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Morning Announcements: *Bookmark this link for daily news, updates and Rockridge Athletics schedules*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Sat, Mar 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">T-Co Production Rehearsal
Mon, Mar 3	
Tue, Mar 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FAST - SFA Training Day 2 1:00 – 9:00 pmEducationplannerBC Live Learning virtual session 6:30 – 7:30pm - Register
Wed, Mar 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dream it be it Career Fair for Young Women @ WVSS 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Mar 6 - 8 @ 7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Theatre Company Performance in Player's Hall "She Kills Monsters- Young Adventurers Edition" - see poster in Raven Life
March 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drumline RegionalsCrepe Truck onsite @ lunchLearning Update #2 Published
UPCOMING	
Mar 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tour of The Rock 12:00 – 1:00pmGrade 11 Parent / Student Course Planning Evening 6:00-7:00 pm
Mar 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rockridge Jazz Café - see details below
April 7-10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments - details to be emailed
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today began rather unexpectedly for many of us learning about the closure of WVSS. Police and School District staff responded to WVSS early this morning following a concerning communication. An evacuation took place before school hours and very few staff and students were on site at the time. This resulted in a delayed start to the school day. The West Vancouver Police Department and community partners attended on site and after a thorough investigation, ensured the building was safe to return to. I wanted to share this information with our school community as it is something you may have heard about already today, but did not have these details. While this was initially concerning news, it is a good example of our community partners and school district effectively working to resolve matters together.

DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK? (submitted by Ms. Aldred - Careers Dept.)

It is a very exciting time of year in the Rockridge Careers Office. After a lot of time spent applying to post-secondary institutions, Grade 12 students are starting to receive offers and financial awards. Most offers come out in March and April, but our students have already sent over 600 transcripts to institutions in BC, Canada and around the world. Our students apply to all the major Canadian institutions including trade schools. Just over 10% of the graduating class will also apply to international institutions including schools in the USA, Australia, UK, Ireland, Holland, Italy, Spain, and Japan. Careers staff love to celebrate with students when they get results. We have a large ship's bell mounted in the office that students ring when they get good news. Please encourage your grade 12 students to share their exciting news with us.

When helping your students navigate the course selection process, please remember that Career Life Education 10 (CLE 10) and Career Life Connections 12 (CLC12) are mandatory courses required to graduate. These courses are offered by Career Staff and provide valuable resources for students transitioning out of high school.

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF.*

*You'll see updates on student learning, sports accomplishments, posters of upcoming events, photos and more from this week at **The Rock**.*

MYED BC Parent Portal

Learning Update #2 will be published digitally through the parent portal Friday, Mar 7th by 6:00pm.

If you have not done so already please see the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) today where you will find instructions on registering your MyEdBC parent portal account.

Each parent or guardian has their own separate account. If you are still having difficulty accessing your account, please see the online video aid [here](#). If you have further questions, please email

Rockridge@wvschools.ca

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

It's hard to believe, but the end of this week marks the end of Learning Period 2! Time in the school year is flying now!

Students will be able to access their second Learning Update on MyEd on **Friday, March 7th, 2025**.

This week, we want to remind you that the MYP is a growth-focused program—one that acknowledges how learning is a dynamic process that takes time. And it may be that, at this time, students are not yet reaching their goals or the levels that they've seen in the past. Good news! The school year isn't over yet! Students still have the opportunity to reflect on their biggest successes and challenges from the first two learning periods, and to consider this when strategizing for the final learning period (from now until June).

Should there be any need for IE (Insufficient Evidence) reports for students, those will be communicated within the next week. Please take the time to read those and work closely with your student to determine the best plans of action moving forward so that they can have greater success.

When it comes to assessment, criterion levels are based on students' most recent and consistent levels. This means that, as they grow and deepen their skills in the criteria, the levels will grow and adjust accordingly! There are still many opportunities that await in Learning Period 3.

Just like a tree, growing takes time. Learning takes time. And, as we start to look ahead towards the final learning period, walk alongside your students with patience and encouragement. Help empower them in the spaces that need support. Help them set realistic goals and establish healthy structures and work habits that make sense for them and their context.

All the best, Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare

2025 GRADUATION NEWS

Our Class of 2025 should keep an eye on this section going forward, as it will include all the details of various grad event planning and what you need to do!

First up is completing the Grad Gown Kit sizing form:

Each Grade 12 student is required to complete [THIS FORM](#) before Spring Break, to provide sizing for the Grad Gown that all Grads will wear as they cross the stage at Commencement. The cost for the Grad Gown Kit is covered by the \$50 Commencement Fee, which will be added to your SchoolCash Online account soon and is payable by April 15th.

Grade 12 International Students - Please RSVP:

We are in the planning stages for our **Grad Banquet scheduled for Saturday, May 31st at the Westin Bayshore, and Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, June 8th at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre**, and we want you to participate! Please email trowbotham@wvschools.ca to confirm your planned attendance. Be sure to complete the Grad Gown Sizing Form linked above as well.

Rockridge 2025-26 Course Planning

An MS Team Town Hall was held recently for the information of all Rockridge families - You can now view the [Rockridge 25-26 Course Planning Slides](#).

Grades 8-10 students **should enter** course requests in MYED beginning **February 18th to March 30th**. Students can amend and repost their choices at any time.

Rockridge 2025-26 Course Planning - Grade 11s - Mon, Mar 10th – 6-7pm in Players Hall.

A special in-person course planning presentation for **Grade 11** students and parents will be held at Rockridge on March 10th. An overview of the Advanced Placement and Economic Strategies Program will follow this presentation. Gr. 11 students will begin entering course selections in MYED on Mar 11 and will need to have these finalized by April 25.

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

The next tours are Monday March 10th & April 28th. Tours are 12:00 to 1:00 PM. 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 for our next school tour. The Tour of the Rock is hosted and led by our principal or vice-principal and senior student leaders. Inquiries and RSVP: rockridge@wvschools.ca

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Pascal, Cayley, Fermat MATH CONTESTS - took place Feb 26th

We had a remarkable **71** Grade 8 - 11 students write the Waterloo Math contests this year. Thank you to the Rockridge staff that helped promote the contests encouraging students to participate.

A huge thank you to Scott Rickard for volunteering a block of his time to invigilate. Our Teacher Librarians, Sarah Conbere and Nicole Reid for providing a space and their assistance before, during and after. Thanks to all staff for their support including our custodial staff that helped facilitate the process.

PUSH-UP CHALLENGE - Join us in Support of Mental Health in our Community - FINAL PUSH

Rockridge is participating in a push-up challenge for participants to do 2000 push ups between Feb 11-28 and raise money for the North and West Vancouver branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. To donate, click [here](#)

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL 2024-25 YEARBOOK

Students, check out a selection of photos outside the office and Learning Commons!

"The Yearbook purchase deadline has been extended to March 14th! Don't miss out on this year's amazing book!" \$55 on [School Cash Online](#)

Note: We have had many parents inquiring about the yearbook purchases; the yearbook has been posted on student accounts since November 15, 2024. Some parents purchased the yearbook earlier in the year and may have forgotten. Parents can check their purchase history by logging in to School Cash online and clicking the History tab in the top right corner of the screen.

She Kills Monsters-Young Adventurers Edition by Qui Nguyen-see poster in Raven Life

Presented by Rockridge Theatre Company

A comedic romp into the world of fantasy role-playing games, *She Kills Monsters* is a high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and 90s pop culture – a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

See Trailer here: [Rockridge Theatre Company Presents- She Kills Monsters.mov](#)

- When: March 6, 7, 8 @ 7pm
- Where: Rockridge Players Hall
- PG-13

Purchase Tickets [here](#) and **Follow us on Instagram @rr_theatre_company**

Rockridge Jazz Café - March 11th - Doors open at 6:00 PM - Music starts at 6:30 PM

Player's Hall will be transformed into our very own café with candlelit tables, a student art display & sale, and complimentary coffee, tea, and refreshments.

Enjoy performances by Rockridge “A” & “B” Big Bands, student combos, and special guests: The Erika Chow Group!

This year, we are excited to have Erika Chow as our featured artist. Erika is an exciting up-and-coming saxophonist in the Vancouver jazz scene, and we are overjoyed that she and her band will be performing to kick off our evening. Check her out!

We hope to see you there! First-come, first-served tickets are now available on schoolcash online, and will sell quickly. Get yours now for \$15, or \$20 at the door.

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/32364/105/False/True>

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

February PAC General Meeting Recap

A huge thank you to Ms. Ferrajohn for joining us at last week’s PAC meeting! She walked us through how students use **myBlueprint** to make informed course selections and plan post-secondary goals. We appreciate her time and guidance. For those of you who couldn’t attend, you can view the presentation [here](#) and the meeting minutes [here](#).

Save the date: P2P Pub Night -~~flyer~~

Need a break from course selection chatter? Or just an excuse to hang out with other parents and enjoy a beverage? Join us for **P2P Pub Night!**

- ❖ **When:** Thursday, April 10,
- ❖ **Time:** 7-10 pm
- ❖ **Where:** Red Lion Bar and Grill, Dundarave

Stay tuned for more details!

Follow ROPAC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) Rockridge WhatsApp Groups: [Parent Info](#) (brief one-way info) and [P2P](#) (parent conversation).

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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. See this week’s *Raven Life* for some highlights from the past week.

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: [Expression of Interest Form](#)

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

Alpine Race Team BC Provincial Results - see photo in Raven Life

Absent from Provincials for over a decade, our Rockridge Ravens Alpine team returned roaring back at this year's BC Provincials. The competition took place on Troll Mountain - 665 km from our school.

Our Raven rippers battled through challenging slushy conditions on a warm and unfamiliar mountain. They improvised and pushed themselves, the team rallied each other to new heights and built incredible camaraderie together.

Our Ravens spread their wings and showcased their speed with a pair of top 10 individual finishes on both days. The Rock ended up with a 6th place team result overall. This achievement was especially remarkable, as our team consisted of Grade 9 and 10 athletes competing against mostly older students. We look forward to seeing how the team does in the coming years!

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

For "**Community Connections**" including local programs, events, and resources click [HERE](#).

Grad Shop 2025

Family Services of the North Shore has created a pop up Grad Shop in Cap Mall for students graduating in 2025 who may be in need of assistance due to financial hardship or other life circumstances. The shop will open its doors to Grads in April but are accepting donations now. See details [here](#)

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS

West Vancouver Schools has created a richly woven learning experience designed to educate the 'whole child' through academics, athletics, citizenship and the arts. Click here to view [WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS](#)

Interested in taking PHE outside next year?

The district is offering **Outdoor Recreation** for grades 10-12, with grade 9s eligible by teacher recommendation. It's like a field trip PHE class! This year, we've enjoyed kayaking, skating, swimming, hiking, camping, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and more. No experience needed!

When we're not on trips, we play games in the gym or practice outdoor skills like compass reading, knot tying, shelter building, or host guest speakers. Classes are scheduled last block, with extended hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays (3:30–5:30 pm).

Students earn credits for **PHE 10/11/12** and **Outdoor Education**. If you love being active outdoors, rain or shine, this course is for you!

Check out more details on the [website](#). See Poster: [here](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE: Applications OPEN - due Fri, Mar 7th, 2025

Offered by North Vancouver School District in partnership with Langara College, and open to West Vancouver School District students entering grade 11 or 12. This program is perfect for students passionate about working with young children and provides the opportunity to learn about child development and apply this knowledge to practical work placements in daycare and/or primary school settings. Learn from a Langara faculty member and those who work in the field, earn 8 high school credits, an Emergency Child Care First Aid and CPR Certificate and have the credentials for paid summer employment. Applications are OPEN until March 7, 2025. Learn more and apply [here](#), or email jkinakin@sd44.ca. [Click here for the application package](#).

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

West Vancouver Schools Counselling

At West Vancouver Schools, we acknowledge the importance of high school course selection, post-secondary guidance and the role of schools in supporting improved student mental health outcomes. We maintain a collaborative website with the counselling teams from Rockridge, Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary. In this website there are an abundance of resources for students that will help guide them to whatever level of education they desire: from grade school to graduate school. You can find the [Counselling site](#) under the DEPARTMENT tab on the [Rockridge Secondary School website](#).

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.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Online Policies & Procedures [Form 2024-2025](#) - **NOW 89% of online consent forms completed!**

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be submitted for each student at the start of each school year. We ask that it is submitted ONLY ONCE PER STUDENT in September, as the upload gets very onerous with multiple submissions. For later changes, please inform the office.

- If you previously created an account to complete the 22/23 form, the account is the same.
- If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it.
- Once logged in, you will have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

- Without a completed consent form, students will not be permitted to attend field trips, join school teams or have their photos included in the yearbook. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

FEEDING FUTURES

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 Mr. Kolkea tkolkea@wvschools.ca or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Annual Winter Weather Reminder - See [Weather Closures and Procedures](#)

With the recent weather events and the potential of flurries, we wanted to remind everyone of the West Vancouver Schools *Winter Weather* protocols.

West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 am.

Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

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. \$28,000* in reimbursements
2. Full-service homestay team support
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/>.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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 and reason for absence 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.

ROCKRIDGE CALENDAR

- This is a very helpful resource to access for daily block rotations and school events.
- Please click the following link to access the [FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR](#)
- Then click *Subscribe* in the task bar above the calendar.
- Please ask your child if they have subscribed as well!

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

For all students and parents, logging into the MYED portal is a very important step in supporting your child's learning and progress at Rockridge.

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 Drop Off/Pick Up Safety

As you are probably aware, there can be heavy traffic around our school site at opening and dismissal times. It is difficult for vehicles to enter and exit our school parking areas as well as the Caulfeild Mall. The passage of emergency vehicles would be impeded which is of considerable concern. Please consider carpooling, dropping off and picking up your children at a predetermined location away from the school property, and encouraging active transportation (biking, walking). Another helpful action, if possible, for those that have to drive is dropping off your child early. An 8:00 AM arrival is always a great plan and chance to hang in the cafeteria, get some work done at a hallway workstation, or connect with a teacher.

Please note that designated visitor parking spaces at the front of the school are a 'no parking' zone in the morning and after school. The driveway in front of the school entrance is a NO STOPPING zone. All numbered parking spaces are designated for individual staff members. Please do not park in these spaces at any time during school hours.

ATTENTION DOG WALKERS

The Rockridge sports field is a Classroom space, used by classes and teams, many of which have begun regular practices and games this fall. There has been a large amount of Dog Poop that is not only a distraction and slipping hazard, but also a health issue. We remind our community members that West Vancouver Bylaw prohibits dogs on the field and thank you for your cooperation in respecting this outdoor classroom space. *We would appreciate it if you would pass this on to other community members who should have this information.