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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
April 11 – 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SR Band Trip to Kelowna
Mon, Apr 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reece Howden visits Rockridge - Canadian Alpine Skier - 3x World ChampionGrad Assembly 10:55 – 11:45am
Wed, Apr 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RR Choir to Sing Project 9:30am – 3:00pm
Thu, Apr 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PAC Meeting 8:30 – 9:30 am
Fri, Apr 18- Mon, 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Good Friday/Easter Monday - School Closed
UPCOMING	
Wed, April 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Second Immunization Clinic at Rockridge
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

To begin this week's message, I must start with a congratulations to the Class of 2027. This week our students, along with others in the province, wrote the Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment. These assessments are invigilated by our admin team - each of us noting how students arrived prepared, on time and tried their best to communicate their acquired learning. As these assessments can last up to three hours, it is quite a unique and potentially stressful experience. The Class of 2027 demonstrated this week that they were ready for a challenge equivalent to that undertaken by senior high school students . . . which they will be next year.

Another highlight I am pleased to share is that Rockridge hosted an opportunity for our students to participate in the Canadian Association of Physicists Contest yesterday. The contest ran from 9 am until noon and included 19 student participants - most from Grade 11. Thanks to Mr. Cheung, Ms. Brady, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Trask and Mr. Wellsby for supporting this opportunity.

Below is a video created by Ms. Kashani from our Careers Department that showcases The Bring Trades to School Day hosted at Rockridge last month. It was a special opportunity and the only one of its kind held on the North Shore this year.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Hello Parent Community!

These are the last days before the official IB Evaluation visit next week! We are excited to meet this moment once again as we round the bend on another 5 year cycle.

We have two evaluators visiting the school next week. One, Peggy Clavette, will be visiting us in person! She originally was going to be visiting virtually from New Brunswick, but she happens to be visiting her son on the North Shore. We were excited for this opportunity, and she will get a much better sense of the Rockridge community by being here! The other, Bruno Gattuso, will be visiting us virtually from Quebec. Both our evaluators are Canadian, have previously worked together on other school IB evaluations and bring much experience as teachers and leaders in the education field.

Our evaluators have emphasized that they approach this process with a growth mindset. They are looking forward to knowing and meeting us where we're at with the MYP in our context and support the areas of the program that we say we need help with.

What will this evaluation mean for your students? In terms of the actual evaluation...not very much. An evaluator may visit a student's class to observe, but they are mostly looking to have a sense of the education experience the students receive.

There is a select group of students across various grades that will meet with our evaluators to freely share their honest Rockridge learning experience.

Along with several other meetings and visits and discussions throughout their visit, we will receive important feedback that, as a staff, we'll examine and discuss to aid the running and growth of the MYP moving forward here at Rockridge.

Send us all your good vibes next week! 😊

Your MYP Coordinators, Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare

2025 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 2025.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opened on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM. Elementary registration closes on May 9. Secondary registration closes on June 13.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#). Students can also drop by the Counselling Suite for information and clarification on courses and making selections.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Attention skiers and boarders - Meet Canadian Alpine Skier - **Reece Howden** - on Monday during FIT in the Library Learning Commons - Reece is a current member of the Canadian Alpine Ski Team and a 3-time World Champion. He will be showing off his Crystal Globes that he has won this season, so this is a great photo opportunity!

Theatre Company Production A Big Success - see photo in Raven Life

Members of Theatre Company would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all volunteers, families and supportive audience members who helped make *She Kills Monsters* such a successful play! Upon reflection of their journey, TC members have expressed how they have grown as artists, gained confidence and skills, and developed lifelong connections with one another. We are all so proud of the impact the show has had and look forward to starting rehearsals for next year's show. Stay tuned for more info on Theatre Company's 2025/ 2026 season!

Follow us on Instagram @rr_theatre_company

ROCKRIDGE INTERNATIONAL LUNCH, Friday, April 25th - see poster in Raven Life

Our Kanata Club is excited to host the International Lunch again this year. The International Lunch has been a Rockridge tradition for over 20 years, and we are very grateful for the food Rockridge families have contributed to make this event a success. In previous years, we have sold over 300 plates of food and hope to offer a variety of dishes again this year. We would greatly appreciate it if you could contribute to our lunch. Students who contribute food will be given 5 free tickets and service hours for their time.

Thanks to your generous contributions last year the Kanata Club donated \$500 to Family Services of the North Shore. We hope to do this again this year! Thank you in advance for your support.

Families can **sign up here:** <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/IYYU1308>
or with this link <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/>. (Coordinator: Coulthard - Password: Rockridge)

Details about the International Lunch

- Dishes that are served cold or at room temperature may be dropped off at the office any time between 8:00 and 12:00
- Hot dishes can be delivered at 12:00 to Player's Hall (please bring it hot as we cannot reheat dishes)
- Include a list of ingredients - no nuts please
- Recommended serving size is for 10 people or more
- Write your name on your dishes and utensils
- You may pick up your dishes at the office after school
- The lunch is set up cafeteria style in Player's Hall. Students receive a plate and purchase items from various tables.
- Items usually cost \$1-\$2. For example, 3 pieces of sushi would be \$1 and a large spoonful of pasta would be \$2.
- Students may purchase tickets during the week of April 14th and April 21st or on the day of the luncheon

- 1 ticket is \$1

*If you have any questions, please email Christy Coulthard at ccoulthard@wvschools.ca.
Thank you for your generosity and support!*

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL 2024-25 YEARBOOK

We still have some copies available to be ordered until **APRIL 13th!** This book is bigger and better than ever, so if you haven't bought one yet, this is your last chance! Purchase here: [School Cash Online](#)

STUDENT PARKING AT ROCKRIDGE

Parking is available for Senior Students in the Upper Lot east of the Gym. Students must complete a parking [Registration form](#), noting vehicle details, insurance expiry, obtain parent signature and submit to the office. The \$25 decal fee must be paid through [School Cash Online](#). Once the form is returned and payment completed, we can issue a decal.

The designated parking spaces in the student lot are nearing capacity, and notices will be issued to those vehicles without a valid decal displayed.

Note: At no time are students permitted to park in Visitor spots

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

The next tour is 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

2025 GRADUATION NEWS

Grad 2025 Parent News

An important and mandatory Grad 2025 student assembly will be held on **Monday, April 12th during FIT (10:50-11:45am)**. Following this assembly all parents of Grad 2025 students will receive a letter highlighting important action items for upcoming events this Spring and receive access to the presentation slide deck.

Rockridge & District Scholarships (Friday, April 11th)

Graduates have been encouraged to apply for our Rockridge & District scholarships by following the instructions on [this document](#). All applications are due on Friday, April 11th 2025 @ 4pm.

Grad Gown Kit

Each Grade 12 student has now completed the Grad Gown request and our order is in! The cost for the Grad Gown Kit is covered by the **\$50 Commencement Fee**, which has been added to your [SchoolCash Online](#) account and is payable by **April 15th**.

Grade 12 International Students

We are anticipating that all of our Grade 12 International students will be participating in both the Banquet and Commencement ceremony. Any International Grade 12 students that will not be attending are asked to inform trowbotham@wvschools.ca.

External Recognition (Monday, May 12th)

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**) by **Monday, May 12th @ 4pm**. Email 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 (Monday, May 12th)

If you have completed school service in the 2024/2025 school year that is above and beyond the requirements for your careers classes, please complete [this form](#) to be considered for a service award by **Monday, May 12th @ Midnight**:

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

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

April PAC Meeting

The April PAC meeting is just a week away! Join us in the Library Learning Commons on Thursday, April 17 at 8:45 am. This month features a special presentation by Principal Kolkea and students on WVS District Programs and Academies. Learn all about the exciting opportunities in our WVS Premier Sports Academies and Programs of Choice options available to students.

Find the meeting agenda [here](#).

Plant Fundraiser – Time is Running Out, Order Soon!

Time is running out to get your hands on gorgeous flowers, herbs and veggie starters!

- Order here: <https://rockridgessecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
- Deadline to order: Tuesday, April 29
- Pick up: Wednesday, May 14 at Rockridge

[These popular items sell out fast, so don't wait! Whether you're planning your spring garden or just want a splash of colour for your patio, now's the time to place your order.](#)

P2P Pub Night - It's Tonight!

We'll see you **TONIGHT** from 6-9 pm at the Red Lion Bar and Grill for our P2P Spring Pub Night - a casual parent social. Registration is still open *until it sells out* - there were only a few tickets left when we went to print. Click [here](#) to grab yours! Looking forward to a great evening together!

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

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

Rockridge Hockey

The next 2 games will be livestreamed with play by play. [Schedule](#) for viewing of NSHSHL games is now available <https://www.trickshotlive.com/nshshl2025>

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!*

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

April is Autism Acceptance Month—a time dedicated to deepening our collective understanding, awareness, and acceptance of individuals with autism. *RED* and *GOLD* have emerged as the new colours of autism acceptance and pride, symbolizing strength, empowerment, and inclusion.

Please take a moment to read the article below to learn more about this meaningful shift, and join Rockridge in celebrating our neurodiversity this month, and every month!
<https://www.autismbc.ca/blog/advocacy/understanding-red-and-gold-colours-of-autism-acceptance-and-pride/>

Outdoor pickleball courts and pump track proposed near Gleneagles Community Centre

The District of West Vancouver is exploring the idea of constructing four outdoor pickleball courts and a new paved pump track near the Gleneagles Community Centre (GECC) to enhance recreation opportunities for residents in the western part of the community. This proposal could involve replacing the existing Bike Terrain Park and Skateboard Bowl located north of GECC.

The design for this proposal is in its preliminary phase and may be modified based on input from the community. The District of West Vancouver is seeking your feedback to help shape this potential project. See details here: <https://www.westvancouverite.ca/gleneagles>

STUDENT WORKERS International Programs Temporary Assignments (multiple positions available)

Each year, West Vancouver Schools' International Programs offers a New Student Orientation program to elementary and secondary-level international students who have just arrived to begin their studies in our schools. Student Leaders form an important part of New Student Orientation.

For further details, see job posting here: [Summer Learning Student Worker](#)

[Dancers of Damelahamid](#) Experience the Power of Indigenous Dance – **Special Offer**

- When: April 26, 2025 | 7:30 PM
- Where: Kay Meek Arts Centre, 1700 Mathers Ave, West Vancouver, BC
- Tickets: \$10 with promo code SPIRIT10 | [KAYMEEK.COM](https://www.kaymeek.com) | 604-981-6335

Immerse yourself in the Indigenous culture of the Northwest Coast with Spirit and Tradition, a visually stunning performance that layers coastal masked dance, projected imagery, soundscapes, and LED puppetry. Through the storytelling traditions of the Northwest Coast, this performance connects audiences to the rich ecosystem of the coastal mountains and oceans.

Watch the Show Trailer: [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.

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](#).

FOUNDRY Drop In Counselling @ Rockridge - Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:30 pm

- Located in the office beside the counselling area
- For more info: Shannon 236 558 2489

Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Their integrated services make it possible for young people to access five core services in one

convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer support, and social services. For more information, please visit the [Integrated Youth Services 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 94% 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.

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

Learning Update #2 was published digitally through the parent portal on Friday, Mar 7th.

If you have not done so already please see the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) 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

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, especially now that spring has arrived. 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.