Thursday, October 24th 2019

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CALENDAR UPCOMING:

October

1 Grade 12 Parent Information Night
8 Photo Retake Day
9 PAC Meeting
10 Collaboration Day
14 Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
15 Day 2 – 3-*FIT*-124
16 PSAT 8:00 - 11:30 Cafeteria
25 Professional Development Day – No Classes
28 Day 1 – 2-*FIT*-314

November

4-8 Numeracy Assessments Grade 11
7 Parent Teacher Conferences
8 Collaboration Day
11 Remembrance Day – No Classes
13 PAC Meeting
18 Professional Development Day – No Classes
24-27 Grad Photos at Artona

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 7TH . REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 28TH @ 9:00 a.m.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday November 7th. There will be an afternoon session from 1:00 – 3:30 and an evening session from 5:30 – 8:00. The ability to create an account and registration to book appointments will open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28th at **www.sentinel.schoolappointments.com**. **Please see the attachment for all the information for parent teacher conferences and booking appointments.** Please also note that a hard copy of all information including your students schedule was also sent home with students yesterday.

SCHOOL FEES AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT STARTING OCTOBER 25TH, 2019

School fees, including the yearbook, WILL BE available for payment online with School Cash online STARTING TOMORROW,
OCTOBER 25, 2019. If you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fee payments, please contact Allison Carruthers at acarruthers@wvschools.ca.
School cash online link: https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADE 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

Graduation assessments are changing to align with the new curriculum. As part of the updated graduation requirements, students in the B.C. Graduation Program will have to complete three provincial assessments. They will focus on the demonstration and application of **numeracy** and **literacy.**

- Graduation Numeracy Assessment – Grade 10 (graduation requirement)
- Graduation Literacy Assessment – Grade 10 (graduation requirement starting in 2019/20)
- Graduation Literacy Assessment – Grade 12 (graduation requirement starting in 2020/21)

There will be no course-based Language Arts 12 provincial exams after the 2018/19 school year.

This year at Sentinel, grade 11's and any grade 12's that have not written the Numeracy Assessment will write in November. Grade 10 students will write the Numeracy Assessment in January and the Literacy Assessment in April. **Lists of writing times and locations are posted in the school for the November writings.**

WEST VANCOUVER PLACE FOR SPORTS

The West Vancouver Place for Sport continues their fundraising efforts to get a new sports facility at West Vancouver Secondary School. West Vancouver Place for Sport will be a safe, inclusive, versatile community track and field sports facility that West Vancouver citizens will be proud to call their own. Click here to find out more about the project. One way for families to be involved is participating in their latest activation here and search for "West Vancouver Place for Sport"

SENTINEL IS A "*FIT*" SCHOOL

Check out what is new for 2019-2020 with the Flexible Instructional Time (*FIT*)!

WATCH THE DISTRICT *FIT* VIDEO ON THE SENTINEL WEBPAGE

ACTIVITY FEES

Activity Fees are necessary to provide a range of goods and services to students. These fees subsidize locks for lockers, day planners, Go Cards, Athletic expenses, uniforms, medals, plaques, certificates awarded at awards ceremonies, Student Council activities, intramural games and prizes as well as postage. Virtually, all students benefit when activity fees are paid.

While there are limitations on the types of fees that schools are permitted to charge, Activity Fees may be charged. The School Act, Section 82(3) indicates that a Board may charge fees for goods and services provided by the Board such as those covered by Activity Fees.

Fee statements, which will include the Student Activity Fee of $65 will be mailed home in November.

Please note: West Vancouver School District Policy #9505 allows*: "that fees or partial fees may be waived for students who would not otherwise be able to participate in regular school activities, field studies and special events due to financial hardship".*

If you have concerns, please contact Sentinel's Principal, Mr. Mike Finch.

PARKING AT SENTINEL

All students who will be parking on school grounds must register their vehicle(s) with the office. At the time of registration a parking decal will be given to the student. This decal must be displayed to park on school grounds. This year, the fee is $20.00 for the first decal and $5.00 for a second vehicle. **Note:** Vehicle registration fees will go to the Sentinel Scholarship Fund.

Please Note: Vehicles parked without a decal, or where there is no designated parking spot (yellow lines) will be towed. The parking spots where numbers have been assigned are strictly staff parking. Visitor parking is as designated in the top parking lot to the right of the stairs leading down to the front of the school. Do not park on the yellow lines directly in front of the entrance doors. Yellow lines indicate fire lanes.

TRAFFIC AT SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Administration is aware of the ongoing traffic problem entering and leaving the school grounds. Mornings between 8:15 and 8:30 am are of particular concern. **If at all possible drop students off campus and/or encourage them to walk to school.**

The student drop-off area extends past the front and around the side of the school. We ask that you **move forward until you can go no further before stopping to drop off your child.** Your assistance in complying with this request is appreciated. Please, when entering off Chartwell Drive, do not drive down the left side of the road to drop off your child or take a short-cut to the parking lot. You run the risk of colliding with oncoming traffic.

PLEASE observe the crosswalk in front of the school—do not stop there and drop your off your child.

PLEASE observe the Handicap Parking Zone (HCP). We have several students requiring access to this HCP parking/pick-up area in vans – your assistance in this regard is appreciated.

PLEASE do not idle the car's engine while waiting for your children. The yellow lines in front of the school indicate a no parking zone.

SCHOOLMESSENGER SYSTEM

The SCHOOLMESSENGER System will primarily be used to let parents know if their child is absent from class. When the teacher marks the student absent, he/she will be unexcused in the computer and the SCHOOLMESSENGER System will call and email the parents.

SENTINEL'S COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Sentinel School counsellors are teachers with knowledge of the developmental needs of students as well as an understanding of the pressures encountered while progressing through school. This places the counsellors in a position to:

a. offer developmental and preventative programmes to students in educational, personal, and vocational areas, and

b. provide a resource for teachers and parents to help create conditions that facilitate learning.

Since educational, vocational, and personal counselling are interrelated, all counselling is concerned with the whole individual and is, therefore, personal by nature.

The Counselling Team,

Lisa Ulinder (last names A-G)
Rebecca Britten (last names H-L)
Scott Derganc (last names M-Sl)*
Kate Drew (last names Sm-Z)*

*Please note counselling loads have changed slightly this year

TEACHER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION

Every teacher and staff member at Sentinel is on email and may be reached by first initial last name example: jsmith@wvschools.ca

G.U.A.R.D.S.

Check out Sentinel's new value statements and more under the G.U.A.R.D.S tab on the Sentinel Website.

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. On behalf of the Sentinel Parent Advisory Council (PAC) I would like to either welcome you back or, if your child or children are new to Sentinel Secondary, welcome you to our school community.

The PAC Executives for this coming school year are:

President: Charlotte Wei
Vice President: Cathy Yeung
Treasurer: Effie Gomulia

Secretary: Arbao Wang
DPAC Rep: Sunny Sun

The PAC meets the second Wednesday of most, but not all, months. Our meetings are at Sentinel (please check the PAC website to confirm the room). We try to limit our meetings to one hour as we know parents are busy. Our schedule for the upcoming school year is:

September 11th
October 9th
November 6th
January 8th
March 11th
May 13th Annual General Meeting

All parents are members of the PAC. We encourage everyone to actively participate which, contrary to popular opinion, is far less work than participating in elementary school PACs! Even just coming out to one of our meetings gives you a chance to learn about what's going on at Sentinel and to voice your opinion.

For the upcoming school year we would love to have volunteers to run our **Wish List** as well as some of our smaller events such as **Christmas Baking**, **Parent/Teacher interview night buffet** and **Valentine's Baking**, and the biggest event **Multicultural Lunch**. For all of our events we have people to provide you with guidance as well as documentation outlining what needs to be done. Please check our PAC website for a full list of events and dates.

Even if you have no previous PAC experience, we have a place for you!

You can contact the PAC at sepac@wvschools.ca or visit our webpage by clicking on the Parent tab on the Sentinel website (http://westvancouverschools.ca/ecole-sentinel-secondary/parents/).

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

Please note: Some dates are not yet set, or are subject to change.
Watch for updates in the newsletters and online calendar.

September

2	**Monday**	**Labour Day Statutory Holiday**
3	Tuesday	School Opens (Grade Assemblies)
4	Wednesday	First full block rotation (Day 1: 1-FIT-2-3-4)
9	Monday	Photo Day
19	Thursday	Meet the Teacher Night
20	**Friday**	**Professional Day – School not in session**

October

7	Monday	Photo Retakes
14	**Monday**	**Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday**
25	**Friday**	**Professional Day – School not in session**

November

7	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences
11	**Monday**	**Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday**
18	**Monday**	**Professional Day – School not in session**

December

11	Wednesday	Term 1 Report Cards Issued
23	**Monday**	**Winter Break (December 23 – January 3)**

January

6	Monday	School Re-opens
24	**Friday**	**Professional Day – School not in session**
31	Friday	Interim Report Cards Issued

February

14	**Friday**	**Reading Break – School not in session**
17	**Monday**	**Family Day Statutory Holiday**

March

11	Wednesday	Term 2 Report Cards Issued
16	**Monday**	**Spring Break (March 16 – March 27)**
30	Monday	School Re-opens

April

10	**Friday**	**Good Friday Statutory Holiday**
13	**Monday**	**Easter Monday Statutory Holiday**

May

15	**Friday**	**Professional Day – School not in session**
18	**Monday**	**Victoria Day Statutory Holiday**

June

13	Saturday	Grad Banquet
20	Saturday	Commencement
25	Thursday	Final Report Cards Issued
26	Friday	School Year Ends/Administrative Day (Staff Only)

ATHLETICS

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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