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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. Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment: Please Read!

All Grade 12 Sentinel students will be writing the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment this school year - this assessment is required for graduation. Your first opportunity to complete this assessment is January 23rd – 27th, 2023. All Grade 12 students will be registered to complete the assessment during this period and we recommend you complete it in January. The Ministry of Education allows students three opportunities to complete the assessment if desired. If you wish to postpone writing the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment until the April exam session, please contact Mr. Shawn Anderson at shawnanderson@wvschools.ca with your name and intention to postpone to April 2023.

Students will be provided with their exam date and time in early January 2023.

Students should prepare for this exam. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>. All Grade 12 students should try the sample exams (printed or online) and review the scoring guide. Developing a familiarity with the types of exam questions and computer interface will support students to be successful in this exam.

4. Sentinel's Counselling Department

- **GRAD INFORMATION:**

- Grad Dodgeball/Movie Night event-Dec. 8th 6:00pm-9:00pm.
Sign up on google classroom. Entry by non-perishable food item or new/slightly used toy.
- Winter Senior Dance & Casino Night-Grade 11s & 12s, January 26th from 6:45pm-9:45pm @ Sentinel DJ, Dancing, Photobooth, Mock Casino, prizes & snacks! Tickets will go on sale through school cashonline – details in the near future.

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

5. Spartan Athletics

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.

6. 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

7. Sentinel PAC



Sentinel Staff Holiday Treats Day – Tuesday December 13 at 9:00 AM. 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 – Last chance to support your school, deadline is December 4th! Please Support PAC by ordering **[PAC FUNDRAISERS:](#)**

TOY DRIVE: For children, the holiday season is synonymous with toys and joy; however, for struggling families this may not be the case. So, help make someone's holiday a little brighter by contributing to the Sentinel Toy Drive! All toys, regardless of condition, will be accepted. Toys in good shape will be gifted to the BC Children's Hospital, the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, and local charity thrift stores or new parent organizations. Even broken toys are acceptable; they will be recycled properly to divert waste from landfills. This drive will be running from December 5th to December 16th. Please drop off your donations in the box at the counselling suite, across the hall from the main office."

Any questions, please contact Parto at partob623@edu.sd45.bc.ca or Christina at christinaz992@edu.sd45.bc.ca

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

8. Sentinel Grade 7 into 8 Family Information Meeting Information

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Please Join Us For Our



*Information Evening
for Families of All Prospective
Grade 8 Students*

Wednesday, January 11th, 2023

Agenda

6:30 pm
Refreshments in the foyer
School tours given by our *Spartaners*

7:00 pm
Remarks by
Mr. Michael Finch, Principal,
Student Council,
Ms. Kathy Grant, Vice-Principal,
Mr. Shawn Anderson, Vice-Principal,

8:00 pm ~ Approximately
French Immersion
Information and Q & A

- *Sentinel Secondary School and its Specialty Programs*
- *Grade 8 Curriculum, Timetabling, and Opportunities*
- *Making a Successful Transition to High School*
- *Extra-curricular Activities*

9. 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 is running 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 until December 9th.

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

10. Club News

The Sentinel Harvest Project Club strives to assist people who are enduring challenging circumstances by providing support through our student-led events. By donating to our fundraising page, all proceeds will be going towards the North Shore Harvest Project. Your donations provide us with funds to help push us closer to our goals for this year. We greatly thank everyone for their generosity and unconditional support.

Link to fundraising page: https://fnd.us/7262y3?ref=sh_6Brtrb

Sentinel Science Fair: Sentinel is having its first ever Science Fair on December 8, 2022 at Lunch in the foyer. Students in Grades 8-11 have created science-related research projects throughout November and December. The projects are based on the theme for this year's Science Fair: The Apocalypse and The Future. Make sure to drop by and check out the great projects that Sentinel students created on December 8th!

11. 2023 YEARBOOKS available for purchase!!

Yearbooks are available to purchase on School Cash Online. Last year we sold out, so please make sure to purchase before January 15th, 2023! If you buy your yearbook before December 15th you'll be entered into a draw for a \$25 Gift Certificate to Park Royal! There will be 2 lucky winners!!

12. X-Block Opportunities

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

13. Dundarave Festival of Lights

Dundarave Festival of Lights 2022, free Concerts, concession will be open with hot drinks and snacks, 4pm West Van Youth Band and lighting ceremony. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Check dundaravefestival.com for updates.



14. Christmas Bureau Toy Drive – Sunday Dec 4th

Family Services of the North Shore are holding a Toy Drive on Sunday Dec 4th at the Park Shore BMW. Please click on this [LINK](#) for more details.

15. 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](#).



16. 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. No experience is required and there is a variety of roles and responsibilities. Please complete this volunteer registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/uhVr5bup57> . Any questions or for more information, please contact: Judit Blasko, Canadian Fencing Federation, judit@fencing.ca. Phone: 604-809-4260

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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 wvll.ca

