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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 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vancouver Sea To Sky Track & Field Zone ChampionshipsGr. 12 ATL Reflections Final Deadline
Tues, May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FF Indigenous Pizza Lunch
Wed, May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sr SS to Kay Meek Presentation 9:00 – 11:30 am2025 Rockridge Career Expo 1:00 – 3:00pm - see details below
Thu, May 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration Day 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below)
UPCOMING	
Thurs, June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Sounds of Spring</i> Music Concert - Rockridge Gym
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

While long weekends are always appreciated, it's been nice to return to school and be surrounded by the spirit and energy of our Ravens. Even though it's only Thursday, there's already a buzz of positivity around The Rock, with so many stories of student learning and achievement worth celebrating. This week's Grade 8 Science Fair is certainly one that is top of mind along with Track and Field and Golf Zones.

Last Friday's professional development day was a productive one for our staff. Teams spent time reflecting on current departmental goals and engaging in forward-thinking conversations to help shape our work for September. I continue to be inspired by the strength of teacher leadership at Rockridge. It's their dedication and initiative that make days like these so impactful.

As the school year winds down, we've seen many students making the most of their FIT (Flexible Instructional Time) time. With the end of June approaching, it's an important opportunity for students to get organized and stay on track. If your child hasn't yet shared their FIT plan with you, I encourage you to ask them which teacher they're planning to connect with during Monday's FIT block.

Please also be aware that IE (Insufficient Evidence) reports will continue to be issued until May 30th for students who are missing key assignments or at risk of not passing a course. These reports are an important signal and support tool to help students create a plan for success. Families play a vital role by checking in with their child about any IE reports and reaching out to teachers directly if there are questions or need for clarification.

*Be sure to check out this week's attached **Raven Life** PDF for some great pictures of learning in action including the Gr. 8 Science Fair, spring sports photos, posters of upcoming events like the Sounds of Spring Concert and more from this week at The Rock.*

FROM YOUR MYP COORDINATORS:

Our journey through understanding the important aspects of Service Learning continues! We've examined Stage 1 = Investigation: reflecting on your skills and taking a look at where you could assist in your community in some way! We're now moving onto Stage 2 of Service Learning, which is **Preparation**. Now, considering all the reflecting and investigative work of Stage 1, this might seem a little redundant, but the purpose is to deepen understanding of the community issue being explored. So many of us want to jump from Investigation (finding an issue) directly to Action (doing something to help with that issue), but the Preparation phase allows for a moment of pause. Before working to help a community issue, it's a chance to reflect on:

What information you've gathered is actually true?

Where are there biases?

*How are you able to take action **WITH** others as opposed to actions **TO** others?*

Sifting through this information allows learners and families to envision purposeful action - actions with clear meaning and direction.

Now let's flip the script and talk about learning in school! We are walking towards the last month of the school year. The last summative assessments are approaching for the various criteria. This is a perfect time to use these initial stages of Service Learning for reflection:

Investigate - Take stock of a learner's previous levels over the year. Where are they finding success? What are areas they need to lean into and seek support?

Preparation - Now is the time to look *realistically* at what a learner can do to finish the school year in their subject areas with as much success as possible. What can the learner do to build greater success for themselves? How can a family unit support that learner to follow through?

There's lots going on and lots to consider, but really, it's an ongoing process of acknowledging our talents, acknowledging where there are issues and then actually taking steps to do something about it.

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, May 29th

During our upcoming collaboration time, the school is open, and students are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory (attendance will not be taken during this time). Students may use this time to complete assignments and other incomplete work. Students who are in attendance during collaboration time will be stationed in the cafeteria where we will have staff supervising. For students planning to work from home, they are reminded to arrive on time for their first block of the day which begins at 9:30 am. See the bell schedule for the day below.

COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULE

COLLAB DAY	Times
School Collab (55 min)	8:30 - 9:25am
Break (5 min)	9:25 - 9:30am
Period 1 (65 minutes)	9:30 - 10:35 am
Break (10 minutes)	10:35 - 10:45 am
Period 2 (60 minutes)	10:45 - 11:45 am
Break (10 minutes)	11:45 - 11:55am
Period 3 (60 minutes)	11:55 - 12:55 pm
Lunch (45 minutes)	12:55 - 1:40pm
Period 4 (65 minutes)	1:40 - 2:45 pm

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 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 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

International Lunch

Thank you for supporting our International Lunch this year. The Kanata Club is happy to announce that we will donate \$500 of the proceeds to Family Services of the North Shore again this year. Thank you Rockridge!

2025 Career Expo

The 2025 Rockridge Career Expo takes place Wednesday, May 28th from 1-3PM. Our grade 11 and 12 students will have an opportunity to connect with individuals from various professions to learn about their career pathways. Presenters include Rockridge alumni and parents. This is an amazing opportunity for senior students to learn about careers they may or may not have considered and obtain a better understanding of how diverse career pathways can be. We plan the Expo every other year, so that all senior students get an opportunity to participate.

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 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.

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Staff Appreciation – May 29

We are excited to host our final Staff Appreciation event of the year on **Thursday, May 29**. ROPAC will be setting up a spread of treats and snacks in the staff room to thank Rockridge staff for their incredible work this year.

ROPAC AGM – Save the Date: Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 pm

Join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) – a chance to hear updates from the PAC and vote in the 2025-26 PAC executive. Links to the agenda, budget documents and the proposed bylaw changes are available here:

- [AGM Agenda](#)
- [2025/26 Proposed Budget](#)
- [Proposed Bylaw Amendments](#) – changes are easy to spot: new language appears in **red** and removed text has been ~~struck out~~. If you have any questions, please email ropac@wvschools.ca by June 2, 2025

Final call for nominations! If you'd like to get involved, there's still time – email Sara Gardner at gardner.sara@gmail.com by **5pm, Wednesday, May 28**.

Spring Plant Fundraiser – Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Plant fundraiser! Thanks to your orders, we raised \$779.50 for PAC programs this year!

Support Rockridge – Year-End Donations Welcome!

As the school year winds down, consider contributing to Rockridge through [School Cash Online](#). Your donations directly support student programs, learning resources, and school community initiatives—every bit counts and is deeply appreciated!

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](#)

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

Digital Citizenship

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents & caregivers on popular social media platforms.

First up: **Snapchat**

Check out the [Snapchat Info Link](#) to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

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.

ACTION ITEMS FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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 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

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.