



# ROCKRIDGE

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### ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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

CALENDAR UPDATE	
Fri, June 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Learning Registration Deadline</li><li>• Indigenous Student Canoe Journey</li><li>• Taco Truck @ RR</li><li>• Pied For Pride Event   3:00 – 4:00 pm</li></ul>
Mon, June 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gr. 10-12 Locker cleanout in FIT - see details below</li><li>• Grade 8 BBQ at lunch</li><li>• Tour of The Rock   12:00 – 1:00pm</li></ul>
Tues, June 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor Classroom Dedication Ceremony   1:00 – 3:00pm</li></ul>
Wed, June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JABC Masterclass Field Trip - Dickinson</li></ul>
Thu, June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth &amp; Philanthropy Initiative Finals - all Grade 10 students participating</li><li>• Grade 12 BBQ at lunch</li><li>• Gr. 8-9 Locker Cleanout in FIT</li></ul>
Fri, June 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taco Truck @ RR @ Lunch</li><li>• Last day Cafeteria will be open</li><li>• Gr. 8-11 ATL Reflections Final Deadline</li></ul>
UPCOMING	
<a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR</a> with <b>BLOCK ROTATIONS</b>	
<a href="#">2024-25 At A Glance Calendar</a>	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click <a href="#">HERE</a>	
WV Youth Services click <a href="#">here</a>	

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

While there have been many things to celebrate regarding our students' achievements, the pinnacle moment this week was on Sunday at the Rockridge commencement for the Class of 2025. Next week we will showcase some of our grads and share what lies ahead for them in 2026. There is a beautiful three minute video in the Grad News section below that I'm sure will bring a smile to every person that watches it.

This week's E-Bulletin helps outline our final days ahead of 2024-25 - the To Do's, the schedules, the special events, and the celebrations to help students and families wrap up the year successfully. Next week students will be working hard to the marks deadline of June 20th, so please be sure to help them stay focused on due dates and assignments in their Google Classrooms.

Our 2025-26 At A Glance Calendar is now official, and can be referenced [Here](#)

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for posters of upcoming events like the Official Opening of our Outdoor Classroom, some great pictures of learning in action with our Ravens plus sports photos, and more from this week at The Rock.*

#### **LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL OVERVIEW**

1. Monday, June 23rd is our last day of regular class rotations, and the last day that attendance will be taken. It is also Gr. 8 - 11 **Awards Day!** These awards include Major Awards, Mastery of Subject Awards and Athletic Awards. Parents are welcome to attend but seating is limited.
  - Period 1(8:35) - grade 11
  - Period 2 (10:03) - grade 10
  - Period 3 (12:07)- grade 9
  - Period 4 (1:35) - grade 8
2. Tuesday, June 24th and Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> are Final Review and Completion days.
3. Some students will be required to attend on one or both days. Teachers will communicate with students and families if attendance is required for them on these days. Other students are welcome and encouraged to attend for June 24th and 25<sup>th</sup> to complete any outstanding assignments or projects as needed.
4. Thursday, June 26th - Final Reports will be posted to MyEducation Family Portal. This is the last day that the school will be open to students.

#### **LOCKER Clean Out**

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students report to Homeroom in Fit Block on **Monday, June 16th** to receive instructions for locker clean-out

Grade 8 and 9 students report to Homeroom in Fit Block on **Thursday, June 19** to receive instructions for locker clean-out

\*All lockers must be cleaned out and locks returned to the office by Friday, June 20, 2025 to avoid a fee.

#### **LOST & FOUND is Overflowing Again - These items will be DONATED at the end of the school year**

- Students, please visit the Lost & Found bin in the Foyer of the school for; clothing, water bottles, binders, lunch kits etc.
- Students, please come to the office to collect Valuables - Earphones, Earpods, Phones, Chargers, Eyeglasses, Jewellery, Watches, wallets, keys, credit cards.

#### **SUMMER VACATION PLANS FOR FAMILIES:**

Please be reminded that our last day of classes is Monday, June 23. As a general school policy, we are unable to offer alternative dates for exams or assignments to accommodate travel plans made before the official end of the school year. Thank you for your understanding and support.

#### **PLANNING AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

As the school year winds down, we are busy planning for students to return in the fall for the 2025-26 school year.

If your family is moving or for any reason planning a change of school for the 2025-26 school year, please email [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) to inform our office.

A reminder: the first day of classes is Tuesday, September 2nd, and all students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 4th to confirm their space here at The Rock. If families are planning a later return in September 2025, we ask that you email [rockridge@wvschools.ca](mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca) to inform our office of your planned start date.

Thank you for assisting us to accurately prepare for the next school year.

### **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 Summer Learning programs for Secondary closes **tomorrow** 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.

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## **ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS**

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### **2024/2025 Yearbooks have arrived!**

They will be distributed on Wednesday, June 18th during lunch. You can check your [School Cash Online](#) to see if you purchased one.

If you did not purchase a yearbook online yet, we have a limited number of extras. Email Mr.Lam at [dlam@wvschools.ca](mailto:dlam@wvschools.ca) and he will add you to a new School Cash Online list.

### **LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS**

Have you noticed any unfamiliar looking books around the house? The June 6th due date has passed and Rockridge library books need to be returned. Any books that are overdue by 30 days will be fined as Lost Books on School Cash Online. To avoid this, please ask your student to return those books (with a neon pink sticker on the back) to school. Thank you for helping us gather the books for the next school year!

### **TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY**

The final tour will be Monday, June 16th, 2025. 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)

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

Rockridge Community!

There are only 2 weeks left of classes! Over this week and next, our Rockridge learners will likely have their final tasks set and underway. Let's look at the Approaches to Learning Skills students should be using and use some questions to help you (and them!) reflect on the skills needed they head into the final stretch of the year:

### **Thinking Skills**

*Are your Rockridge learners taking the time to consider what the tasks they have remaining are actually asking for?*

*Have they completed them to the best of their abilities in full?*

*Are they reading and applying their knowledge properly to the tasks at hand?*

### **Self-Management Skills**

*Are your learners organized going into the year end?*

*Are they using their time well to review, to complete, to focus and to practice?*

*Do they have a plan to complete what is outstanding?*

*Are they balancing everything with proper sleep and eating habits?*

*Have they been attending FIT and extra help when they need to?*

### **Communication Skills**

*Have your learners been listening to their teachers and do they understand their expectations? Have they read and understood what is being asked of them in their final tasks?*

*Have they talked to their teachers if they haven't understood something?*

*Are they advocating for themselves as necessary?*

### **Social Skills**

*Are your learners collaborating with others when necessary?*

*Are they respecting others' learning needs when it comes to preparing for the final tasks?*

*Are they respecting their OWN learning needs?*

*Are they accepting the responsibility they have to complete and prepare for what is outstanding for them?*

### **Research Skills**

*Do your learners understand where they are at in their courses with reference to their criterion levels? If not, how could they access that information from each teacher?*

Our learners are almost to the finish line Rockridge communities! The close of the 2024-2025 year is just ahead. Let's help them reach and achieve their best!

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## **2025 GRADUATION NEWS**

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### **Grad Event Gallery and Video - GRADSBC**

*Thank you for the honour to capture your grad events!*

***To view the highlight video from the Commencement ceremony & banquet and Student TimeCapsule video shouts outs from your grad portrait sessions ...***

- **Visit Link:** <https://mediazilla.com/kFNww8Qd5x>
- Use Safari and Chrome browser, DO NOT USE Internet Explorer
- Video Booth clips are a compilation of everyone's shout outs. When you click on the link above, you will be showcased on the date you had your cap/gown session. \*If you forgot what date you had your photo taken, you can search your email for your confirmation from bookings@gradsbc.com.
- We recommend downloading the highlight video and archiving it somewhere safe.

**In addition to the videos above, we had professional images taken of the graduates on stage with their diplomas at the ceremony and a formal attire portrait at the banquet. If you would like to purchase additional prints or digital files they are available in a separate gallery below:**

3 Easy Steps to View & Order Your Portraits:

1. **Visit Gallery Link:** <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
2. **Enter your Online code:** Your Student ID Number and 2-digit DAY of birth. **Example:** if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, the online code is 0012303. *\*The code can also be found on the QR code sheet that you were given on photo day. You can scan the QR code to easily access your gallery.*
3. **Enter the Gallery password:** rkr123!

**Order Deadline for additional Prints and Digital Files: June 30th, 2025.**

**You will receive the TimeCapsule™ tri-folder from the school before the summer holidays. In this folder, you will receive 1-8x10 group photo , 1-5x7 print of the diploma stage photo from the ceremony and 1-5x7 print from the individual grad at the banquet.**

**Questions? Please email [orders@gradsbc.com](mailto:orders@gradsbc.com) or call 604-461-3722.**

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## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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### **Outdoor Classroom Dedication Ceremony - Invitation**

**Rockridge Community, You're Invited!** Everyone is welcome to join us for the Outdoor Classroom Dedication Ceremony on Tuesday, June 17 at 1:00 PM.

The Rockridge PAC will be dedicating this special space to the Rockridge students and school – a place where learning and nature come together.

The project was made possible thanks to the vision and efforts of past and current Rockridge PAC teams and the generosity of our donors.

### **How PAC Dollars are Spent**

Curious about how your donations and fundraising efforts make a difference? Take a look at our “PAC \$ at Work” summary [here](#), which highlights the many ways PAC funds support the school.

### **AGM Meeting Minutes**

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM last week! Read the minutes of the meeting [here](#).

### **Update ROPAC Bylaws**

As discussed and approved at the AGM, the ROPAC bylaws have been updated to better reflect current practices and ensure smooth operations going forward. You can find the updated bylaws [here](#).

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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### **West Vancouver Memorial Library 2025 Teen Summer Reading Club**

We challenge our students to discover new-to-you books and authors this summer. Complete challenges for a chance to win gift cards! Open to students going into grade 7 and up. For more information and to register, check out: [Teen Reading Club](#).

Also, WV Memorial Library has an [Adult Summer Reading Club](#) with prizes, too. Happy summer reading!

### **West Vancouver – Help us Become the Most Active Community in Canada!**

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the **most active** community in Canada. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts without having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active:

<https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>. Let's make movement matter!

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

### **SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION 2025-26**

- To register your child(ren) for school bus service, please click the link below:  
[🔗 Register Here](#)
- For details on eligibility, routes, and service guidelines, please visit our Student Transportation webpage:  
[🔗 Student Transportation Information](#)

### **West Vancouver Early Childhood Education Centre Update – Opening Early 2026**

West Vancouver Schools is pleased to share an update on our upcoming **Early Childhood Education Centre** announced in August 2024. Construction is underway, and the new facility is expected to open in early 2026. Once complete, it will offer high-quality childcare for children ages 0–5, operating at market value rates. We look forward to welcoming families into this purpose-built, modern space designed to support early learning and child care in our community. For more information and to join the waitlist [please click here](#)

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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](#).

### **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 2025.

### **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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### 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.

### 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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### 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 or Staff designated spots**



### 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

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](mailto:Rockridge@wvschools.ca)

### SMS for Parents/Guardians:

Parents and guardians have an option to receive text messages for school emergencies or other important alerts: Part of the WV Schools communication system allows families to opt into receiving important information additionally by text. For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

### 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.