



# ROCKRIDGE

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mar 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Theatre Company Performance in Player's Hall <i>"She Kills Monsters- Young Adventurers Edition"</i> - see poster in Raven Life</li></ul>
Mon, Mar 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tour of The Rock   12:00 – 1:00pm</li><li>Grade 11 into 12 Course Planning Presentation   6:00 – 7:00 pm</li><li>AP &amp; Special Program Presentation   7:00 – 7:45pm</li></ul>
Tue, Mar 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vancouver Trades Exploration @ RR   8:30am – 1:00pm</li><li>Rockridge Jazz Café - see details below</li></ul>
Wed, Mar 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ESP Field Trip   11:30am – 3:00pm</li></ul>
Thurs, Mar 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Design Rotation 2 Last Day</li></ul>
Fri, Mar 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St. Patrick's Day Theme - Wear <b>Green</b> &amp; receive Prizes from Student Council</li><li>Arts Rotation 2 Last Day</li></ul>
Mar 17-28	<b>Happy Spring Break - School Closed</b>
UPCOMING	
April 7-10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments - details to be emailed</li></ul>
<b><a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">2024-25 At A Glance Calendar</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">WV Youth Services click here</a></b>	

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the final week to Spring Break, the sun is shining, students are smiling, it is opening night for *She Kills Monsters* . . . and tomorrow learning update #2 will be published for all students. While I know many students will be excited to celebrate their accomplishment in this learning update, others will be making new goals for learning period three to help make improvements to their current standing in one or more of their courses. If you do have questions about assessments, comments, or marks, please contact the Rock teacher of that specific course to help address your concerns.

### 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](mailto:Rockridge@wvschools.ca)

### **DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK?**

I feel that this week's **Raven Life (email attachment)** really answers the question above, **DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK?** This week, you'll see updates on student learning, sports accomplishments, posters of upcoming events, photos and more from this week at The Rock. In fact, the **Raven Life** is 10 pages, and we didn't even get to including the Economic Strategies Program (ESP) Pop Up Sale story, STEM field trip or Choir experience with Ms. Collins from the past weekend! I feel like this is a good time to encourage you to follow us on Instagram [rockridgess](#) - you'll get lots of up to date *Rocking* posts and see more accounts to follow like our [ROPAC Instagram](#), [Rockridge Athletics](#) and more!

### **FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:**

THIS is the week, parents! You will be able to access the second "Learning Update" (the new name for report cards) on MyEd TOMORROW on **Friday, March 7th, 2025** for the Rockridge student(s) in your household.

Here are a few reminders as you navigate the latest learning update:

#### **1) What the Levels Mean in Grades 8 - 10**

The MYP Levels are aligned with the BC Proficiency Scale. So if you see a Level of 4 for a specific criterion, it does NOT mean that your student received a 4 out of 8. It means the following:

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
<i>Levels 1 - 2</i>	<i>Levels 3 - 4</i>	<i>Levels 5 - 6</i>	<i>Levels 7 - 8</i>
Demonstrates an initial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the expected learning.	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the expected learning.

*A passing level in a course is considered a 2.*

*If a 1 or an IE (insufficient evidence) is present, students will be given a supportive action plan to help get them back on track in the remainder of the course. You will receive this from the teacher in your email.*

#### **2) PLEASE read Learning Update 2**

Teachers at Rockridge care about students and their learning. They take the time to provide quality feedback about how a student is doing. Please look at your student's criterion levels and take the time to read each teacher's comments. Their comments will follow the intro, "*Learning*

*Update 2 Comment:"*

Should you have any clarifying questions or if you're not clear on how to further support your Rockridge student in their learning, please follow up with the associated subject teacher.

### **3) Learning Takes Time**

Perhaps your student isn't content with the levels they are receiving at this time. Remind them (and yourself!) that growing and learning takes time. They will not remain at these levels if they're willing to thoughtfully reflect on what has been and make some concrete plans to lean into the spaces that need attention.

Students might need your help strategizing and prioritizing. Listen to them. Reflect with them on their efforts to take responsibility with their learning. Take a breath. Discuss together how it best makes sense to move forward.

We hope these reminders are helpful to you as you navigate the second learning update of the year.

*Happy reading everyone!*

*Your Rockridge Coordinators, Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare*

**LOST & FOUND** - Items are on display in the front entrance hallway of the school. Students, please visit the tables to look at, and collect your belongings. Items not picked up will be donated to a local shelter at Spring Break that our EA lead Isabell Nielsen supports in Vancouver.

- Please check the office for lost valuables including a laptop, numerous airpods, jewelry, keys etc.

### **2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools**

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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## **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **OPENING NIGHT TONIGHT: She Kills Monsters-Young Adventurers Edition by Qui Nguyen**

*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 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](#)**

#### **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 2025-26 Course Planning**

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 up to **March 30th**.

You can view the [Rockridge 25-26 Course Planning Slides](#).

#### **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 tour is this Monday, March 10 followed by Monday 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](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca)

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### **2025 GRADUATION NEWS**

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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](mailto:trowbotham@wvschools.ca) to confirm your planned attendance. Be sure to complete the Grad Gown Sizing Form linked above as well.

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## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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**Rockridge PAC Plant Fundraiser – Order by April 29! - flyer**

Spring is just around the corner, and what better way to brighten up your home and garden than with fresh flowers, herbs and veggie starters? Support Rockridge PAC by ordering from our Plant Fundraiser!

- **Order Here:** <https://rockridgessecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
- **Order Deadline:** Tuesday, April 29
- **Pick-up Date:** Wednesday, May 14

**Get your garden ready while supporting our school!**

**Reminder: P2P Pub Night – April 16! - flyer**

Just a friendly reminder to mark your calendars for P2P Pub Night on Tuesday, April 16 from 7-10 pm at the Red Lion and Grill Bar in Dundarave!

This is a great chance to relax, connect with fellow Rockridge parents and enjoy a fun night out. Stay tuned for details!

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

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## ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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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](mailto:mstefanon@wvschools.ca) Go Ravens!

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## ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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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](#) for all WV Schools secondary students.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE: Applications OPEN - due Fri, Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jkinakin@sd44.ca). [Click here for the application package](#).

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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

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### 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.

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### ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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#### **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](mailto:tkolkea@wvschools.ca) or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto: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](mailto:homestay@wvschools.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on our website at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

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## FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

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### 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 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](mailto: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.