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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	
Sat, May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GRAD BANQUET 7:00 – 11:00 pm (Grads arrive at 6pm) - Westin Bayshore
Mon, June 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rockridge to Golf Provincials June 2-4
Tues, June 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Calculus 12 Exams June 3-6RR FESL Presentation 10:30 – 11:30amSJ 12 - Historical Walking Tour of Chinatown 1:00 – 3:00pmGleneagles & Caulfeild 7s Visit The Rock 1:35 – 2:50pm
Wed, June 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">West Bay & BICS 7s Visit The Rock 1:35 – 2:50pmRockridge PAC AGM 6:30 – 8:00pm
Thu, June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration Day 9:30 AM start for students (schedule below)BC Track & Field Provincials June 5 – 7, 2025Commencement Rehearsal 10:55 – 11:50am<i>Sounds of Spring</i> Music Spring Concert 6:30 – 8:00pm - Gym
Fri, June 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">STEM 11 to UBC TourWest Van Community Culture Fest June 6&7 - see poster in RL
UPCOMING	
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

I am looking forward to a few things that come with the beginning of June - the hanging of the graduation banner at the front entrance tomorrow, the onset of BC High School Sports Provincials and celebrating with the Grad Class of 2025 this Saturday evening at the Graduation Banquet. The honouring of our grade 12's will continue next Sunday with the 2025 Rockridge Commencement. The great part of mentioning these celebrations is that while there is a lot of attention toward our senior students, we are also looking forward to meeting our youngest Ravens next week. Next Tuesday and Wednesday we will welcome the Class of 2030 with Gr. 7 to 8 tours and BBQs.

Thank you for being the supportive families and school community I have come to know and appreciate so much. It truly makes a difference for our students' emotional support and academic success when it is most needed.

*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:

Learning about Service Learning has taken us through **Stage 1 - Investigation** and **Stage 2 - Preparation**. This week, we move onto the stage everyone gets excited about: **Stage 3 - Action!** DOING something that works toward the common good reminds us of our humanity and the importance of working together in our communities.

When you take action to meet a community need, consider what kind of action is best. There are multiple ways to do this! Sometimes, one type of action is best, but other times, multiple types of action are more effective in making a meaningful impact.

The four main types of action are:

- 1) Direct Action - You actively engage with people, animals or the environment to carry out thoughtfully planned initiatives.**
Eg. helping tutor children who are language learners in the community, clean up garbage at a nearby beach, walking dogs for an animal shelter
- 2) Indirect Action - You provide worthwhile contributions without seeing the recipients of this service.**
Eg. stocking a local food pantry, donating children's books to a women's shelter, creating an online community newsletter for seniors, helping local non-profit organizations improve their online presence
- 3) Advocacy - You create awareness or promote action on an issue of public interest.**
Eg. writing letters to MPs, public speaking, using digital storytelling through social media to inform and persuade
- 4) Research - You find, gather and report on information that others can use to further a cause.**
Eg. help gather water testing information for local salmon runs, interview grade 8 students to see if they're feeling supported in their transitions to high school

Take a moment.

Consider the Rockridge learners in your household. Consider your family unit.

What are ways that you are already taking Action in your community?

What are other ways you might be able to grow in Action for the short-term? Over the long-term?

This is not an effort to make you feel guilty. It's an encouragement to consider HOW you are (or could be!) supporting the communities around you. We are humans, there are times in our lives when we take from our communities, but we should aim to give back in some capacity as well so that we are maintaining them for the future.

Let's all do our part - take Action!

COLLABORATION DAY - Thursday, June 5th

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

2025 Career Expo

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

Reminder: ROPAC AGM Next Week! - June 4, 6:30 pm @ Learning Commons

We hope you will join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) next week – 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

Nominations for next year's [PAC Executive](#) are now closed. We are pleased to share the list of nominees:

Executive Roles:

- **Chair** – Rachel Clearwater
- **Vice Chair** – Kelly Richter
- **Secretary** – Michele Tung

- **Communications Rep** – Denise Nosella
- **DPAC Rep** – Lindsay Ahmad

Members at Large:

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

We are grateful to all the parents who have stepped up to volunteer next year – thank you for your time and dedication to the Rockridge community!

Outdoor Classroom Opening Ceremony – [flyer](#)

We are excited to announce the official opening of Rockridge's new Outdoor Classroom! Join us on **Tuesday, June 17 at 1:00 PM** for a special celebration of a project that will benefit students for years to come. More details to follow. 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](#)

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: **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

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.