere! Find [more information](#).

### **Rockridge Raffle - \$500 grand prize!**

**Click to buy raffle tickets** - \$5 each. Every dollar raised goes directly to enriching Rockridge's programs. Draw: Thu, June 13 at 'End of Year' Parent Pub Night Social at The Orchard. Join us there! Great opportunity to reconnect with other parents before summer break. Evening starts at 6pm, draw at 9pm. *Need not be present to win but we hope to see you at this fun P2P pub night!* [Event flyer](#)

### **Save the Dates**

- Wed, June 5th, 6:00 pm - PAC AGM Fireside Chat in the Learning Commons
- Thu, June 13th, 6:00 pm till late - P2P Parent Pub Night at The Orchard - Rockridge Online Auction closes at 8:30pm and Raffle Draw at 9pm!

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 @RockridgeAthlrc](#)

If you are looking to keep up with our Raven Athletics Events, just scroll through our [Morning Announcements](#). The second page of the announcements is dedicated to Raven Athletics teams, schedules, upcoming events and results. Or view schedules here:

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

### TEAM NEWS

#### Track and Field - Junior & Senior

- Provincials coming up next week! Congratulations to Ceil F. who will race in the 800m.
- Practices Tuesday, Friday @ 3:10 PM

#### Rugby - Senior Boys

- Provincial Quarter Final Wednesday
- Provincial Day 2 Thursday
- Provincial Day 4 Saturday Finals

#### Ice Hockey

- 6 - 3 L to STA in ¼ finals. We played with a depleted roster, but scored first and were unlucky not to have the 2nd goal. The bulk of the grade 9's on the team really solidified their roles in the 9 games we played. Next up, pizza lunch.
- [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

- Congrats to the Senior Team of Ty A, Will M, Ryland B, Roman M and Mateo C for qualifying for the Provincial Championship in Qualicum Beach June 3-5

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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