

June 19, 2025

ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

Rockridge Secondary School website

WV School District Website

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

CALENDAR UPDATE				
Fri, June 20	 RR Drumline Performs - Welcoming Students for last Friday of 2025 Taco Truck @ RR @ Lunch Last day Cafeteria will be open Gr. 8-11 ATL Reflections Final Deadline 			
Mon, June 23	Grade Awards Assemblies - see details below			
Tues, June 24	 Review & Completion Days - June 24 – 25 Mentorship Connection Camp FAST to Dundarave Beach 2:00 – 4:00pm 			
Wed, June 25	Review & Completion Days - June 24 – 25			
Thu, June 26	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - LP #3/Final Reports Posted			
Fri, June 27	Administrative Day - Staff Only			
UPCOMING				
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS				
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar				
West Vancouver Schools Registration click HERE				
WV Youth Services click <u>here</u>				

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL - A 'Did you know we Rock?' edition:

An important part of being the principal at Rockridge, for me, is recognizing and celebrating our students. The North Shore News published the annual WV Schools graduation ad this week. It is an incredible 'one pager' showcasing where our class of 2025 are headed next year . . . and they are going places. Congratulations to all our grade 12's. Here is the NS News <u>link</u>. You will see just two of our remarkable grads on this page, Adam C and Meiting Y.

Every member of the class of 2025 could be featured for their accomplishments during their time at The Rock and today we have selected some of these remarkable students to feature in the Raven Life. They represent a variety of post secondary institutions that they will be headed to this fall. You will also see a WV Schools Instagram post soon that will include some, or all of these students in today's Raven Life. I would also like to note that Baran C. and Adele A. will be joining a call with Premiere Eby tomorrow along with a select few graduates from each school district in BC to ask questions and hear from the leader of our province.

On Monday we turn our attention to our Grade 8 to 11 students for our year end awards assemblies.

- This special event celebrates the outstanding achievement of our students with awards to be
 presented in recognition of dedication in all subject areas, athletics and community
 involvement.
- All families of the award winners have been notified and are invited to attend.
- At this time, we are not sharing specifics with families as to the award that their child has won.
- We have not notified the students that will be recognized as the expectation is that all students will attend school on Monday.
- The event schedule is as follows:
 - Period 1(8:35) grade 11
 - Period 2 (10:00) grade 10
 - Period 3 (12:00)- grade 9
 - Period 4 (1:45) grade 8

Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for a feature on the class of 2025, great pictures of learning in action with our Ravens from the past two weeks, ROPAC \$ at Work and more.

2025-2026 CALENDAR: To assist with your planning for the next school year, our 2025-26 At A Glance Calendar is can be referenced Here

MYED FAMILY PORTAL - Accessing Student Reports

Learning Period 3 Reports will be published on June 26th to the <u>MyEd BC Parent Portal</u>. Trouble logging in? - Click on the School District's My Ed Family Portal Page

*LEARNING UPDATE Reminder - all final Learning Updates are only available to families on the My Ed Parent Portal for a limited amount of time. This year, final Learning Updates for the 24/25 school year will be available until September 15, 2025. Please download a PDF before September 15 to save a copy of your final Learning Update for 2024-25.

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 25th 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 25th 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.

School Bus Schedule			
Mon	24-Jun	no change	

Tue	25-Jun	2 buses (1 for HSB, 1 for LB), no time change
Wed	26-Jun	2 buses (1 for HSB, 1 for LB), no time change
Thurs	27-Jun	Last day of School -1 bus (for both HSB & LB), no time change
Fri	28-Jun	no bus – no students attending – Admin Day

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 - These items will be DONATED at the end of the school year

- Students please visit the Lost & Found tables at the main entrance for; clothing, water bottles, lunch kits etc.
- Students, please come to the office to collect valuables headphones, air pods, phones, chargers, eyeglasses, jewelry, watches, wallets, keys, credit cards.

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Rockridge Families!

It is the last full week of the school year! As your MYP coordinators, we want to thank you for your commitment to our learning community this year. Thank you for supporting us through our very positive MYP IB evaluation process this year! Thank you for continuing to walk alongside the Rockridge learners in your household! Thank you for being curious and open! We couldn't do this as effectively without your involvement.

Our growing learners continue to need their community around them to deepen their understanding of themselves, others and how their action/inaction makes a difference in the world around them. Thanks for being a part of that community!

We look forward to journeying with you through another school year. Wishing you a fantastic summer!

Meghan LeSieur & Rhonette Millare *MYP Coordinators*

REMINDER: Important MYP Learning Update 3 Info for Parents

Learning Update 3, the final update of the year, will be released on *Thursday, June 26th, 2025*. Here are 2 important points for you to know prior to reading the updates:

1) A Final IB Level for the Course

All MYP Courses (Grades 8 - 10) will have final level scores of 1 - 8 for their four subject specific criterion. *The minimum total score across criterions to achieve an "Emerging that meets the learning standards of a course" is an 8.*

What will be *new* at this time of year is that you will see a final IB score for a course with levels from 1 - 7. (<u>Why</u> IB suddenly changes from an 8 point level scale of assessment to a 7 point final score is primarily annoying in our Rockridge context of things, but it has to do with aligning with final assessment in the Diploma Program for Grades 11/12. DP takes place at West Van.) The levels from the various Criterions in a subject are more informative regarding a student's learning than the final IB score.

2) Look for the Teacher Comments not the IB Generated Comments

We're going to encourage you to ignore the generic IB comments that are generated based on levels and instead look to the specifics from your teacher comment (it will be indicated where it begins). The comments that are auto-generated from IB for the MYP program are in the lengthy process of being updated on a global scale, and currently, the language does not align with where BC Assessment is moving to. So, ignore them!

Look at the teacher's comment first for the best reflection and guidance. They know and will give the best feedback on your student.

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 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 to inform our office of your planned start date.

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

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

2024/2025 Yearbooks are HERE!

Students can pick up their yearbook at lunch on Thursday or Friday if they missed yesterday's distribution day. 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 and he will add you to a new School Cash Online list.

Note: We have had many parents inquiring about the yearbook purchases; the yearbook has been posted on student accounts since November 15, 2024. Some parents purchased the yearbook earlier in the year and may have forgotten.

Parents can check their purchase history by logging in to School Cash online and clicking the History tab in the top right corner of the screen.

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!

2025 GRADUATION NEWS

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT RESULTS - GNA & GLA

Students can view their scores on their <u>MyEd portal</u>. Parents can also see the scores on the parent portal under 'FAMILY' side tab 'ASSESSMENTS'. The Graduation Assessments will also be listed at the bottom of a student's Rockridge Diploma Verification (transcript). For those students who wrote the GNA the week of April 15th, results are now posted to MyEdBC.

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 or call 604-461-3722.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

A Year-End Message from ROPAC

As we wrap up another wonderful year at Rockridge, we want to thank our incredible school community for your ongoing support, generosity and involvement.

This week, we celebrated the dedication of the **Outdoor Classroom** – a beautiful space where learning and nature meet. This project was made possible thanks to the vision of past and current PAC members, Principals, staff, and the generosity of our donors. We're proud to leave this lasting gift to the students of Rockridge.

As we look ahead to next year, there's still time to make a year-end donation through School Cash Online here. Every dollar helps fund initiatives like classroom resources, student events, and learning enhancements. Check out our "PAC \$ at Work" poster here to see the difference your contributions make!

From all of us at ROPAC – thank you for being part of this amazing community. We wish you and your family a happy summer.

See you in September!

Follow ROPAC on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> Rockridge WhatsApp Groups: <u>Parent Info</u> (brief one-way info) and <u>P2P</u> (parent conversation).

ROCKRIDGE ATHLETICS

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

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: <u>Teen Reading Club</u>.

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 <u>without</u> 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 - Questions - transportation@wvschools.ca

To register your child(ren) for school bus service, please 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

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Parent/Caregiver Guides to Social Media - see latest post in Raven Life - Parents Guide to Roblox

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.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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://westvancouverschools.ca/international/.

FAQ & HELPFUL INFORMATION

STUDENT PARKING AT ROCKRIDGE

Parking is available for Senior Students in the Upper Lot east of the Gym. Students must complete a parking <u>Registration form</u>, noting vehicle details, insurance expiry, obtain parent signature and submit to the office. The \$25 decal fee must be paid through <u>School Cash Online</u>. 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 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 <u>MyEd Parent Portal</u> 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

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.