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CALENDAR UPDATE	
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
Tuesday, Sept 3rd	First day of classes - watch for newsletter in August with details
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM - 3 PM Mon-Fri (Call to schedule a visit)	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you Rockridge families for giving us the privilege and honour to work and learn with your children this school year. I am very proud of the strong school spirit and sense of community that has been nurtured with students, staff and families throughout 2023-24. Rockridge is a special place where learning comes first. Learning here ranges from classroom lessons to opportunities for students beyond their learning spaces here at The Rock. Over the next few days as students review their final Learning Update for Term 3, I hope that they are able to talk about their learning and take pride in the progress they have made while also thinking ahead to their goals for September.

During the month of June we celebrated our Grad Class of 2024. Monday we hosted our grade level Awards Assemblies (Gr. 8 to 11) honouring numerous student accomplishments across the school from department specific recognition, athletics, service hours and major awards. Below the information about accessing reports, you will find links to the slideshows from the Awards Assemblies celebrating our Ravens. Student awards for those that missed the ceremony can be picked up in the office next week.

When you arrived last September the exterior wooden beams on our school had been refreshed. When you return this September, we will have many different surprises and upgrades to our building both inside and out!

Look for our next E-Bulletin to arrive in late August with all the details students will need to know about the first day, week and month of school.

Have a safe and joyful summer vacation and we will see you on September 3rd.

Be sure to check out this week's FINAL Raven Life PDF for photos and posters of events and more from our last week of 2023-24 at The Rock.

MYED FAMILY PORTAL - Accessing Student Reports

Due to high volume publication throughout the province, learning Period 3 Reports will be published by end of day June 28th to the [MyEd BC Parent Portal](#). Students and families will receive an email notifying them when the reports have been published.

Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

REMINDER: Important MYP Learning Update 3 Info for Parents

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.

GRADE 8 - 11 AWARDS DAY - June 24th!

See links below to view slideshows from each grade level. These awards include Major Awards, Mastery of Subject Awards and Athletic Awards.

- [Grade 11 Awards](#)
- [Grade 10 Awards](#)
- [Grade 9 Awards](#)
- [Grade 8 Awards](#)

Student Use of Personal Digital Devices: (cellphones, laptops, smartwatches etc.)

Like at all schools in West Vancouver, Rockridge staff have been creating a new section for our Code of Conduct to address the new expectations for student use of technology - personal digital devices.

Education for students and families regarding these new guidelines and expectations is our first step.

This will begin with our August newsletter and as part of our student orientation in September.

To align with the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order, the District restricts the use of personal digital devices at school to promote online safety and focused learning environments. The District recognizes that unregulated use of personal digital devices may pose a risk to personal safety; may impact physical and mental health and healthy relationships, may disrupt instruction and learning; may invade personal privacy, and may compromise academic integrity.

The District recognizes that when used thoughtfully, technology can create opportunities for constructive and positive applications that can support the learning journey. Students can use these technologies to create content, to communicate, to collaborate and to share.

In West Vancouver Schools we use technology to support learning. As a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) district, laptops and tablets are the preferred technology due to their versatility, compatibility with educational purposes, and ability to facilitate various learning activities.

Definitions:

Personal Digital Devices means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, and any other portable technology device. The use of cell phones and connected accessories, like smartwatches, will be limited in their use as they can impact the education and well-being of students. Smartwatches and other similar connected accessories may not be used like a cell phone in terms of communication and connection.

Security & Storage: The security and storage of personal digital devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The district assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of these devices.

Personal Digital Devices Procedures:

- At secondary schools personal digital device expectations are for instructional time.
- At elementary schools, personal digital device expectations are for the full school day including use before school, after school and break times.

Personal digital devices are not to be used without the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator.

If a personal digital device is required for instructional purposes, or to support a student's medical and health or accessibility and accommodation needs, teachers/staff will provide clear guidelines and expectations around their use for these purposes and ensure that use is adequately supervised. Considerations for personal digital device use will also be made to ensure equity to support learning outcomes for any student who may be disproportionately impacted by the lack of access.

Additional guidelines and expectations include but are not limited to:

- Students who bring personal digital devices to the school are expected to comply with all parts of their school's [code of conduct](#).
- The use of personal digital devices should not interfere with others. This includes sound, light, and other distractions.

- Personal digital devices are not to be used in private settings such as change rooms, washrooms, or counseling rooms that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
- In an emergency such as a lockdown or evacuation, personal digital devices should not be used until told otherwise.

GRAD NEWS

School District Email, Google Accounts & Google Drive - Just a reminder that graduating students' school email, Google accounts and Google Drive will be disabled during the summer. Please download ANY information you want to keep and transfer to personal accounts.

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

Celebrate Diversity and Inclusion with us at the Vancouver Pride Parade! *See poster in Raven Life*

Join West Vancouver Schools as we come together to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion at the Vancouver Pride Parade on August 4. All students, parents and families are welcome as we support the LGBTQ+ community, and spread messages of love and acceptance. See you there! Register here [Vancouver Pride Parade Registration 2024](#)

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ON A TRADITIONAL TALL SHIP! THE ULTIMATE FIELD TRIP - *see poster in RL*

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. Google Classroom (code: ym4riq2).

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.

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 ATHLETICS

As this school year comes to an end, we are already in the process of planning for the 2024-2025 school year's athletic seasons of play!

We are always looking for passionate individuals who want to create positive experiences for our student athletes. If you are keen to volunteer your time with us next year, please complete the Coaching Expression of Interest form linked below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YjMB2J6ji0WUV2dM8JGnl69NOWNfG7xDkp_-02awiNpUQ0Q4WjFEREoyUkU1SU5NNEhRS1NCRDNCTy4u

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to our new Athletic Director Mr. Stefanon, mstefanon@wvschools.ca

Go Ravens!

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

ROPAC wishes you all a [happy summer break!](#) We appreciate your support throughout the year and value being part of the Rockridge parent community with you. If you haven't already, please follow us on social media to stay informed about parent social events, fundraisers and PAC meetings: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [P2P WhatsApp Group](#).

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](#) website.

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.schools.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!

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>

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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.

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

SCHOOL FEES - SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:

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.