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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Mar 17-28	Happy Spring Break - School Closed
March 31 – April 4	● SHARK WEEK!
Tue, Apr 1	● Drum making Workshop 3:00 – 5:30pm
Wed, Apr 2	● Shark Week - Science 8 to Van Playhouse 9:30am – 1:00pm
Thurs, Apr 3	● Collaboration Day 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below)
Fri, Apr 4	● Drumline Fundraiser- “Salmon for Salmon Arm” Order deadline TODAY ● CAHSMUN Conference April 4 – 6, 2025
UPCOMING	
April 7-10, 2025	● 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

I appreciate the time you take to scroll down through our weekly E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. With one sleep to go before Spring Break I hope our Ravens have made some plans to enjoy their vacation and be ready for the final approach to June when we return on Monday, March 31st. I do have one homework assignment for our students (and families) for Spring Break, please be sure to review your course selections as explained in the section below.

Safe travels to those of you driving and flying over the next two weeks. I hope your Spring Break has everything you need whether it is rest and relaxation, or fun and excitement.

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for photos and posters of recent and upcoming events at the Rock.*

DID YOU KNOW WE ROCK?

Each week our MYP Coordinators share some valuable insight into the details of our IB World School. Their goal is to help our school community understand more about Rockridge's IB Middle Years

Programme (MYP). A strong teaching staff is at the heart of all our MYP courses and provides our students in grade 8 to 10 with a well-rounded education that fosters critical thinking, global awareness, and real-world connections. Through inquiry-based learning, our students develop essential skills like communication, collaboration, and self-management while growing independence and reflection. With a focus on international-mindedness and service, the MYP empowers students to take action and make a positive impact, preparing them for future academic and personal success in their senior years.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Hey Rockridge Community!

How did that Learning Update 2 go for the student in your household?

Have you read it together? What were its impacts on your students? What about you?

This is a great time to remember that each Rockridge student is on their own learning journey. Every student has their spaces of celebration and spaces for development. **You** are a key part of the team supporting the learning of each student in your household! So together, especially prior to Spring Break, this is a perfect opportunity for reflection and goal setting for Term 3 as there is still lots of time and opportunity for growth ahead.

One of the lenses students of all grades use to set goals within our school is with the Approaches to Learning skills. They are the skills that emphasize 'learning how to learn'. They include:

- **Thinking Skills**
- **Self-Management Skills**
- **Social Skills**
- **Communication Skills**
- **Research Skills**

These skills vary in emphasis across the different subject areas. The students in your home might be better at some of these skills than others in general. Their strengths across the various ATLs will also likely differ from class to class...all of that to say, it's a good time to reflect on:

- 1) ***What are the ATL skills your students have room for growth in Term 3?***
(Consider this generally and specifically in classes that have room for growth.)
- 2) ***As the 'home community', what are some clear, attainable goals you can set together?***
TALK IT OUT! Co-construct with your student(s) the ways they can take steps towards greater responsibility of their learning.
- 3) ***What are some structures or check-ins you could set up together to help the students in your household be their best both at school and at home?***

We hope all your home communities take some time to reflect on these questions together, and we *also* hope you then take some time together to **BREATHE**. Wishing you all a fantastic Spring Break! May you claim some recharge time and look to the remainder of the school year with refocus and hope!

We look forward to continuing to journey with you through the final stretch of the 2024-2025 school year!

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 opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM.

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](#).

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.

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Vancouver Coastal Health [Immunization Reminder Letter](#)

We would like to remind you to check your family's vaccination records and update your vaccinations as needed. Measles cases are being reported around the world. Please get your measles immunizations up to date, particularly if you are planning on travelling for Spring break. Two doses of measles containing vaccine are needed for everyone born 1970 or later. Children are usually offered these vaccines at 12 months of age and kindergarten entry. While most school age children are immunized, some may have missed their first or second dose during the pandemic. Infants travelling to high-risk areas can get a dose starting at 6 months. Those born before 1970 are considered protected but you may receive one dose if you do not recall a history of measles infection and are travelling to an area with active transmission.

Rockridge 2025-26 Course Planning

Grades 8-10 students **should** now have their course requests in MYED. Students can amend and repost their choices at any time up to **March 30th**.

You can find course selection resources on our website under the 'students' tab [here](#)

Drumline Fundraiser- "[Salmon for Salmon Arm](#)" *Note: *Orders end this Friday, Mar. 14.*

Our Drumline is partnering with Fisherman's Market in Caulfeild Village for a Seafood Order fundraiser! All funds raised from this seafood fundraiser will go towards supporting student costs and equipment for the trip to Salmon Arm in May, where our incredible Rockridge Drumline will compete in the 2025 Drumline Provincials- after placing 3rd last year, we will be entering a new class this year!

*Ordering is done online, and all orders can be picked up conveniently at Fisherman's Market.

Follow this link to support our Drumline students! <https://shorturl.at/wE9pR>

ESP Student Craft Fair Showcases Young Entrepreneurs - see photo in Raven Life

On March 4th and 5th, the ESP Student Craft Fair brought energy and innovation to the school as 12 student-run companies launched their businesses and introduced their products to the community. This event was part of the Economic Strategies Program (ESP)—a dynamic, immersive experience that merges Economics 12 and E-Commerce 12 into a hands-on business education curriculum. Students gain a deep understanding of how economies function while developing the practical skills needed to launch and manage their own small businesses. Thank you to everyone who supported these young entrepreneurs! Stay tuned—there will be a Spring Craft Fair in May!

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](#)

MYED BC Parent Portal

Learning Update #2 was published digitally through the parent portal last 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

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, April 3rd

During our upcoming collaboration time, the school is open, and students are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory (attendance will not be taken during this time). Students may use this time to complete assignments and other incomplete work. Students who are in attendance during collaboration time will be stationed in the cafeteria where we will have staff supervising. For students planning to work from home, they are reminded to arrive on time for their first block of the day which begins at 9:30 am. See the bell schedule for the day below.

COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULE

COLLAB DAY	Times
School Collab (55 min)	8:30 - 9:25am
Break (5 min)	9:25 - 9:30am
Period 1 (65 minutes)	9:30 - 10:35 am
Break (10 minutes)	10:35 - 10:45 am

Period 2 (60 minutes)	10:45 - 11:45 am
Break (10 minutes)	11:45 - 11:55am
Period 3 (60 minutes)	11:55 - 12:55 pm
Lunch (45 minutes)	12:55 - 1:40pm
Period 4 (65 minutes)	1:40 - 2:45 pm

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

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 PAC NEWS

P2P Pub Night – Get Your Tickets Now!

- Parents, it's time to grab your tickets for our P2P Pub Night! - **flyer**
- When: Thursday, April 10, 6-9 pm

- Where: The Red Lion Bar & Grill, Dundarave

Enjoy a relaxed evening connecting with fellow parents over great food and drink – no school talk required (unless you really want to)!

- Get your tickets [here](#)
- Early Bird Pricing (until 5pm on April 3): \$10
- Regular Pricing: \$15

Your ticket includes delicious appetizers. Drink specials and a menu will be available for ordering. Tickets are limited, so don't wait! Grab yours now and join us for a fun, casual night out!

Orders Open! Rockridge PAC's Spring Plant Fundraiser - flyer

With Spring knocking on our doors, don't forget to order your beautiful 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 at Rockridge

Wishing You a Wonderful Spring Break!

As we head into spring break, we hope you take time to relax and recharge. Whether you're traveling, spending time with family, or just enjoying a well-earned break, we wish you all a fantastic and refreshing holiday!

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!*

ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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 | 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](#)

West Vancouver Basketball Club Spring Program

The WVBC Spring Basketball Program begins after Spring Break and there are still some spaces available. This spring, the WVBC will be offering sessions for players in Grades 2-9. All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to

<http://www.wvbc.ca>

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](#).

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 93% 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.