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1. Calendar Reminder:

- Wednesday, January 11th Grade 7 Families Open House & PAC Meeting
- Tuesday, January 24 AP Information Night
- Wednesday, January 25 Gr 8-11 Course Planning Night
- 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, attendance will not be taken.
- Tuesday, January 31 No Scheduled Classes, last day of Semester 1

2. Sentinel Grade 7 into 8 Family Information Meeting

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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*

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Sentinel's Counselling Department

Grade 8 Student Course Planning

All grade 8 students are required to attend a course planning session on Tuesday January 17th or Thursday January 19th from 12:45pm-1:30pm.

Students will receive an invite for their specified day and classroom location through their Grad 2025 Google classroom and are encouraged to bring their lunch.

We will offer a session for academy students and those who miss the 17th or 19th on Wednesday January 25th at 11:25am in room 304, students can bring their lunch.

A parent session will be offered the evening of January 25th from 5-6pm in the library and PowerPoints will be available on the Sentinel website January 19th.

Course forms will be due to the counselling suite no later than February 1, 2023.

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

In Person: Wednesday January 25th (PowerPoints available on Sentinel website January 19th)

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/>

6. Spartan Athletics

Whistler Ski Trip Feb 1st 2023: The Sentinel PE department is organizing a ski trip to Whistler on February 1st. A charter bus will leave Sentinel at 6:30am on Feb 1st arriving to Whistler at 8:30am for a full day of skiing/snowboarding. The cost to participate is between \$120-\$145 per person. To register join the Ski Trip Google Classroom and complete the forms (class code: pmgtuwr). Please see Mr. McNiven if you have any questions.

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.

7. Sentinel PAC

Hope you and your family had a wonderful Xmas holiday break and Happy New Year 2023!

Please join us at our PAC meeting, next Wednesday, Jan 11 at 9:00 am in Room 300. Greet and meet starts at 8:45-9:00 am:

Agenda

- 1) Opening Remarks - Cathy (3 minutes)
- 2) Approval of agenda and Nov 2022 minutes - All (1 minute)
- 3) Principal Report – Mr. Finch (20 minutes)
- 4) DPAC Rep Report – Nora (5 minutes)
- 5) Grad Events Updates – Sarah (5 minutes)
- 6) Upcoming Events: Valentine's Treats Day Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (sponsor by Grade 10) – Gem (5 mins)
- 7) Multicultural Lunch (MCL) Thursday, March 2, 2023 (sponsor by all Grades parents/guardians) - Melanie (10 mins)
- 8) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 minutes)

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 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 20th 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

Thank you! 😊

9. 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!

10. X-Block Opportunities

- Will you and your friends be the 2023 Sentinel **IRON CHEFS**? On Tuesday January 24th during X block we have 6 teams of 3 or 4 testing their culinary skills and cooking with friends in this challenging competition. Check out the posters around the school and Ms. Malone in the Home Ec. Dept. for more details!
- Math department x-block opportunities for January include, but are not limited to:
 - Junior (gr.8-10) Math help – Tuesdays room 257 (except for January 17th), Thursdays room 262
 - Senior (gr.11-12) Math help – room 260 and/or room 261
 - High School CNML contest * (gr.10-12) – January 10th room 260
 - AMC 8 math contest * (pre-registrations required) – January 17th room 257 *To receive updates and information regarding Math contests, please join the Math Contest Google Classroom (code: sjdrxr)

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

11. 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](#).

12. 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.