



ROCKRIDGE

ESSE QUAM VIDERI



April 3rd, 2018

[Rockridge Secondary School website](#)

[WV School District Website](#)

[Principal's Blog](#)

[Daily Announcements](#)

CALENDAR UPDATE

April	Event
9	6:00 pm Parent Meeting re: 2018-2019 Engineering Cohort presented by Mr. Trask – Learning Commons
11	6:30 pm GAP Year Presentation at Rockridge – see attached poster for details

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful spring break and feel rested from the change of pace. The final three months of the year promise to be busy ones, yet no doubt memorable for our Grade 12 students who will be graduating and moving on to a variety of other experiences. This is an exciting time for them.

In my recent blog post, I shared how Rockridge students are doing amazing things. I highlighted one of our Grade 10 students, Fallon O'Neill, who participated in the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa just prior to the break. This is just one example of the many opportunities that students are pursuing. Thanks to teachers and parents for encouraging and supporting our youth. Click [here](#) to read the blog post which is located on our school website.

On the mornings of **Thursday, April 5th and April 12th** our grade 9 students will be taking part in a Mental Health Literacy Conference at Rockridge. Students will learn what kind of stress is normal, how the teenage brain develops, the impacts of substance use, and resources available. Thank you to Stephanie Jansen for organizing this wonderful learning opportunity.

Every year the Ministry of Education requests parents, staff and students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete a Student Learning Survey. Electronically administered, students in Grades 10 and 12 at Rockridge will be completing them during the week of April 16th. Parents of students in Grades 10 and 12 are invited to complete the survey at any time by accessing the following link (no logon code needed) www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. We hope to have a great parent response rate as we use the results to inform our practice. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and closes at the end of April.

GRADE 9 - MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY CONFERENCE - April 5th and April 12th 8:30 – 11:51 am

Please see the attached letter for details.

COLLABORATION BLOCK – April 5th, 2018

Grade 8 and 9

Students will meet in the gym. Brandon Biln from Vancouver Coastal Health will present information on vaping.

OUTDOOR CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

Registration is still open for the Outdoor Connections Academy for all grade 10's in West Vancouver School District. Come take learning outside; combine Science, English, PE, photography and more in one interdisciplinary day.

5 reasons why to join?

- Benefits of learning in Cohort: 2 teachers for 4 subjects
- No phone zone!
- Great trips such as: Kayaking, Beach Studies, Snowshoeing, Camping and more
- Interdisciplinary learning and a fluid schedule
- Relationships that develop from working together as a small group

Questions; contact Daphne Lambie dlambie@wvschools.ca

NEW PHONE SYSTEM AT ROCKRIDGE

The District is installing a new phone system at Rockridge which should be completed by Thursday, April 5, 2018. We apologize for limited accessibility during this time. Voicemail is available and of course email.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR STUDENT TO HAVE THEIR FORMS COMPLETED?

ONLINE FORMS

The completion of the online form enables students to fully participate in their classroom activities. At this time:

- **Some teachers cannot get all their students in their class set up on Google Apps**

We ask that parents and guardians please complete the District Policies and Procedures Forms electronically, which are found on the school website at <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

STUDENT RELEASE FORMS

We ask that parents complete and return these forms to the school so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness plan. Student Release Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

We ask that parents sign and return forms confirming all information is correct and noting any changes to contact information. Student Verification Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

**YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FORMS ARE COMPLETED
IS APPRECIATED**