

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

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**CALENDAR UPCOMING:**

**September**

- 3 Labour Day Statutory Holiday – School Closed**
- 4 Back to School! Please see the schedule below
- 5 Day 1 – 1234 First full day of classes. Remember your PE strip if you have PE this day!
- 10 Photo Day**
- 12 PAC Meeting**
- 20 Meet the Teacher Evening
- 21 Professional Development Day – No Classes**
- 24 Day 2 – 1234
- 25 Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- 27 Terry Fox Run

**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**
- 22 Non-Instructional Day - No Classes**
- 23 Day 1 - 3124
- 26 Grad Boat Cruise

On Monday, September 10, the **STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM** was sent home with your student.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WHETHER CHANGES ARE MADE OR NOT!**

This year Sentinel will be transitioning to the online Parent Portal to communicate student learning.

Prior to term one report cards being issued in December, you will receive instructions on how to log in to the MYEducation BC Parent Portal.

In order to receive this information it is imperative that your contact information is up to date and accurate.

This information is vital for not only communication but also in the event of an emergency.

When completing this form please pay special attention to the following:

- Parent email
- Portal Access (This lets us know who should have MYEducation access)
- Emergency Contact Information (must have at least one), Legal & Medical alerts.

If there is a change of address please state clearly which family members are residing at the new address.

### **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 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.

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

**participate fully in classroom activities.**

## **HARD COPY FORM FOR COMPLETION**

### **Student Emergency Identification Form**

This form needs to be **printed, completed and returned to the school.**

## **SENTINEL MUSIC ADVISORY COUNCIL & INSTRUMENT STORAGE**

### **SMAC Meeting: Thursday, September 13th @ 6:30PM in the Music Room**

The Sentinel Music Advisory Council (SMAC) will have its first meeting of the new school year, to discuss items related to fundraising, uniforms, spirit wear and possible band trips. Meetings are open to all parents and guardians of music students, and we are still looking for someone to take the role of “Uniforms” and “Communications” on the existing Council. Please direct any questions to Mr. Virag at [zvirag@wvschools.ca](mailto:zvirag@wvschools.ca).

The Sentinel Student Music Advisory Council (SMAC Junior) for our student volunteers will take place at lunchtime on Friday, September 14th at 1:00PM in the Music Room.

### **Instrument Storage in the Music Room**

Students who store their instruments in the Music Room must have a name tag on their instruments, in order to make them readily identifiable. We recommend a unique luggage tag, as they are easy to read.

Additionally, as we are continually clearing out the music room and making it into a more functional space, we will be donating and/or repurposing unused instruments that take up space in the storage closets and have been left untouched for the last year. If you have an instrument that you may have left in the Music Room last year and wish to keep, please identify and claim before Friday, September 28th.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

All Work Experience students first meeting of the year will be **Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Theatre** with Ms. Caspar and Mr. J. Gibson.

## **MEET THE TEACHER EVENING! THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Meet the teacher night is Thursday, September 20th. Grade 8 parents are invited for a welcome and refreshments starting at 6:00. Student led tours will follow at 6:30. All parents and guardians from grades 8 - 12 are invited to spend from 7:00-8:45 rotating through their students timetable for a chance to *meet the teacher!* and receive a brief overview of courses. A notice with your students timetable and specific information about the evening will be sent home Tuesday with students the week of the event. See you there!

### **DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY!**

Students at North Shore schools have an exciting opportunity to consider for the 2018-2019 school year. The “Game of Apps” organization is expanding to our side of the water and we are hoping to enter at least one Sentinel team!

Check out: <https://gameofapps.org/>

The program is open to any student who has an interest in the design and development of an app! (Although there is a limit to the number of students who will be accepted.)

- Programmers are obviously welcome but there will be lots of different skills needed on the team so we are also looking for anyone interested in the design process or people who have artistic ability
- The commitment is a big one – 24 weeknights and 4 Saturdays throughout the school year
- The Game of Apps will connect students with mentors who are industry designers and developers
- Students will be given the chance to learn teamwork skills and more about design thinking & agile software development
- Each team will create an app using SWIFT in a Mac Development environment (although having a Mac is not a requirement of joining the program)
- Teams from West and North Vancouver will eventually compete against teams from other schools in the Lower Mainland
- If you are interested in joining the Sentinel team, please contact Lara Winstone at [lwinstone@wvschools.ca](mailto:lwinstone@wvschools.ca) and also apply on the GOA website:
  - o Info Session will take place on Wed Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – Time = 7-8 pm, Location TBD

### **ACCOMPANIST NEEDED!**

If you are an accomplished pianist and want the opportunity to accompany the school choir, the Spartan Singers, please email Ms. Cadman at [kcadman@wvschools.ca](mailto:kcadman@wvschools.ca)  
Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the studio theatre. You will be

asked to play a variety of repertoire. The time you donate can also go towards your volunteer hours at the school. I look forward to hearing from you!

### **ABSENCES OR LATES**

When leaving a message to excuse your child, please leave the following information; name, grade, date and reason for absence or lateness. Please spell the student's last name for clarity of communication.

### **ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL EXAM CLARIFICATION**

1. The New Literacy Exam will be introduced in January 2020

2. Until then, there are no changes to the Language Arts group of provincial exams.

This includes Eng 12, Comm 12 and FRAL provincial exams. They will be written in June.

3. These exams will continue to account for 40% of the final course mark.

Please see the link below for more details.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>

### **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.

### SCHOOL 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.**

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

### SENTINEL’S REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**2018 - 2019**

8:25	Warning Bell – 1 <sup>st</sup> Period
8:30 – 9:49	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
9:49 – 9:54	Recess #1
9:54	Warning Bell – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
9:59 – 11:18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
11:18 – 11:25	Recess #2
11:25	Warning Bell – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
11:30 – 12:50	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
12:50 – 1:33	Lunch
1:33	Warning Bell – 4 <sup>th</sup> Period
1:38 – 2:57	4 <sup>th</sup> Period

### COURSE CHANGES

Our timetable is built on student requests made in March 2018. Course verification forms were sent home in May 2018. At that time, students were asked to make changes to their course requests. The last day to request course changes is September 14th.

## FRENCH HELP AVAILABLE

### **AIDE AUX DEVOIRS DISPONIBLE**

#### **SALLE 306**

LE MATIN: 7:45 à 8:25

Les lundis et mercredis

LE LUNCH de 1:00 à 1:30 PM

Les mardis et jeudis

APRÈS L'ÉCOLE : de 3:00 à 3:45

Les mardis

### **HELP AVAILABLE IN FRENCH**

#### **Room 306**

MORNINGS- 7:45 to 8:25 AM

Mondays and Wednesdays

LUNCH- 1:00 to 1:30 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays

AFTER SCHOOL -3:00 to 3:45 PM Tuesdays

## 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.**

## 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. Do not drop off at the round about, the Fire Hall or the Hollyburn entrance please. This only adds to the congestion and is extremely dangerous.**

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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

For your convenience, our School District has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Enrolment applications for student accident insurance is available online at [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca). Parents are encouraged to consider this as the school district does not carry accident insurance.

Kids Plus Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

Do not have medical or dental plans.

Have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit: [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca)

### **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](mailto: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 Term 1 Report Cards Issued
- 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 Interim Report Cards Issued
- 15 Friday Reading Break – School not in session**
- 18 Monday Family Day Statutory Holiday**

### ***March***

- 15 Friday Term 2 Report Cards Issued
- 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**

<b>17</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Professional Day – School not in session</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Victoria Day Statutory Holiday</b>

## **June**

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

## **ATHLETICS**

Thanks to all athletes who have tried out or signed up for our Fall Sports Teams. Most teams have been finalized and league action will begin soon. Good luck to all our Fall Sports teams!

We are looking ahead to the Winter Sports Season and we are still in need of a number of coaches, particularly for various levels of Basketball Teams. If you are interested in coaching, or helping to coach, please contact Mr. Mark Fenn or Ms. Lara Winstone at [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)

### **WINTER SPORTS**

- Basketball:
  - **Bantam Boys Basketball: (Coach Needed)**
  - **Juvenile Boys Basketball: (Coach Needed)** with Gary Ma willing to help
  - Junior Boys Basketball: Karen Kirkwood
  - Senior Boys Basketball: Dale Stranaghan
  - Bantam Girls Basketball: Lara Winstone
  - Juvenile Girls Basketball: Ray Stanley
  - Junior Girls Basketball: Farzin Hezarkhani
  - **Senior Girls Basketball: (Coach Needed)**
- Ski/Snowboard: Glenn Johnston, Tamara Johnston, Cyril Sacault
- Wrestling: Naomi Errico, Mike McDonald and Joey Huh

As well, even if it looks like we have a coach for a certain team already, they might welcome an assistant coach or helper in another capacity.

Thanks everyone!

If you have any sports related questions, please don't hesitate to ask us at [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)

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

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