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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Friday, June 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Indigenous Peoples Day - see photo in Raven life
Mon, June 24	FIT: Careers 8 Presentation - see note below. Awards Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period 1(8:35) - grade 11 Period 2 (9:55) - grade 10 Period 3 (11:55)- grade 9 Period 4 (1:45) - grade 8 Last day Attendance taken
Tues, June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Review & Completion - see details in <i>Last Week of School Overview</i> below Mentorship Connection Camp
Wed, June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Review & Completion - see details in <i>Last Week of School Overview</i> below
Thurs, June 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Period 3 Reports Posted to MyEd
Friday, June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration Day for Rockridge Staff Only
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I had a good question from my wife this morning when she asked: “So, what events are happening today?” She had wisely noticed that the last few weeks have been filled with some incredible events which have filled my calendar, but more importantly, have added so much joy for myself. Beyond this, I am very proud of the positive energy, smiles and hard work that has been demonstrated in these June days across our Raven Grad Classes from 2028 to 2024.

You will notice in the attached Raven Life that we started to celebrate National Indigenous People’s Day with a special presentation in Players Hall today. Tomorrow, students will have the opportunity to enjoy some Bannock from the Squamish Nation in the morning or learn more about Indigenous people by visiting the Library Learning Commons for other special presentations.

There are some important schedules, times, and details for all families to review to help understand the shape and expectations for next week . . . our last days of 2023-24.

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.

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 of Students receiving Major Awards have been notified but all parents are welcome to attend. **PLEASE NOTE TIMES HAVE BEEN REVISED**
 - Period 1(8:35) - grade 11
 - Period 2 (9:55) - grade 10
 - Period 3 (11:55)- grade 9
 - Period 4 (1:45) - grade 8
2. Tuesday, June 25th and Wednesday, June 26th are Final Review and Completion days.

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 26th to complete any outstanding assignments or projects as needed.

3. 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.

School Bus Schedule		
Mon	24-Jun	no change
Tue	25-Jun	2 buses (1 for HSB, 1 for LB), no time change
Wed	26-Jun	2 buses (1 for HSB, 1 for LB), no time change
Thurs	27-Jun	Last day of School -1 bus (for both HSB & LB), no time change
Fri	28-Jun	no bus

Careers 8

On Monday June 24th, a representative from West Vancouver's Youth Services will present various ways that youth can get involved with their programs and services over the summer. Obtaining service hours is a central component of the Careers curriculum.

This summer, students are encouraged to get a head start on their service hours, and are asked to keep a record of dates and contacts, and to take lots of photos.

RAVENS ATHLETICS

School athletic uniforms need to be returned

Rockridge purchased new uniforms for the 2023-24 school year and we need to keep complete sets for next year's teams. Please look in your laundry for Rockridge uniforms. Please bundle uniform labelling

Student Name, Team and return to coaches. Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca if you have questions regarding our Athletics program.

MYED FAMILY PORTAL - Accessing Student Reports

Learning Period 3 Reports will be published on June 27th to the [MyEd BC Parent Portal](#). Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

THIS WEEK'S MYP MOMENT

As we are reaching the end of the school year, we want to celebrate our community of learners at Rockridge. This includes you! All members of the Rockridge community have tried or learned something new this year. We've faced challenges, made mistakes and tried again! We have leaned on each other and held others up when they needed an extra boost. And through it all, we've grown and changed.

We've added to our stories. We continue to become ourselves.

In celebration of finishing the school year, we are going to look at the last characteristic of the Learner Profile: **Risk-Taker**. (Perhaps you can read through this with a summer lens!)

Learners who are risk-takers dare to try new things, but they do so with real care and forethought. They nurture the independent spirit within and are open to trying new roles, ideas, pathways, and strategies. Risk-takers understand that they will face various problems, but know there are lots of options for solutions to try. They are open to sharing their thoughts and explaining their reasoning.

How can you help your learners grow to be wise risk-takers at home?

- As a family, try an activity you haven't tried before! Go canoeing! Check out an unfamiliar museum in the area! Go on a new hike!
- Discuss the differences between being a risk-taker by trying new things and being a risk-taker by doing dangerous things.
- If a learner is feeling uncertain about trying something new, encourage them to attempt it and help them reflect on what they gained from the experience.
- How can your family adopt and uphold more of a growth mindset? How can you model being a wise and open risk-taker?

We would like to thank YOU, the wider Rockridge Community for supporting our school and engaging with us in journeying through different aspects of the MYP this year. We appreciate all of you who have taken the time to read, ask questions and learn, just a little bit more, about the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at Rockridge.

We hope you have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to reconnecting in September!

- Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare

REMINDER :: Important MYP Learning Update 3 Info for Parents

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:

- 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.*) The levels from the various Criterions in a subject are more informative regarding a student’s learning than the final IB score.

2) Look for the Teacher Comments not the IB Generated Comments

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 will give the best feedback on your student.

GRADUATION NEWS - Grad Vases

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.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ON A TRADITIONAL TALL SHIP! THE ULTIMATE FIELD TRIP

Ahoy! We are pleased to share that WVSD is organizing an experiential learning opportunity aboard a tall ship with S.A.L.T.S. in May 2025! This adventure will be available to all grade 10-12 students in the district. Students will enjoy challenging and rewarding activities, from plotting navigational routes to exploring the biology of our coastal inter-tidal zone. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday,

June 20th during lunch at WVSS in room C343, or virtually through the Google Classroom (code: ym4riq2). See you there!

Lost & Found

Lost & Found items are displayed on tables in front of the office. Items not collected by the end of June will be donated to charity.

Please come to the main office for lost valuables. We have had a number of items returned such as backpacks, jewelry, keys, bank cards, glasses etc.

TEXTBOOKS

Please return all textbooks so that we can complete our 'class sets'!

Textbooks that have not been returned have been charged to your SchoolCashOnline accounts. [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!

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 with any questions.

2024-2025 School Calendar

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

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).

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

The ROPAC will have one final E-Bulletin addition next week with our final publication of the year.

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 @RockridgeAthlctc](#)
Athletic Awards will be distributed during the 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:

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

The end of the school year is here which means the WVBC summer camps are just a few weeks away. 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. Space is limited so best not to delay in signing up. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.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.

FEEDING FUTURES INITIATIVE

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School

District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal - Trevor Kolkea tkolkea@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

West Vancouver 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. 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!

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.