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### **1. Calendar Reminder:**

- Tuesday, January 24 AP Information Night 7:00 pm in the school library
- Wednesday, January 25 Gr 8-11 Course Planning Night (details below)
- Thursday, January 26 Winter Formal for grade 11 & 12
- Friday, January 27 Professional Day – no school in session
- Monday, January 30 Scheduled Classes will run for those students that need to attend to complete required work, but attendance will not be taken.
- Tuesday, January 31 No Scheduled Classes, last day of Semester 1

### **2. Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment: January 23 – 26**

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.

**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.

### **3. Sentinel's Counselling Department**

**Grade 8 Student Course Planning is next week**, a separate email is going out to parents.

#### **Grade 9-11 Student Course Planning**

Presentations will take place in classrooms as well as lunchtime and X block during the month of February (semester 2).

Schedules will be posted on Grad google classrooms in the next couple of weeks.

PowerPoints will be available on the Sentinel website on January 19th.

#### **Grade 8-11 Parent Information for course planning (attending the grade your student is currently in)**

Grade 8: 5-6pm in the library

Grade 9: 5-6pm in the cafeteria

Grade 10: 6:15-7:15pm in the library

Grade 11: 6:15-7:15pm in the cafeteria

#### **Winter Senior Semi: Inviting all Sentinel grade 11 and 12 students!**

Thursday January 26th from 6:45pm-9:45pm at Sentinel Secondary School.

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased through school cash online.

Ticket includes: DJ, dancing, photobooth (photos printed on site), mock casino with staff, prizes, security, snacks, candy bar and drinks.

A coat check will be available for all coats, purses and bags. No in and out privileges.

**Grad Gown Order Form:** Please check your Grad Google Classroom for the form to order your Grad Gown. Orders are due by February 6th @ 3:00 PM.

For more information from our counselling team please visit:

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

### **4. Spartan Athletics**

**Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball team** for bringing home 2nd place from the David Thompson Senior Boys Trojan Invitational!

If you are interested in making a little money and **scorekeeping** some of our home basketball games please see Mr. Fenn

*Mark Fenn, Sentinel Athletic Director: [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)*

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

## 5. **Sentinel PAC**

Happy New Year to all Sentinel families!

**1. Winter Semi Formal:** PAC is looking for gift card or cash donations for prizes at this event. Deadline for donations is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please submit to the main office.

### **2. Valentine's Treats Day February 14, 2023 (Sponsor by Grade 10)**

It is a tradition at Sentinel to show our love and appreciation to all our teachers and staff on Valentine's Day. This year our Valentine's Treats Day is February 14, 2023. Please sign up at the [Perfect Potluck link](#).

### **3. Multicultural Lunch (MCL) Thursday, March 2 (Sponsor by all grades)**

We are so excited that we are hosting the MCL again this year. The MCL has become a well-known tradition at Sentinel. Students and staff alike look forward to this array of delicious food, which proudly represents the different backgrounds of our student body.

The MCL is the most impactful PAC-sponsored event as it is the most significant fundraising event of the year. Additionally, this is an opportunity to build community and celebrate the diversity of our school. To ensure success, we need you and your kind generosity to donate, serve and feed **1300+ students, teachers, and honored school board members**.

The money raised from the MCL is used to support the school's student scholarships, wish lists, and other non-curricular school initiatives. Last year the PAC awarded \$13,000.00 in student scholarships and a \$25,000.00 wish list to enhance academic, athletics, and artistic pursuits such as assisted learning devices, art supplies, and other school-sanctioned activities. The Wishlist committee allocated funds for projectors, laminators and extra curriculum reading books, and many other teacher requests.

To assist with the planning, we are using PERFECT POTLUCK [electronic sign-up](#). To sign up just click on the link (or links) below, and enter your contact information and the dish you will provide. The Table coordinator will contact you with further instructions. If there is no assigned Table Coordinator for the table you are interested in, please consider serving in this capacity. Remember, it is you, the parent volunteers, who make this event a success!

If you are unable to volunteer, we greatly appreciate monetary donations (cash/cheque [payable to "Sentinel PAC"](#) or via e-transfer [SentinelPAC@gmail.com](mailto:SentinelPAC@gmail.com)). Donations will offset our expenses (tickets, plates, cutlery, etc.) and help Table Coordinators to purchase food items for designated tables. All donations should go to the Sentinel office in an envelope with your name (optional) and the table you wish to support. We thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

To sign-up for the Table Coordinator, a table helper or donate a dish ([click here](#))

To sign-up as Baked Goods Table Coordinator, a table helper, or donate a dish ([click here](#))

To sign up as a Drinks Table Coordinator, a table helper, or donate drinks. Cans and plastic bottles only, please. No juice boxes. No glass ([click here](#))

To sign up as Salad Table Coordinator, a table helper, or donate a dish ([click here](#))

To sign up as a Tickets Coordinator, or a helper to sell tickets. ([click here](#))

*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](mailto:cathysentinelpac@gmail.com)

## **6. Sentinel Stage**

Sentinel Stage is actively rehearsing and designing our annual production, *You Can't Take It With You*. This 1930's classic comedy is looking several pieces that perhaps might be hiding in the basements and/or attics of our fellow Spartans.

- big dining table (dark wood) that is able to have 12 people/chairs surrounding it - a vintage table that could pass as being from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century
- vintage dining table chairs OR a set of 6/8 that we could add to
- xylophone and xylophone hammers/mallets
- standing painting easel
- a printing press
- Coat rack (wooden)

If you have unearthed these treasures please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca)

Thank you! 😊

## **7. Jazz Cafe - January 19th @ 7:00 PM**

RnB Band | Jazz A Band | Sentinel Library

Come and celebrate our Jazz A and RnB Band's last performance of the term in a seated, coffee-shop style atmosphere! Have some tea or a slice of cake while you enjoy music from some of our top musical groups at Sentinel! Admission by Donation.

## **8. 2023 YEARBOOKS – deadline to purchase is January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Yearbooks are available to purchase on School Cash Online. Last year we sold out, so please make sure to purchase before January 31, 2023!

## **9. Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) – Wed Feb 15th afternoon:**

Do you know a **current Sentinel student** who is interested in programming in a text-based language like C, C++, Python or Java? Are they looking for a challenge?

If so, they should consider writing the Canadian Computer Competition (CCC) on Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon (during Periods 1 and 2). The cost of the CCC is \$8; exact cash or a cheque for \$8 payable to "Sentinel Secondary" can be brought to Ms. Winstone in Room 254.

For more info go to: <https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/ccs-cco.html>

If a student is interested, then they should use the link that follows and read the instructions about how to create an account for the **CCC online grader account**, that is associated with Sentinel Secondary:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hUiiIGNL3hMAuHfMvMUPGeUx1pis7QCD/view?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions about the CCC, please email Ms. Lara Winstone at [lwinstone@wvschools.ca](mailto:lwinstone@wvschools.ca)

## 10. [X-Block Opportunities](#)

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

## 11. [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)

Are your Child's vaccinations up to date? [LINK](#)

Feeling sick? Stop the Spread [LINK](#)

Appointments for [Covid and flu vaccination](#) can be booked at: [LINK](#)

Appointments for [school age vaccination](#) can be booked at: [LINK](#)

or scan the attached QR code



## 12. [Ambleside Park Weekly 5km Run](#)

Please see the [link](#) for details. Looking for volunteers , between 6 & 10 people each week to host the event, with volunteers committing 1.5-2 hours as marshalls, timekeeper and 'tail walker'. Volunteers can be any age (kids 11 & under require parental supervision). The event is held with the permission of DWV, and is fully insured.

## 13. [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](mailto: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](#).



#### **14. 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.