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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	
TONIGHT	<i>Sounds of Spring Music Spring Concert 6:30 – 8:00pm - Gym</i>
Mon, June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● RR Talent Show
Tues, June 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● FOM 12 & Pre-Calculus 11 &12 Exams June 10 – 11● Social Justice 12 Really Gay History Tour 1:00 – 3:00pm
Wed, June 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● FOM 12 & Pre-Calculus 11 &12 Exams - June 10 – 11● AP Physics & Chem to UBC- TRIUMF & Chem Research Lab● Gr. 11&12 to Bard on the Beach● ESP - City Council Field Trip● WVS Indigenous Graduation 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Thu, June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Colour Run in FIT!● Grade 11 Students to Playland!
Fri, June 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Summer Learning Registration Closes● Indigenous Student Canoe Journey● Taco Truck @ RR● Pied For Pride Event 3:00 – 4:00 pm
UPCOMING	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS	
2024-25 At A Glance Calendar	
West Vancouver Schools Registration click <u>HERE</u>	
WV Youth Services click <u>here</u>	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we welcomed our future Ravens, the class of 2030 from our family of schools elementary grade 7 classes. Students from Caulfeild, Bowen Island, Gleneagles and West Bay Elementary made up most of our tours along with students from across the North Shore wishing to join the Rockridge Raven community. Yesterday our parent leaders hosted a very successful PAC AGM where some valuable discussion and sharing took place. Please see the PAC \$ at Work report below and images in the *Raven Life* for a comprehensive look at how our incredible school community has supported us this year.

We hope that many of you will be able to make it out to the Spring Concert tonight, where our student performers never fail to impress. Last, but certainly not least, commencement is this Sunday at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for the Class of 2025. This special event celebrates our graduates and all they've achieved on their road to graduation. Although there are still two weeks of school remaining, Sunday marks an important milestone as we come together to recognize their hard work, perseverance, and success.

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 TONIGHTS Sounds of Spring Concert, the Official Opening of our Outdoor Classroom, some great pictures of learning in action plus sports photos, and more from this week at The Rock.*

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Learning about Service Learning (taking initiative to get involved with an issue in the communities we interact with) has taken us through 3 stages these past weeks:

Stage 1 - Investigation

Stage 2 - Preparation

Stage 3 - Action

and this week, finally, we arrive at **Stage 4 - Reflection.**

We set goals to address an issue in our community, we make a plan on how we will act, we TAKE ACTION, and then, we should, reflect on the impact we've made. Reflecting on what we've done to help an issue addresses what is going well and what needs a change up.

Consider the volunteering you do. Consider the ways you've helped within your neighbourhood. Consider the ways you've developed support systems for others.

What has that work accomplished? What have you taken away? What has grown out of it?

The four key elements of reflection are:

1) What happened? → Cognition

Summarising what occurred is essential to know what we're actually reflecting on.

2) How do I feel? → Affect

Knowing the feelings associated with an experience is important for self-awareness.

3) Ideas? → Creativity

What new ideas might be provoked by the experience?

4) Questions? → Inquiry

Record any questions that might arise from multiple perspectives.

These past weeks discussing Service Learning have aimed to open up a process for how you and your family could find ways to get connected and involved within your community. There are always going to be issues to navigate, and we can't fix all of the world's problems as individuals, but we CAN all take part in making a difference in our small parts of the world.

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 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.

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 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

2025 Rockridge Career Expo: Real Stories, Real Inspiration

On Wednesday, May 28th, Rockridge held its much-anticipated Career Expo for Grade 11 and 12 students. This biennial event brought together a dynamic mix of Rockridge alumni and parent presenters who offered students an inside look at a variety of careers, industries, and educational paths.

Throughout the afternoon, students had the opportunity to hear from professionals about what their jobs are really like—from daily responsibilities and workplace realities to pivotal moments that shaped their journeys. Speakers reflected on their own educational and career paths, candidly sharing how often they changed course, the challenges they've faced, and the highlights that keep them motivated.

Most importantly, students came away with practical advice and real-world perspective—gaining not only inspiration but also a clearer understanding of how diverse and non-linear career pathways can be.

We thank all our presenters for their time, honesty, and generosity in helping shape the next generation of Rockridge graduates.

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

2025 GRADUATION NEWS

Commencement Tickets are still available for purchase and will also be available at the door. **Grads do not require tickets - only guests.** Tickets are \$15 and unlimited guests are welcome to attend on Sunday, June 8th, 11am - approximately 1:30 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

CROSS THE STAGE AT A BC LIONS GAME

On Saturday June 21st at 4pm, graduating students (Grade 7 and Grade 12) are invited to a Halftime Grad Walk on the field with an entire stadium cheering them on as part of the festivities for our Summer Camp themed game against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

This is a memorable and unique way for students to celebrate their accomplishments at the end of the school year with friends and loved ones. Few people can say that they have walked on the field.

Graduates will get complimentary tickets. Parents and additional family members are also invited with tickets at just \$24 for adults and \$19 for Youth (non-graduates, 17 & younger).

Additionally, \$5 from every adult ticket sold goes to the PAC.

To take advantage of this amazing opportunity, just click [here](#) and fill out your info and we'll send you further instructions on how to get your tickets.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

ROPAC AGM Updates

A big thank you to the parents who attended last night's AGM – the final PAC meeting of the year. As part of the evening, we shared a presentation on *PAC Dollars at Work* – highlighting how this year's fundraising efforts are making a direct impact on Rockridge students. Click to view [Your PAC \\$ at Work](#).

We're pleased to share that the proposed updates to our Constitution and Bylaws were approved. The revised document will be uploaded to the [Rockridge website](#) in the coming days. Meeting minutes and budget presentations will be shared in next week's school Ebulletin.

Introducing Your 2025/26 ROPAC Executive

We're grateful to the parents who have stepped up to volunteer – your time and commitment to the Rockridge community are greatly appreciated.

Executive Roles:

- Chair – Rachel Clearwater
- Vice Chair – Kelly Richter
- Treasurer – Heidi Scorgie
- Secretary – Michele Tung
- Communications – Denise Nosella
- DPAC Rep – Lindsay Ahmad

Members at Large:

- Amit Gatenyo
- Anaika Dayton
- Kim Taylor
- Megan Bassendale
- Melanie Skehar
- Srabana Dasgupta
- Teresa Corey

We also extend our thanks to the outgoing executive members for their contributions and support over the past year!

Outdoor Classroom Dedication Ceremony – [flyer](#)

We are excited to announce the official dedication of Rockridge's Outdoor Classroom! Join us on Tuesday, June 17 at 1:00 PM for a special celebration dedicated to Rockridge students and our school community. The ceremony will include a blessing by Sahplek Bob Baker, donor recognition, and light refreshments. All are welcome!

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](#)


SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION 2025-26

The **Online Registration Request Form** for **2025/26 Student Transportation** is now open!

- 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](#)

Important Reminders:

☒ **All** parents/guardians of **new and returning** students must complete the online registration form for each eligible student.

 **Deadline: July 15, 2025** – Registration must be submitted by this date to be considered in the bus routing process.

⚠ Please note: School bus seating **cannot be guaranteed** for students who do not register or register after the deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Transportation SD45 at transportation@wvschools.ca

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Transportation SD45

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](#)

Eagle Harbour Montessori School Book Drive

Eagle Harbour Montessori School is collecting pre-loved books and puzzles for a book sale in the fall to raise funds for the school and we need your help. We are hoping to collect 1000 books, and really hope you can help us, especially with books for Elementary School children.

What We Need:

Children's books – Fact or Fiction, Picture books, Early readers, Chapter books, Adult books, Complete puzzles and board games

How to Donate:

Check your bookshelves, and choose a few books that you would like to pass along.

Bring your donations to Rockridge and leave them in the designated box at the main entrance.

Thanks so much for your help supporting our *little school in the woods*.

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS - Premiere Programs and Academies

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](#) available to all WV Schools secondary students.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Unpacking Youth Culture: Let's Talk Shop is a free, in-person workshop that gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to hear directly from North Shore youth about their experiences with peer pressure, mental health, substance use, and more. The session is designed to promote open listening and learning, helping bridge the understanding between parents and young people. This initiative is a collaboration between Foundry North Shore, Capilano Community Services, North Shore Neighbourhood House, Parkgate Society, and the District of West Vancouver's Youth Services Team.

We are specifically seeking parents and caregivers from West Vancouver schools to attend this session. Youth speakers will be coming from other parts of the North Shore to help foster a safe environment where participants do not know each other personally, allowing for more open and honest dialogue.

The next workshop will take place on: **TODAY, June 5th | 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM -WVSS**

Sign up here: <https://WVSS-LTS2025.eventbrite.com>

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](#) 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://westvancouver.schools.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 [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 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

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.