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ROCKRIDGE LINKS:

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Morning Announcements: *Bookmark this link for daily news, updates and Rockridge Athletics schedules*

CALENDAR UPDATE	
May 5-16	● AP Exams - see schedule here
Fri, May 9	● WMC Regional Math Competition May 9 – 10 Mulgrave School ● AP Art & Design Portfolios Due
Mon, May 12	● Indigenous Mentorship Meeting - Tour of PWC! 12:50 – 4:00pm
Tues, May 13	● Gr 7 Advanced Math Assessments 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Wed, May 14	● Accounting 11 Field Trip 11:30am – 2:30pm ● PAC Plant Fundraiser Pick-Up 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu, May 15	● North Shore Track & Field Zone Finals (Day #2)
Fri, May 16	● Professional Development Day - No Classes in Session ● AP Physics 1 Exam 8:30 – 11:30am
Mon, May 19	● Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed
UPCOMING	
Tues, May 20	● Tour of the Rock 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Wed, May 28	● 2025 Rockridge Career Expo 1:00 – 3:00pm
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

The early days of May are always a good time to highlight for our students the importance of focusing on finishing the year with the same passion and determination that they arrived with in September. As we approach the final stretch of 2024-25, I want to remind all students and families that *every day still matters*. June is not the time to slow down, this is when our focus and determination are needed most.

At Rockridge, we believe in living our **RAVENS** values from the first to the very last day of the year:

- Be **Resilient**: Push through the challenges of the final learning period.
- Stay **Adaptable**: Embrace feedback, revise your work, and keep improving.
- Act with **Valour**: Show courage by committing to your best effort, even when it's tough.
- Show **Empathy**: Support your classmates and respect the shared learning space we all value.
- Be **Noble**: Take pride in your integrity—finish what you started with dignity.

- Stay **Supportive**: Encourage one another to cross the finish line with positivity and success.

Final assessments and assignments in learning period three are critical. They provide the most recent and consistent evidence of student learning. Teachers use this evidence of student learning in the final learning update to determine and report final marks and proficiencies. Directly connected to student assessment is daily **attendance and punctuality**. Student attendance is critical because you cannot achieve your best if you're not present. Similarly, being on time shows respect for your learning and for others and gives you the best chance to maximize your learning time.

I always tell students: *From the first day of September to the last day of June, every day counts.* Vacation is around the corner, but it's not here yet. I challenge everyone to finish this year with purpose, pride, and the Raven spirit that sets us apart. You've got this!

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 we continue to emphasize the importance of Service Learning and its connections to the MYP and fostering real-world impacts, this week we will examine how members of a learning community (*hey! that includes you!*) begin to figure out how and where they can take action towards building a better world for all people. It involves all of us taking steps (big or small) to make a difference.

The first stage of engaging in Service Learning is **Investigation**.

You begin by taking a personal inventory of your interests, skills and areas for growth. You could do this as individuals or as a family unit! This helps focus the scope of how you can help make a meaningful impact on the communities you interact with.

To help you talk through this idea, here are some questions you could use as discussion starters around a meal (parents/guardians should participate too!):

- 1) *What's something you're really proud of accomplishing recently, whether in or outside of school?*
- 2) *If you could spend an entire day focusing on one thing, what would it be? What does that tell you about your interests?*
- 3) *What is something you've always wanted to learn more about, but haven't had the chance yet?*
- 4) *Where do you think you could use a little more growth or practice - whether in skill, subject or area of life?*

Families, after talking through some of these questions, record them on a note and keep that handy as a reference somewhere. Let those thoughts percolate a little bit. What could the skills discussed point to? What could the areas of growth point to?

Next week, we'll talk about how, using this information (plus some additional pondering), you figure out WHERE you could find and meet a community need...

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 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

Present at Our 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 14th**.

Thank you for helping inspire our students!

Warmly,

Rockridge Careers Department

Rockridge Drumline 2nd place at the BC Provincials Drumline Competition - See Photo in Raven Life

The students had a great weekend and were awesome travelers, teammates and representatives of our school. this past weekend in Salmon Arm! Thanks to our wonderful Music team; Ben Parker for leading the group and Alisa Collins who was our chaperone and props builder too.

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.

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

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 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. Questions can be emailed to 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 **today, May 8th**, and Grade 12 families will receive an email alerting them to this item. Tickets are \$15 and unlimited guests are welcome to attend on Sunday, June 8th, 11am - approximately 1:30 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

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

PAC Executive Nominations – Now Open!

Nominations are open for next year's ROPAC Executive! Join the 2025-2026 PAC Executive and help support the Rockridge community.

- **To nominate yourself:** 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

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

Join us for the Annual General Meeting – an important wrap up to the school year.

Highlights include:

- Year end reports from the PAC Chair, Treasurer and Principal
- A "PAC \$ At Work" update showing how your support made an impact
- Election of the 2025-26 PAC Executive

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 between 2-4 pm.

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

Happy Mental Health Week!

We're recognizing **Mental Health Week** from **May 5-9**. This national event is a time to come together and support mental well-being for all.

The theme this year is "**Unmasking Mental Health**", which reminds us how important it is to talk openly about how we're feeling and to break the stigma around mental health.

Let's continue to support one another and create a safe, caring school community. If your child is struggling, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school counsellor.

#UnmaskingMentalHealth

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](#)

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

FERRY SCHEDULE CHANGE - EFFECTIVE MAY 15TH, 2025

We have been notified that afternoon ferry departure will shift – from 3:30 to 3:55 pm starting on May 15th. As a result of this departure time change, Rockridge will adjust 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. Subsequently buses on Bowen will be adjusted as well to coordinate with the new arrival time of the ferry.

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.