

Thursday, September 20th 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 INSTRUMENT STORAGE

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 20th at 1pm in the Theatre** with Ms. Caspar and Mr. J. Gibson.

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.

GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

Is this your first child going into grade 8 or even your second or third? Are you wanting some tips and recommendations of how to best support your grade 8 this year at Sentinel? Then this is a must for you. Sentinel Counsellors will provide valuable information about everything Sentinel and supporting your student moving forward. Join us from 7:00-8:00 in the Sentinel theatre on Tuesday, September 25th.

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 and also apply on the GOA website:
 - o Info Session will take place on Wed Sept 26th – Time = 7-8 pm, Location TBD

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.

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 22nd to 25th. Contact [Artona](#) directly to book your appointment.

SENTINEL’S REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

2018 - 2019

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

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.**

TRAFFIC AT SENTINEL SECONDARY

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.

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.

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. 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

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 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

- 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 Final Report Cards Issued
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

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

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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