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CALENDAR UPCOMING:

October

- 2 Grade 12 Parent Information Night
- 8 Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed**
- 9 Day 1 – 1234
- 10 PAC Meeting**
- 10 PSAT 8:00 - 11:30 Cafeteria**
- 15 Photo Retake Day**
- 19 Professional Development Day – No Classes**
- 20 Civic Election**
- 22 Non-Instructional Day - No Classes**
- 23 Day 1 - 3124
- 26 Grad Boat Cruise

November

- 4 Daylight Savings Ends (back one hour)
- 6 Collaboration Day
- 7 Post Secondary Institute Day (Grade 12, Grade 11 by request)
- 8 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
- 9 Remembrance Day Assemblies
- 11 Remembrance Day**
- 12 Remembrance Day Observed – No Classes**
- 13 Day 2 - 1234
- 14 PAC Meeting**
- 14 Take your kids to work (Grade 9)
- 15 Jazz Cafe - 7:00 p.m. Sentinel Theatre**
- 19 Professional Development Day – No Classes**
- 20 Day 1 - 1234
- 22-25 Grad Photos at Artona by Appointment

URGENT!

Failure to complete these forms may result in your child being unable to participate

ONLINE FORMS FOR COMPLETION

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/ecole-sentinel-secondary/parents/forms/>

Policy and Procedures Form

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

Failure to complete these forms may result in your child being unable to participate

WALK THE WALK

The Multiple Myeloma March is taking place October 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavillion. Volunteers and walkers are needed! Please check out <http://www.myeloma.ca> for more information and to donate.

DAILY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Did you know the Sentinel Daily Announcements are posted on the school [website](#)? These announcements are read to the school through the PA system everyday and contain important information about sports, clubs, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and many other school related items. Help your students stay informed and take advantage of all Sentinel has to offer.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC

Special Olympics BC - North Shore is a non-profit sport organization and we have been providing intellectually disabled individuals the opportunity to enhance their lives and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences for 30+ years.

We are currently looking for more volunteers in our programs in West & North Vancouver. The **fall schedule is attached** if anyone is interested in volunteering for Special Olympics BC. If you are interested, please contact Aria Shokoohi, at Volunteering@sobcnorthshore.ca or check out www.sobcnorthshore.ca for more info.

JAPAN TRIP SPRING BREAK 2019!

Konnichiwa! This Friday at lunch there will be a meeting in room 354 for students interested in traveling to Japan from March 16-28 2019 (no school days will be missed). The meeting will explain the application process, costs and itinerary and there will be time for questions.

All students are welcome!

Inquiries can be made to Allison Ogawa at aogawa@wvschools.ca

ANTARCTICA TRIP DECEMBER 2019

Looking for an opportunity to travel to the other side of the earth and experience the wonders of the world with an incredible crew? We're going to Antarctica December 2019! Parent and Student information meeting October 11 at 7pm in the Sentinel Library. We cannot wait to meet you! Poster attached.

VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Back to school time is exciting but it can also be stressful for parents and children. Proper sleep and good nutrition can boost teens' coping skills and performance. According to Canadian statistics almost 40% of Canadian school-aged kids are sleep-deprived because they are too busy. Canada is the third most sleep-deprived country, with nearly a third of the Canadians feeling like they don't sleep enough, according to a new study.

Children who consistently get a good night's sleep:

Are more creative, can concentrate on tasks for longer, are better able to make positive decisions, learn and remember new things, have more energy during the day and can create and maintain good relations with others. More info: <https://sleep.org/>

According to the new Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines, the world's first evidence based guidelines to address the whole day: for optimal health benefits, children and youth (aged 5–17 years) should achieve high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behaviour, and sufficient sleep (8-10 hours for youth aged 14-17). Trading indoor time for outdoor time, and replacing sedentary behaviours and light physical activity with additional moderate to vigorous physical activity can provide greater health benefits. More info: <http://www.csep.ca/view.asp?x=696>

For information on health topics, or questions regarding your child's immunization please contact your school's Public Health Nurse at fara.lambing@vch.ca

For information on Vancouver Coastal Health public health services for children and youth please visit the school health manual online at: www.vch.ca/schoolhealth/ns.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

For school bus information please refer to the school district website: <http://www.sd45.bc.ca/about/student-transportation.html>

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.

OL PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAD PHOTOS

If you missed photo day or require a retake, student **photo retakes will be Monday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. IF GETTING A RETAKE YOU MUST BRING IN YOUR CURRENT GO-CARD!!!**

Grad photos at Artona are by appointment from November 22nd to 25th. Contact [Artona](#) directly to book your appointment.

ONLINE REPORT CARDS

Sentinel will be moving to the online Parent Portal to communicate student learning. Report cards for terms 1 and 2 will be accessible online. Hard copies will not be distributed. More

information regarding accounts, passwords and procedures will follow in the coming months. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM (YOU WILL RECEIVE MONDAY) IS SIGNED AND RETURNED. **NOTE: There is currently no access to the online parent portal.**

TRAFFIC AT SENTINEL SECONDARY

TRAFFIC FLOW NOTICEABLY SLOWS WHEN CARS DROP STUDENTS ANYWHERE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OR IN THE UPPER LOT. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DROP OFF ZONES :)

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 from just past the school and around the east 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, even if it means moving past the school.** 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 east side of the school and find a spot to pull over. **Please do not stop directly in front of the school or 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 MESSENGER

The School Messenger will primarily be used to let parents know if their child is absent from class. When the teacher marks the student absent without a prior phone call, he/she will be marked unexcused in the computer and School Messenger will call or email the parents.

RADON SCREENING

This past winter West Vancouver Schools worked in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health, to screen for radon in all of our schools. This school screening initiative was undertaken to confirm that radon concentrations are low in district schools. For more information please click [here](#)

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)

Suzie McArthur (last names H-L)

Scott Derganc (last names M-SI)*

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.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

If your son(s) or daughter(s) does not primarily reside with you and you would like to receive a copy of their report card by email at each term end, please email Susan Leggatt, sleggatt@wvschools.ca, and provide/confirm your email address for inclusion in a distribution list.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

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

September

3	Monday	Labour Day Statutory Holiday
4	Tuesday	School Opens
10	Monday	Photo Day
20	Thursday	Meet the Teacher Night
21	Friday	Professional Day – School not in session

October

8	Monday	Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday
15	Monday	Photo Retake Day
19	Friday	Professional Day – School not in session
22	Monday	Non Instructional Day – School not in session

November

8	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Interviews
12	Monday	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday Observed
19	Monday	Professional Day – School not in session
22 – 25		Grad Portraits at Artona

December

14	Friday	<u>Term 1 Report Cards Issued</u>
24	Monday	Winter Break (December 24 – January 4)

January

7	Monday	School Re-opens
25	Friday	Professional Day – School not in session

February

1	Friday	<u>Interim Report Cards Issued</u>
15	Friday	Reading Break – School not in session
18	Monday	Family Day Statutory Holiday

March

15	Friday	<u>Term 2 Report Cards Issued</u>
18	Monday	Spring Break (March 18 – March 29)

April

1	Monday	School Re-opens
19	Friday	Good Friday Statutory Holiday
22	Monday	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday

May

17	Friday	Professional Day – School not in session
20	Monday	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

June

16	Sunday	Grad Banquet
20	Thursday	Last day of classes
22	Saturday	Commencement
27	Thursday	<u>Final Report Cards Issued</u>
28	Friday	School Year Ends/Administrative Day (Staff Only)

ATHLETICS

Athletics:

North Shore Playoffs will soon begin for all our Fall Sports teams.
Please come out to any and all events that you can to cheer on our athletes!!!

Check out the [NSSSAA eSports main page](#) for schedules and locations of
Go Spartans!

The Winter Sports Season is now just around the corner and we are still in need of a number of Basketball coaches at the Gr 9/10 level. If we can't find coaches, it may mean a particular team will not happen. If you are interested in coaching, or know of someone who is, please contact Mr. Mark Fenn or Ms. Lara Winstone at sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

Basketball:

- o Bantam (Gr 8) Boys Basketball: Bennett Hunter
- o **Juvenile (Gr 9) Boys Basketball: (Coach Needed)** with Gary Ma willing to help
- o Junior Boys Basketball: Karen Kirkwood
- o Senior Boys Basketball: Dale Stranaghan
- o Bantam Girls Basketball: Ryan Charles
- o **Junior (Gr 9/10) Girls Basketball: (Coach Needed)** & Ray Stanley willing to help
- o Senior Girls Basketball: Jackie Yu & Steven Ong

Thanks everyone, for your support of extra-curricular sports here at Sentinel!

For questions or information contact Mark Fenn or Lara Winstone at
sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca or check out <http://www.sentinelathletics.ca>

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