

Thursday, September 6th 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** will be 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.

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

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>

GRADE 8 WELCOME LUNCH & ACTIVITY AFTERNOON THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

Wear your new spirit shirt with your house colours on this day!!!! Student Council is sponsoring a welcome lunch for our Grade 8 students on Friday September 8th. A Subway sandwich(veggie option available) chips and a juice will be provided free of charge to each Grade 8 student. Students requiring alternate meals plans should bring their own packed lunch. After lunch activities are being planned so remember to wear your house colours of Blue, Silver and White!

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

Student pictures will be taken on **Monday, September 10th**. All students are expected to have their pictures taken for Student Council, GO Cards, the Yearbook, and admission to school dances. There is no cost involved for this student ID picture. However, students wishing to purchase optional colour packages may do so at an additional cost by visiting the Artona website. www.Artonagroup.com

BELL SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 5th, 6th, 7th, & 10th 2018

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

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. Course changes will now be prioritized as per the information contained in the enclosed message from the counselling department. The last day for changes is September 14th. **Grade 12's may pick up course change forms** after school Thursday in the counselling suite. If you cannot make after school they will be available Friday morning.

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

75th ANNIVERSARY D-DAY/EUROPE TRIP

The Europe Germany, Belgium and France D-Day trip is filling up fast. Only 3 spots are remaining

There will be a meeting in Mr. Johnston's Room 149B next Wednesday September 12th for all students going on this trip in May and June 2019

Highlights will include the following:

Berlin/Germany

Belgium

Vimy

Normandy/Dieppe

Paris

Versailles, Mont St. Michel

Sentinel will also participate in the official ceremonies that heads of the major world powers will be attending to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of what is considered the most important battle of WWII.

Link to itinerary:

<https://www.eftours.ca/eliterature/dbd/19/ddb.pdf>

Ask your Social Studies teacher or Mr. Johnston email: gjohnston@wvschools.ca for more information.

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.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Students are encouraged to check the hallway monitors for information and messages. Parents with emergency messages only for their children are asked to contact the office. Notification of these messages will be posted on the hallway monitors only. **We are unable to call into the classrooms to relay messages.**

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, he/she will be 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.

B.C. SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

Our school will continue its participation in the B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC.

The school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. Fruits and Vegetables to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce twice every other week **at no charge!**

Please review the form that can found on our [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 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

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

Welcome back to school everyone!

If you are interested in playing on a **Sentinel School Sports Team** this fall, please check below for startup info for all fall sports that are happening.

Sentinel Fall Sports Teams' Start-Up Info

- Cross Country – see Mr. Wilson, if you haven't already, to sign up (149A)
- Field Hockey – Junior & Senior Girls sign-up sheet outside Room 254 with tryout on Friday Sept 7th from **6:30-7:30 am** at Rutledge (before school)
- Rowing – see Mr. Grikis & sign-up sheet in Room 361
- Gr 8 Rugby – Boys & Girls – Info Meeting Monday Sept 10th, 1:00pm, Rm 300
- Soccer:
 - Junior Boys – Tryout #1 – **Mon Sept 10th 5-6:30** pm on school field
 - Senior Boys – Tryout #1 – Friday Sept 7th 3-5 pm on school field
- Swimming – Info Meeting Thurs Sept 6th, 1:00 pm, Room 149A
- Volleyball:
 - Bantam Girls (Gr 8) – Tryout #1 Thursday Sept 6th 3-4:30 pm
 - Juvenile Girls (Gr 9) – Sign-up sheet outside Room 254 and tryouts starting NEXT week Tuesday Sept 11th 4:30-6 pm
 - Junior Girls (Gr 10) – Sign-up sheet outside Room 254 and Tryout #1 Thurs Sept 6th 4:30-6 pm
 - Senior Girls (Gr 11-12) – Tryout #2 Thurs Sept 6 6-7:30 pm
 - JR/SR Boys (Gr 10, 11 & 12) Tryout #1 Thursday Sept 6th 7:30-9 pm

For further info check out field and gym schedules posted at www.sentinelathletics.ca or email Mr. Fenn and Ms. Winstone at sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

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