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1. Calendar Reminder:

- Friday, December 16th Early Dismissal at 12:00
- Tuesday, January 3rd School Reopens after the Winter Break
- Wednesday, January 11th Grade 7 Families Open House
- Thursday, January 26 Winter Formal for grade 11 & 12
- Tuesday, January 31 Last day of Semester 1

2. Ministry of Education Affordability Funding

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools a one-time funding of \$650,000 to help us make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. Our allocation will allow us to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other

school related costs for students in need. Families should reach out to Mr. Finch if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

3. Sentinel's Counselling Department

- **AI Camp Scholarships - Deadline November 29/22**

A scholarship for \$2000 USD is available for online workshops in AI for students aged 13+. This AI learning program has instructors from top universities such as Stanford and MIT. This is an amazing chance to see real-life applications of AI as well as get students to be more competitive on their college applications and on the job market - all remotely! No prior knowledge of coding is necessary for level one camps.

- **GRAD INFORMATION:**

- **Grad Photos THIS WEEK!**

Grad 2023s please check out the link below to schedule your Grad Photos between November 19th – 26th. Photo sessions will take place at Sentinel.

<https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/graduation>

For more information from our counselling team please visit:<https://sentinelcounselling.weebly.com/>

4. Spartan Athletics

- **Sentinel Swim Team NEWS:** We had AWESOME results at the 2022 BC School Sports Championship Finals last weekend. Sentinel Men ranked 20th with 80 points out of 77 schools and Women ranked 32nd with 46 points out of 70 schools. Congrats to all swimmers who qualified for the championship and finals, you are one of the top 16 rankings in the Province. Congrats to Coach Jayden Cheung who won 3 individual medals, 1st in 50m Fly, 2nd in 50m Free, and 2nd in 50m Breast, and to the 200m Open Mixed Medley Relay team consisting of Chelsea Wen, James Gao, Natalie Yu, and Jayden Cheung who won 3rd

Mark Fenn, Sentinel Athletic Director: sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

You can follow Sentinel Athletics (@sentinelathletics) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

5. Sentinel Music Performances

Sentinel Winter Concert: Wednesday, December 14 @ 7:00pm

Performing groups: Sentinel Jazz A Band, RnB Band, Band 8, Concert Band

Location: Sentinel Secondary School, Admission by donation

6. Sentinel PAC



Sentinel Staff Holiday Treats Day – Tuesday December 13 at 9:00 AM (Gr 8/9 Sponsor) It is a tradition at Sentinel to show our appreciation to our teachers and staff with a day of holiday treats. Please sign up at the

Perfect Potluck link: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/HTMH139>

A BIG Thank You! to all who signed up. The list is now all filled up and we are collecting monetary donations to get a small holiday gift for all Sentinel staff. You may contribute via E-transfer to SentinelPAC@gmail.com or in cash or cheque payable to Sentinel PAC (sealed in an envelope marked with Holiday treats Day). Please ask your child to drop off the envelope at the school office.

Any questions, please contact Cathy at cathysentinelpac@gmail.com



PAC Winter Holidays Fundraiser - ORDER NOW from Purdy's, Mr. Cooper's Pies, Samosa and Two Rivers Meat Butcher

Support PAC by ordering ... click on the link [PAC FUNDRAISERS:](#)

PAC Books Sale November 25th at lunch in the Foyer

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

PAC Resources - Agenda and Minutes please click on the link below:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/ecole-sentinel-secondary/parents/pac-resources/>

If you have any questions or want to get involved and help Sentinel PAC, please send email Cathy at cathysentinelpac@gmail.com

7. The 12th Annual Pyjama Drive for Admiral Seymour

Nov. 28th - Dec. 9th

12 Days

142 Pairs of Pyjamas

The 12th Annual Pyjama Drive for Admiral Seymour will run from Nov.28th to Dec.9th this year. We are raising money to provide a new pair of PJ's for each of the 142 students at Sir Admiral Seymour Elementary, an inner city school on the edge of Vancouver's Downtown

Eastside. Too many of these vulnerable kids are living in poverty and with inflation and rising costs, they really need our support. Please help us make sure each child has a warm pair of pyjamas to wear this winter. Let's show them we care.

Donations by cash or cheque (made out to Sentinel) can be made in participating classes, at the office or by School Cash Online starting on November 28th.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important initiative!! For more information please contact Ms. Takahashi at jtakahashi@wvschools.ca

8. 2023 YEARBOOKS available for purchase!!

Yearbooks are available to purchase on School Cash Online.

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/> Last year we sold out, so please make sure to purchase before the sales deadline of January 28th, 2022!! Yearbooks will be distributed in June 2023.

9. X-Block Opportunities

Here is a list of x-block opportunities available at Sentinel. [LINK](#)

10. Canadian Parents for French: West Vancouver Chapter

We have a brand-new West Vancouver chapter of Canadian Parents for French, a national network of volunteers, parents and advocates dedicated to the promotion of FSL opportunities for families. To learn more and to become a member, please click [HERE](#).

As a new chapter, CPF will be partnering with schools and local organizations to offer French opportunities for kids and adults. The more members we have registered, the more French events we can organize in our community. For more information, please contact Alma at alma.cpfwv@gmail.com.

In addition, CPF and the West Vancouver Memorial Library are offering a drop-in weekly French language class for adults, suited to all levels on Fridays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. For more information, please click [HERE](#).



11. Looking for a FUN way to get VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Come volunteer at the Epee Fencing World Cup, 2022 that will take place from December 8-December 11 at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre.

Volunteers will meet and experience the world's best athletes in this sport. This is so exciting as this event is the stepping-stone for the athletes to get to the Olympic Games!

No experience is required and there is a variety of roles and responsibilities with some of these being: Set up and take down of the venue; greeting participants, helping with registration,

assisting athletes in various capacities; helping with audio; answering phones; and generally creating a welcoming environment and many more!

If interested, please complete the volunteer registration form at this link which will allow students to not only select the area of interest for volunteering, but also provide a size for the complimentary volunteer t-shirt.

<https://forms.office.com/r/uhVr5bup57>

Students are encouraged to volunteer, but other family members and friends are also encouraged to come on out, experience an incredible environment, and have a lot of fun!

Any questions or for more information, please contact: Judit Blasko Canadian Fencing Federation judit@fencing.ca 604-809-4260

12. Vancouver Coastal Health – Flu Clinic Info

Please see [CLICK HERE](#) to see the flu availability poster with QR codes that link to the (1) ImmunizeBC Flu locator webpage and (2) VCH public-facing flu page.

13. Newcomer Programs through the WV Rec Centre

Please click the [link](#) for information on new Language Classes.

Please click on the [link](#) for information on programs for Newcomers.

14. WV Little League Baseball

Kids ages 5-16 are invited to play and all experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to develop new skills while having fun with old and new friends in the community. Registration is open wvl.ca

