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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	
Fri, May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law 12 Field Trip• Drumline to BC Provincials in Salmon Arm May 2 – 3
Sat, May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vancouver International University Fair - see details below
May 5-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Exams - see schedule here & table below
Mon, May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESP Pop-Up Shop 3:00 – 4:30 pm - see details below
Thu, May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Shore Track & Field Zone Finals
Fri, May 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Art & Design Portfolios Due
UPCOMING	
Fri, May 16, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Development Day - No Classes in Session
Mon, May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed
Tues, May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour of the Rock 12:00 - 1:00 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

At this time of year many students start thinking about the end of June, especially the Class of 2025. They are looking forward to upcoming celebrations while also recognizing the commitments and hard work that is required to reach the finish line successfully. At the same time this week we have all been saddened by the tragic events that occurred at the Lapu Lapu Day Festival in Vancouver last Saturday. Times like these can be especially hard for our students, and we continue to encourage families to talk openly, offer reassurance, and maintain regular routines. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our counsellors or myself if your child needs extra support. We have included some trusted community resources below. Thank you for your continued care and compassion each and every day to help support our Rockridge community.

Resources

- [BC Hospice Resources](#)
- [Canadian Mental Health Association](#)
- [ERASE](#)

- [Healthlinkbc: Helping Children with Grief](#)
- [Kelty Mental Health](#)
- [Learning through Loss](#)
- [Foundry Virtual BC - Foundry BC App](#)

Rockridge Secondary Student Vote Results:

See below for the results of our school's student vote and a link to an interactive CBC page showing the results of the official Federal Election.

- Conservative – 237
- Liberal – 211
- NDP – 47
- Green – 52
- Rhino – 71
- People's Party – 22
- Spoiled – 15

Full Student Vote Results: <https://studentvote.ca/canada/the-results/>

Federal Election Results: <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/elections/federal/2025/results/>

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY - The Parent Edition closes on May 9th

Each year in British Columbia, students in grades 10, 11 & 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:

As Spring continues to bring more sunshine and growth, drawing us outside of our 'winter cocoons'...we are continuing our exploration of Service Learning in the Middle Years Program, i.e. how students learn to engage in the wider communities they interact with!

But WHY is Service Learning important for all of us to engage in?

When people engage in service learning experiences, it increases our overall well being and engages our brain in various ways.

How?

Connecting ourselves meaningfully and actively taking part in some aspect that is a need in our community helps us make thoughtful decisions and build relationships beyond ourselves. The acts of learning about, reaching out and working towards the goal of improving our communities increases our emotional empathy for others, reduces our stress and fuels our feelings of social connection, motivation and trust. We also continue to clarify what matters to us and how we can significantly and authentically contribute to the needs of the world around us.

- *What are the reasons service matters to you?*
- *Can you identify specific needs in a community circle you interact with?*
- *What issues would you like to improve or solve?*
- *How could you engage in service as a family?*

In future eBulletins, we'll talk about how anyone can thoughtfully engage in beginning meaningful service learning.

2025 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS - Closing Soon

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

You are invited to the 3rd annual Grade 8 Science Fair at Rockridge Secondary!

Students are currently in the initial stages of their Year End investigations, and all grade 8 students currently enrolled in Science 8 will present their findings on Tuesday May 20th from 1:45 pm to 2:50 pm. *Students will be showcasing their ability to apply the Scientific Method to answer a question about the physical world around them.* We (Mr. Lawson, Ms. Brady, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Stefanon) are hoping you can join us in their Science Classrooms (W203, W204, W205, W208, W211, and W214) to celebrate both your child's learning and the learning of their classmates. Students will be ready to give a quick presentation and answer any questions you may have about their exploration.

ESP POP-UP SHOP EVENT - Monday, May 5th, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM - see poster in Raven Life

Rockridge families! Come Join us at Rockridge for a showcase of young entrepreneurial talent at the ESP Pop-Up Shop.

- This event is a highlight of the **Economic Strategies Program (ESP)**, where students from our intensive merger of Economics 12 and E-Commerce 12 courses showcase the businesses they've built from the ground up.
- Not only does ESP teach core principles of economics and e-commerce, it also fosters real-world skills through group collaboration and capstone projects like Junior Achievement's Company Program and UrbanPlan. ESP helps instil confidence and creativity in young minds poised to become tomorrow's leaders in business.

INTERACT CLUB Clothing Drive outside of the office deadline extended May 7th

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!

ROCKRIDGE INTERNATIONAL LUNCH, Friday, April 25th - a great success! - see photo in RL

Thank you to all the students and families who supported our International Lunch on April 25th. Over 60 families contributed food and over 60 volunteers helped with set up, service and clean up. A special thank you to our Kanata International Club for organizing this event and keeping this 20-year tradition alive.

TOUR OF THE ROCK DAY

The next tour is Tuesday May 20, 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

AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Date 2025	Exam	Time	Location
Mon, May 5	Biology	8:30 AM	RR Library
Tues, May 6	Chemistry	8:30 AM	RR Library
Wed, May 7	Literature and Composition	8:30 AM	RR Library
Thurs, May 8	Statistics	8:30 AM	RR Library
Fri, May 9	AP Art & Design Portfolios Due		
Mon May, 12	Calculus AB & BC	8:30 AM	RR Library
	Seminar	12:00PM	RR Library
Tues, May 13	Physics 2	11:30 AM	RR Library
Wed, May 14	Physics C: Mechanics	11:30 AM	RR Library
Thurs, May 15	Computer Science Principles	11:30 AM	RR Library
	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	11:30 AM	RR Library
Fri, May 16	Physics 1	8:30 AM	RR Library
	Psychology	12:00 AM	RR Library
Fri, May 19-23	Late Testing Period	TBD – Jan 2025	RR Library

Graduation Banquet (Saturday, May 31st) - ticket sales extended through May 11th

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.

Banquet Table Request Forms are now available for **Table Captains to complete [HERE](#)**. All receipts for payment of tickets purchased for each member of your table party will be required to complete this form, and table selections cannot be made (on Thursday, May 22nd), until all payments have been received.

Commencement Fee was due April 15th and must be paid through [SchoolCashOnline](#)
There are a number still outstanding - please be sure you have made payment.

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

Call for PAC Executive Nominations – Get Involved!

Nominations are open 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.

- **Interested?** Email your nomination to Sara Gardner at: gardner.sara@gmail.com.
- **Have questions?** Reach out to current PAC chair, Kelly Richter at ropac@wvschools.ca
- **Nomination Deadline:** Wednesday, May 28th, 5:00 PM

Election takes place at the PAC AGM – **Wednesday, June 4 @ 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons.

Miles for Myles Hike 2025 – Saturday, May 3 @ 9:45 am

Join us for the first annual **Miles for Myles 5 km hike**, in memory of Myles Lindsay, a Rockridge student, who was deeply loved, an inspiration to many and is profoundly missed.

This is a community event – open to all – and a meaningful way to honour Myle’s legacy.

Team Miles for Myles is also raising funds for paediatric cancer through the BC Cancer Foundation. To learn more about the event or to donate, click [here](#).

Let’s come together to hike, remember and support a cause close to many hearts.

Spring Plant Fundraiser – Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the Rockridge PAC through our Spring Plant fundraiser! Orders are now closed.

- **Pickup Date:** Wednesday, May 14 at Rockridge

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](#)

Vancouver International University Fair

All students and their families are welcome to attend the largest University Fair hosted in Vancouver. The Vancouver International University Fair takes place at the Vancouver Convention Centre from 1-4 PM on Saturday, May 3rd. This is a free event and an amazing opportunity to talk to representatives from Canadian, European, US and Australian Institutions. There is also a series of information sessions that run during the Fair that you won’t want to miss. These sessions are free as well. See [LINK](#)

You can register at the door but best to register in advance to save time. Here is the Registration [LINK](#)

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.

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](#)

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Online Policies & Procedures Form 2024-2025 - NOW 95% 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

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

FERRY SCHEDULE CHANGE - EFFECTIVE MAY 15TH, 2025

We have been notified that afternoon ferry departure will shift – from 3:30 to 3:55 pm

As a result of this departure time change, Rockridge will adjust the student bus departure to 3:07 pm.

This will give students more time to get to the bus after they are dismissed from classes. Subsequently buses on Bowen will be adjusted as well to coordinate with the new arrival time of the ferry.

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.