

Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

*If you have any questions or concerns please reply to this email.*

**CALENDAR UPCOMING:**

**September**

- 21 Meet the Teacher Evening (See attached Agenda)**
- 22 Professional Development Day – No Classes
- 25 Day 2 – 1234
- 25 Cops for Cancer ride by
- 26 Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- 28 Terry Fox Run
- 28 Orange Shirt Day
- 29 Grad Boat Cruise

**October**

- 3 Grade 12 Parent Information Night
- 9 Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
- 10 Day 1 – 1234
- 10 Photo Retake Day**
- 10 Post Secondary Institution Day. Grade 12 (Grade 11 by request). 8:30 - 12:00**
- 11 PAC Meeting**
- 11 PSAT 8:30 - 11:30 Cafeteria**
- 17 Safeteen Grade 9s**
- 20 Professional Development Day – No Classes**
- 23 Non-Instructional Day - No Classes**

**ONLINE FORMS FOR COMPLETION - MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EVERY STUDENT!**

<http://westvancouver schools.ca/ecole-sentinel-secondary/parents/forms/> (control click or paste into browser)

Every year, parents are required to complete a new online Policy and Procedures Form for each of their children attending school in WVSD.

**The form includes:**

Student Code of Conduct and Discipline;

District Network and Internet Appropriate Use;  
Privately Owned Electronic Devices;  
Media and Video Release Parental Consent;  
Community Activities Release;  
Consent to Release of Personal Information and the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program.

### **ONLINE FORMS ARE PAST DUE!**

Parents/Guardians we are currently at 50% completion (Are we really happy with 50%?). This information is vital if your student is to have access to all that Sentinel wishes to offer. **Please complete these forms as soon as possible.**

### **MEET THE TEACHER. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

An exciting opportunity for parents to get back to the classroom! Meet the Teacher allows parents & guardians at all grade levels the chance to rotate through their students timetable. Brief 8 minute classes lets you "meet the teacher" in the classroom setting and receive a brief overview of the courses. Grade 8 parents start at 6:00 with a meet and greet. All classes begin "promptly" at 7:00. **Student timetables were sent home today with students. (Event agenda attached).** See you there!

### **TERRY FOX RUN. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Terry Fox often said that it was the youth who would carry forth his efforts and works towards a world without cancer. Millions of students across Canada take part in the Terry Fox National School Run Day every year raising funds for cancer research. By participating, students will help share Terry's example of courage, strength and hope. The run will take place at 11:40 a.m. Students are encouraged to bring a toonie to donate or to pledge: <http://www.terryfox.ca/SentinelSecondary>

### **Alternate Bell Schedule**

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>TIME</b>
1 – 3	8:30 – 9:25
Recess	9:25 – 9:30
1 – 1	9:35 – 10:30
Recess	10:30 – 10:35
1 – 2	10:40 – 11:35

<b>Terry Fox Run</b>	<b>11:40 – 12:50</b>
Lunch	12:50 – 1:33
1 – 4	1:38 – 2:57

### **ORANGE SHIRT DAY. FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the Spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

### **THEATRE COMPANY 8-12**

A reminder to all Theatre Company Members that class is every Tuesday & Thursday at 3:15pm in the theatre. Our September classes are for the Full Company and attendance is mandatory! Please see

Mrs. McGuinness-Gill in the theatre if you have any questions or email her at

[mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca)

### **PHOTO RETAKES OCTOBER 10**

Students wishing a photo retake must bring their original student ID (Go Card) that they received to the retake.

### **BOARD GAMES TO DONATE?**

If you have any used board games that have all of their pieces and are appropriate for secondary school students you wish to donate please drop them at the main office. The grade 8 transition team is hoping to organize lunch-hour board game days.

### **INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS**

These forms were sent home in week one. Please check the information on this form is accurate. If there are any changes or corrections required please do so on the form and return it to the main office. Up to date information is essential to maintain smooth communication.

### **WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL (PUBLIC) LIBRARY CARDS**

Both the WVML and the School District want all West Vancouver school students to have a public library card to increase the number of resources available to them for projects. A google doc was sent to all Sentinel students with a WVML application form. Even if a student has a card

already, they should fill out the form as any fines or other blocks will be removed. The card will give them free access to everything available through the public library.

### FRENCH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Sentinel will be offering a support block to help students with their studies in French. The support block is scheduled over 4 days of the week in order to accommodate most students' schedule. It will **start on Monday September 11th, 2017**, in **ROOM 306**. **See attachment for more details.**

**The schedule is as follows:**

Monday and Wednesday **mornings** (7:45 to 8:25 am)  
Tuesday and Thursday **lunch periods** (1:00 to 1:30 pm)  
Tuesday **afterschool** (3:00 to 3:45 pm)

### GRADUATION PHOTOS

Individual graduation photographs will be taken by Artona between November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Group photographs are scheduled for earlier dates. For more information and booking, please visit the Artona website. [www.Artonagroup.com](http://www.Artonagroup.com)

### HEALTH AND CAREER EDUCATION 8 AND 9

Health Career Education 8 and 9 curriculum focuses on preparing students to make and implement plans in order to meet their personal, health, educational and career goals. The health component addresses issues such as relationships, lifestyle goals, safety and injury prevention and substance misuse. The Career component examines the relationship between personal attributes and career pathways, addresses the challenges of a changing workplace and the role of community and volunteering. The learning outcomes will be met through collaboration sessions and during some class time. Health and Career 8 and 9 assessments will occur throughout terms one, two and three and a final mark will appear on the term three report card.

All important information, dates and assignments will be posted in the Health and Career 8 and 9 Google classrooms. Please be sure to join the class:

GRADE 8 Join Code: **dcva2kl**

GRADE 9 Join Code: **djg0lld**

Collaborative Meeting dates:

September 28	
October 17	January 16
November 01 * Take Our Kids to Work Day	February 6

(grade 9 only) December 12	March 6 April 19 May 30
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## **GRADE 8 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Last year, 65 Grade 8 students were selected to participate in the Pilot Mentorship Program here at Sentinel. As our new group of Grade 8 students begin their time at Sentinel we are hoping to continue this program, but still only for a select number of Grade 8 students.

This year, we are having any interested Grade 8 student sign up to be matched with a mentor. The mentor they will be matched with will be one more person in the school who will be available to help them or answer questions they may have.

If you or your Grade 8 child is interested in the student being matched with a mentor please have that student come and speak to Ms. Lara Winstone in Room 254 in the next few weeks. Or you can email her at [lwinstone@wvschools.ca](mailto:lwinstone@wvschools.ca).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. Winstone!

### **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 8:00 and 8:25 am are of particular concern.

The student drop-off area extends all along the front and around the side of the school. **Please do**

**not drop students off in the upper parking lot.** This is for two reasons. Student safety and traffic flow. Students have to cross a lane of moving traffic that must come to a halt while students are dropped off and then the traffic flow stops again while students cross the flow on the cross walk below. Please only drop students off along the front or sides of the school. We ask that when you drive along the front of the school, please move forward until you can't move forward anymore. Once you are stopped or you reach the crosswalk by the driveway, students can quickly and safely exit the vehicle without crossing moving traffic. If your child is unable to quickly exit the vehicle for example their bag is in the trunk or you need to speak with them, please continue to drive to the side of the school and find a spot to pull over. **Please do not stop directly in front of the school on the crosswalk.** When cars stop for an extended time in front of the school, they stop the traffic flow. 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. This left lane is a one-way street with a crosswalk to the east of it. Left Drivers should be aware that "vehicles entering against the flow of traffic would be violating S.125 of the Motor Vehicle Act Fail to Obey a Traffic Control Device. The fine is \$121 and 2 points on their license" (West Vancouver Police Department).

**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.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018**

*Please note: **The paper copy that went home in the "Sentry" contained mistakes.** The one below is currently up to date. Some dates are not yet set, or are subject to change. Watch for updates in the newsletters.*

4	Monday	<b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
5	Tuesday	<b>School Opens</b>
11	Monday	Photo Day
21	Thursday	Meet the Teacher Night
23	Friday	<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>

### **October**

9	Monday	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
10	Tuesday	Photo Retake Day
20	Friday	<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
23	Monday	<b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - school not in session</b>

**November**

10 Friday **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
13 Monday **REMEMBRANCE DAY (STAT IN LIEU) – SCHOOL CLOSED**  
16-18 Graduation Photos at Artona

**December**

15 Friday Term One Report Cards  
22 Friday **Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break**

**January**

8 Tuesday **School Re-opens**  
26 Friday **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**February**

9 Friday **DISTRICT WIDE READING BREAK – School not in session**  
12 Monday **B.C. FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

**March**

16 Friday **Last day of classes before Spring Break/Term 2 Report Cards**

**April**

3 Monday **School Re-opens**

**May**

18 Friday **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
21 Monday **VICTORIA DAY – STATUTORY HOLIDAY**

**June**

14 Thursday Athletic Awards  
16 Saturday Commencement  
23 Saturday Graduation Banquet  
28 Thursday Report Card Pick Up  
29 Friday **ADMINISTRATIVE DAY – STAFF ONLY**

**Athletics**

**SENTINEL ATHLETICS IS LOOKING FOR A SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL COACH FOR THIS COMING SEASON. THIS IS A VOLUNTEER POSITION. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US.**

For questions or concerns, please email Mark Fenn and Lara Winstone at: [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)

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