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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, Apr 18- Mon, 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Good Friday/Easter Monday - School Closed
Tues, Apr 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Earth Day presentation by Michelle Sheardown of RegenerateBC see RLBates & PHE Field Trip 12:00 – 3:00 pm
Wed, Apr 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gr. 9 Immunization Clinic - Second Opportunity 9:00 – 11:30 am
Thu, Apr 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration Day 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below)STUDENT VOTE - Player's Hall 9:30 - 12:55Do1Give Day - see poster in RL
Fri, Apr 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Lunch! See poster in RL & details belowRugby 7s Tournament April 25 – 27, 2025
UPCOMING	
Mon, Apr 28, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tour of the Rock 12:00 pm
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 think it is always a good week to be a member of the staff or student body here at *The Rock*, but this week is even more exceptional. I am so proud of our staff, in particular, for their engagement and success in our MYP evaluation this week. As a five-year process, this is a significant culminating event that speaks volumes about our collective commitment to continuous growth and excellence.

The IB framework provides a strong foundation for our learning community and encourages inquiry, fosters global-mindedness, and supports the development of well-rounded, reflective learners. Through the Middle Years Programme, students are challenged to think critically, make meaningful connections across disciplines, and take action in their local and global communities. It was inspiring to see our staff and students communicating these values to the evaluators over the course of the last three days.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY - *The Parent Edition*

Each year in British Columbia, students in grades 10 to 12 are asked to complete the Learning Surveys. The learning survey asks students questions about their school experiences. Parents with children in

Grades 10 to 12 are also invited to complete a parent survey. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English and 16 other languages. Parents can complete surveys on their own time by clicking [LEARNING SURVEY](#)

*Please note that no passwords are required - it is direct login.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Dear Parent/Guardian Community!

Well, it finally happened! The IB Evaluation which we've been working towards as a staff and learning community for the past year and a half has come and gone. Peggy Clavette (who visited in person) and Bruno Gattuso (who visited virtually from Quebec) were delighted with their visit to Rockridge. As they toured and met with staff members, they remarked at our team as a whole - how everyone wants to do their best and that everyone is moving in the same direction. As they toured and met with students, they noted how students have a clear, open connection with their teachers and that the 'energy of learning' was very evident among classes. They remarked at the learning environment, the policies developed and enacted, the goals we've set and worked towards and truly, the school's openness to growth.

A HUGE thank you to our staff, our students and our parent community who have contributed to the discussion and this process. Our work doesn't end here, and we continue into the future with some areas for growth which we'll invite you into over the coming weeks.

Thank you so much once again. Have a fantastic long weekend!
Check out our picture with Peggy in RL :D

Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, April 24

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

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

Reminder to parents - [Gr. 8 Arts & Design Rotation 2 Learning Updates](#) were posted Thursday, April 10 to the [MyEd Parent Portal](#)

WorksafeBC Safety Video Contest Winners - Congratulations to Cole W. and Journey B.

Congratulations to Film students Cole W. and Journey B. whose PSA [First Day Flaws](#), has been chosen as a winner in the grade 11-12 category for the 2025 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest. The prize of \$1000 is sponsored by Actsafe and is shared between the students. Their placement in the competition additionally awards Rockridge \$1500, which will be used for supporting the school's film program.

Do1Give - April 24th

"Do 1 Give" refers to a global giving event that encourages individuals to perform a single act of kindness or generosity on a specific day. The event, organized by [365give](#) aims to inspire participants to experience the positive impact of giving and to foster a sense of community and compassion.

Events happening at Rockridge:

- Connect Students - Kindness Boards - All day
- Boys Club - School Grounds Clean up - At lunch

- LSP - Community Clean up - South Zone?
- Interact Club - Community Clean up North Zone?
- Student Council -

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!

INTERACT CLUB Clothing Drive

The Interact club at Rockridge is working with Big Brother by hosting a clothing drive! Help us give back by donating new or gently used clothing and small household goods. The donation bin is outside of the office until April 26. This event is a great way to clean out your closet while supporting the community!

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

AP EXAM SCHEDULE [Here](#)

Graduation Banquet (Saturday, May 31st) - tickets now available

Celebrate our Rockridge Grads of 2025 at their graduation banquet dinner and dance in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Bayshore Hotel on Saturday, May 31st from 6:30 - 10:30 pm. The banquet attire is formal - gowns, suits/tuxedos. Tickets will be available to purchase from Tuesday, April 15th - Thursday, May 1st and are \$150/person through SchoolCash Online.

Commencement Fee was due April 15th and must be paid through [SchoolCash Online](#)

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.

Graduation Banquet Singers/Performers (Wednesday, April 23rd at Lunch)

Interested graduates are asked to audition for graduation performances on Wednesday, April 23rd @ lunch in the Music Room. Chosen performers will perform at the Westin Bayshore during your graduation banquet.

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

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at last week's P2P Pub Night at the Red Lion and this morning's PAC meeting. We're so grateful for your involvement in our school community!

A special shout out to the Rockridge students who shared their experiences with various WVSS Academies and Programs of Choice – your insights were thoughtful and inspiring.

Please note: Some academies and programs have already completed their application process, but you can still find more information here: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/>

Call for PAC Executive Nominations – Get Involved!

We're now accepting nominations for next year's ROPAC Executive! This is a fantastic opportunity to volunteer with a fun, collaborative group of parents and help shape the Rockridge community.

- To nominate yourself, email Sara Gardner at: gardner.sara@gmail.com
- Deadline: Wednesday, May 28th, 5:00 PM

Save the Date: PAC AGM – Wednesday, June 4 @6:30 PM!

Rockridge International Lunch, April 25 – we need your help!

Thanks to the families who have already signed up to contribute to this year's international lunch.

But – we need more sign ups!: To make this event truly memorable for our students, we are counting on more families to help by sharing a dish. Sign up [here](#) to contribute!

Does your student need service hours?: Students who contribute food will be given 5 free tickets and service hours for their time.

Plant Fundraiser – Deadline Soon! - flyer

Buy beautiful plants for your home and garden while supporting Rockridge. Order by Tuesday, April 29th. Click [here](#) to purchase!

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.

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>

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

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.