



ÉCOLE SENTINEL SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

September 2nd, 2022

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Welcome Back to Sentinel!

First day of classes is Tuesday, September 6th. Please see attached ["Welcome Letter"](#) from our Principal Mr. Finch.

Please contact us via email:

General Inquiries: sentinel@wvschools.ca

Attendance Related: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

MyEducation help: sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca

1. SEPT 6: STUDENT ORIENTATION FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The students first day of school will be a staggered start based on Grade. All students will be receiving an email this Friday with their Homeroom class and teacher information. In the Period 1 Homeroom class students will receive their full Class Schedule, School Calendar, Agenda, and lock (Grade 8s, 9s and new students only. Grade 10s, 11s should bring their locks from previous years). There will be lots of assistance on arrival to make sure students know where they are going to get to their Homeroom class in the school.

- Grade 8s: 8:30 am - 9:30 am (Gym & then the Homeroom Period 1)
- Grade 9s: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (Homeroom Period 1)
- Grade 10s: 10:00 am – 11:00 am (Homeroom Period 1)
- Grade 11s: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (Homeroom Period 1)
- Grade 12s: 12:00pm – 1:45pm (please go direct to courtyard for the Grad 2022 BBQ)

2. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES form 2022-2023 ACTION ITEM

Please be aware that a new P+P form MUST be completed for each student, every school year. Without a completed form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

This form requires a Parent login and Password. If you have previously created an account to complete the form last year, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. After you have logged in, you have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please find the link here: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

3. ABSENCE NOTIFICATION & EXCUSED ABSENCES

Please email ALL Attendance related matters to: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

If a student is away/ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by sending us an email. Please include their full legal name and grade, time of absence and reason for absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate a late vs an absence.

4. 2022-23 SENTINEL SEMESTER SCHEDULE

The 2022-23 school year will be a Semester system with 2 Semesters.

Semester 1: September 7th – January 31st

Semester 2: February 1st – June 29th

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday : 4 x 80 minutes for each Period
- Tuesday, Thursday: 2 x 115 minutes for each Period and 90 minutes for X-Block
- The Periods are fixed according to the day of the week.

5. SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place NEXT Friday, September 9th.

There is an opportunity for retakes Monday, October 3rd

Our photo provider is Artona. For all photo inquiries and to order photos please see their website: https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/school_photo

Grad Photo info coming soon!

6. MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Wednesday September 21st on site at Sentinel Secondary. More information to follow.

7. ANNUAL STUDENT PARKING PASS – this is for STUDENTS ONLY please

For those students parking at the school, please purchase a student's parking pass using School Cash Online and bring the receipt to the Accounting Office beginning Monday, September 19th between 10:00am-3:00pm Monday to Friday. If you need assistance with School Cash Online please email our Accountant, Allison Carruthers at acarruthers@wvschools.ca

8. GRADE 8 ACCELERATED MATH

To incoming Grade 8 students who did not get a chance to write the entrance assessment for the Math 8 accelerated course in May: We will be hosting another round of the exam on Monday, September 12th at 3:10-4:10 PM in Room 262. If interested, please email jtakahashi@wvschools.ca

9. SENTINEL'S PERFORMING ARTS

THEATRE COMPANY'S first class will be Tuesday, September 13th @ 3:00pm. If you are new to Sentinel or in Grade 8 and interested in this class, please see Mrs. McGuinness-Gill in the Theatre (Room 249) or email her at mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca

10. STOP THE DRIVE

This is a reminder that West Van is responsible for higher GHG emissions per capita than the regional average - and 40% of those come from cars. Finding alternatives is an important priority for our municipality and many of us in this community. Reducing traffic congestion and the enormous health benefits of active transportation which include walking to and from bus stops are just 2 benefits to finding alternative ways of transportation.

[Sentinel Secondary School – Getting Here](#)

11. SENTINEL'S COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Counsellors are here to assist students with academic planning as well as mental health support. They are a wealth of information and assist students based on each student's last name. We are excited to welcome Ms. Alex Thureau to our team this year!

Lisa Ulinder (last names A-G) lulinder@wvschools.ca

Rebecca Britten (last names H-L) rbritten@wvschools.ca

Stefan Huskilson (last names M-SI) shuskilson@wvschools.ca

Alex Thureau (last names Sm-Z) athureau@wvschools.ca

For more information from our counselling team please visit:

<https://sentinelcounselling.weebly.com/>

12. SENTINEL PAC

The Parent Advisory Council is working behind the scenes to see what might be possible for student PAC led events and fund-raisers this year. Please email Cathy Yeung at sentinelpac@gmail.com with any questions.

Our First PAC Virtual Meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept 14th, details to follow!

13. SENTINEL ATHLETICS

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM: Coaches are Mark Fenn and Hugh Wilson), first meeting is Friday, Sept 9th at the start of lunch in room 149A.

VOLLEYBALL:

- Bantam Girls (Grade 8) Coaches are Ms. Cameron and Ms. Armstrong - first tryouts will be Monday, September 12th at 3:30pm in the Main Gym.
- Junior Girls Volleyball (Grade 9/10) Coach is Ms. Winstone- tryout schedule:
 - Wednesday, September 7th 6-7:30pm (Main Gym)
 - Thursday, September 8th 5-6:30pm (Main Gym)
 - Friday, September 9th 3:30-5pm (Main Gym)
- Senior Girls Volleyball (Grade 11/12) Coach is Mr. Gibson- tryout schedule:
 - Wednesday, September 7th 3:30-5pm (Main Gym)
 - Thursday, September 8th 3:30-5pm (Main Gym)
 - Friday, September 9th 5-6:30pm (Main Gym)

More information about Rugby, Aquatics, Boys Soccer and Field Hockey will be coming soon!

Any questions please contact the school Athletic Director (Mark Fenn) at:

sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

Also, please follow Sentinel Athletics (@sentinelathletics) on Instagram for up to date information and other exciting Athletics content.

14. TIMETABLE QUESTIONS

A separate e-bulletin from the counselling team will be sent out detailing timetable change procedures for the new school year.

15. SPARTAN SPIRIT WEAR

Check out our new Spirit Wear designed by students. Orders are due Friday September 16th through School Cash Online.

[Spirit Wear](#)

16. OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>