



# ROCKRIDGE

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**ROCKRIDGE LINKS:**

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[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 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Professional Development Day - No Regular Classes in Session</li> <li>● AP Physics 1 Exam   8:30 – 11:30am</li> <li>● AP Psychology Exam   12:00 – 3:00pm</li> </ul>
Mon, May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed</li> </ul>
Tues, May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tour of the Rock   12:00 - 1:00 pm</li> <li>● Gr. 8 Science Fair in 1-4   1:30 – 2:55pm</li> </ul>
Wed, May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
Thu, May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grad Banquet Table Selections   12:50 – 1:35pm</li> <li>● Vancouver Sea To Sky Track &amp; Field Zone Championships</li> </ul>
Fri, May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vancouver Sea To Sky Track &amp; Field Zone Championships</li> <li>● Gr. 12 ATL Reflections Final Deadline</li> </ul>
UPCOMING	
Wed, May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2025 Rockridge Career Expo   1:00 – 3:00pm - see details below</li> </ul>
<b><a href="#">FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR with BLOCK ROTATIONS</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">2024-25 At A Glance Calendar</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">West Vancouver Schools Registration click <u>HERE</u></a></b>	
<b><a href="#">WV Youth Services click <u>here</u></a></b>	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**FERRY SCHEDULE CHANGE - EFFECTIVE TODAY**

As I shared previously, we have been notified that afternoon ferry departure will shift – from 3:30 to 3:55 pm starting today, May 15th. This was quite unexpected and something that BC Ferries communicated to our transportation department without consultation. As a result of this departure time change, Rockridge has adjusted the school bus departure from Rockridge to 3:07 pm. This will give students more time to get to the bus after they are dismissed from classes. It will also help reduce the wait time students will have after arriving in Horseshoe Bay. Buses on Bowen will be adjusted as well to coordinate with the new arrival time of the ferry.

*Before you head off for an enjoyable long weekend, be sure to check out this week’s attached **Raven Life PDF** for some great pictures of learning in action, spring sports photos, posters of upcoming events like the Grade 8 Science Fair and more from this week at The Rock.*

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

Last week, we began to look at the initial stage of Service Learning called 'Investigation'. As a recall, the first steps involved examining and reflecting on the skills and interests you already have and acknowledging the areas you think you could use some growth.

*Did you do that folks?! :)*

The next phase involves identifying an area in the community where you could help or assist in some way. And there are many different ways you could choose to engage! The ACTION you take on could look like:

- **Direct Service**  
= You interact with the people, animals or the environment you're taking action to help!
- **Indirect Service**  
= You do not interact directly with the recipients of your action which benefit the community. (Eg. You write a book! You raise money! You knit hats for those in need!)
- **Advocacy**  
= You speak, write or perform on behalf of a cause or issue of community concern.
- **Research**  
= You take on the process of research and data collection/analysis to influence or change a current policy or practice.

Seeing the categories above, *is there anything that comes to mind for you?*

*Where could you contribute as individuals? What about as a family unit?*

The other way you could approach identifying where you could take action is considering the spaces where:

- There is NEED in the community. You could take steps to start something new!
- There are GOOD programs/organizations already helping in the community. You could continue building on the good work already being done!

*What comes to mind now?*

*Something in your neighbourhood? Our school community? Our city?*

*Still stuck?* Consider having a look at the [United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) for inspiration. These are goals aimed at making the world a good place for all people and species to live.

*How could you engage?*

Deciding where to take action might seem overwhelming because there's so much to DO, but helping in the bigger picture starts with taking action and contributing in your local community. Small changes CAN make a big difference!

**Conduct research:** Generate questions about the issue, problem, community and determine which of the below research methods would be best to provide answers to those questions.

- Media - Online (websites, blogs, videos, films), magazines, maps, photographs, etc.
- Interviews - Interviewing experts
- Surveys - Collecting information online, in-person
- Observations (and experience) - Authentic observation of the issue, problem and/or community

See link [here](#) for **Types of Action, Examples of Action & Investigation - Identifying the Issue**

## PLANNING AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

As the school year winds down, we are already 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 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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### Seeking Presenters for 2025 Career Expo

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

We are excited to be hosting our **2025 Rockridge Career Expo** on **Wednesday, May 28th from 1:00–3:00 PM**, and we are inviting parent volunteers to share their career journeys with our Grade 11 and 12 students.

Presenters will give one **short presentation (10–15 min)** in a small group setting, twice. No slides are required — just real stories about how you got where you are, what your job is like, and what you've learned along the way.

If you are interested, please fill out [this Google form](#) by **Wednesday, May 20th**.

Thank you for helping inspire our students!

*Warmly,*

*Rockridge Careers Department*

## 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)

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## 2025 GRADUATION NEWS

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### **Graduation Banquet (Saturday, May 31st) - ticket sales extended through May 19th**

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 are still available to purchase through Monday, May 19th and are \$150/person through SchoolCash Online.

**Banquet Table Request Forms** need to be completed by **Table Captains** [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 table request forms and payments have been received. Please note that table parties with less than 8 may be combined with others to adequately fill tables. Questions can be emailed to [trowbotham@wvschools.ca](mailto:trowbotham@wvschools.ca)

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

**There are a number still outstanding - please be sure you have made payment.**

**Commencement Tickets** are available for purchase, and all Grade 12 families will have received an email alerting them to this item. **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. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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## ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

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### **ROPAC AGM – Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 pm**

Planning is underway for our last PAC meeting of the year. There are a few important agenda items that we want to ensure parents are informed about.

#### **Proposed PAC Bylaw Amendments**

Our PAC Executive team has been working with the WVPAC Bylaw working group over the past few months, reworking the ROPAC Constitution and Bylaws to bring them up to date and ensure that the clauses provide the best possible guidance and flexibility for our PAC. As part of the bylaw amendment process, we are providing an opportunity for parents to review the proposed amendments in advance of the AGM, where we will vote to approve the new (amended) bylaws.

Please review the proposed bylaws [here](#); we have made it easy to identify the changes – new language appears in **red** and anything that is to be removed has been ~~struck out~~. If you have any questions or

concerns about the proposed amendments, please communicate them to [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca) by June 2, 2025.

### **2025/26 ROPAC Executive – Nominations Open till May 28th**

If you are interested in getting involved in supporting the school next year, consider joining the ROPAC Executive!

*To nominate yourself*, email your interest to Sara Gardner at [gardner.sara@gmail.com](mailto:gardner.sara@gmail.com) by May 28, 5 pm. *To learn more about the PAC*, reach out to us at [ropac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ropac@wvschools.ca) for more information.

### **Support Rockridge – Year-End Donations Welcome!**

As the school year winds down, we invite parents to consider contributing to Rockridge through [School Cash Online](#). Your donations help fund valuable student programs, learning resources, and school community initiatives—every bit makes a difference!

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

### **FAMILY PORTRAIT OPPORTUNITY at Horseshoe Bay! Sunday, May 18th, 2025: 2:30pm - 7:30pm**

Please note this is a GradsBC event, if you have questions, please contact [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com)

As a special event, GradsBC will be offering outdoor family portraits at the picturesque Horseshoe Bay. These 10 minute sessions will provide you with a rare opportunity to receive 6-10 professionally orchestrated family portrait poses in a location that offers a waterfront setting and other beautiful

landscape options.

*For just \$39.00 your family will receive a full sitting with multiple poses and an 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (Valued at \$150!) \$20 of this fee goes directly back to your school as a fundraiser! This is our way of giving back and working with your school community to offer affordable keepsakes as a thank you for your business from grad and school photo programs that you participated in this past year.*

**\*Limited Space Available. In the past these events have sold out! Book Now:**

<https://gradsbc.as.me/?appointmentType=16484745>

**Questions?** Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com)

### **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.

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## **COUNSELLORS' CORNER**

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**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: **Thursday, 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](#) erase website.

### **Navigating Grief - See Resources below**

- [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](#)

### **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](#)

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## **ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

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### **Online Policies & Procedures Form 2024-2025 - NOW 96% 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](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)

### 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 must 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.