



March 2nd, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

March 2023

Tuesday, March 7th

-Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)

March 13th – March 24th

-Spring Break

OUR SCHOOL

1. Sentinel Enrolment
2. Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools
3. Parent Teacher Conferences – Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 from 1:30pm – 4:00pm
4. Sentinel's Counselling Department
5. Sentinel Stage
6. Spartan Athletics
7. Sentinel Sustainable Commuting Initiative
8. 2023-2024 Carpentry: Youth Train In Trades Applications Open
9. Student Workers International Programs
10. Computer Info Systems 12: Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence
11. Parents Virtual Information Session Workshop

IN THE COMMUNITY

12. Solutions to Combat the Mental & Physical Health Crisis in our Community
13. Talking to Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use
14. Parents as Education and Career Coaches: March 8th
15. Vancouver Coastal Health
16. Ambleside Park Run
17. Canadian Parents for French
18. Newcomer Programs
19. Host Families Wanted

1. Sentinel Enrolment for 2023-2024

If you do not plan on returning to Sentinel Secondary in September 2023, we kindly ask that you let us know by emailing Sentinel Secondary School (sentinel@wvschools.ca) so we can accommodate new registration requests.

2. Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 3 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

3. Parent Teacher Virtual Conference – Tuesday, March 7th from 1:30 – 4:00

Registration opened Tuesday, February 21st at 3:00pm for 2 bookings per student to allow for families to book appointments...More bookings could be made on February 28th at 9:00am if space was available. Bookings will close March 3rd at 3:00pm. Parent Teacher Conferences will be “Virtual” this year using Google Meet. You must be signed into a Google account for virtual conferences, a new account must be registered every year.

Reminder that the students will be released at 12:35 to accommodate these conferences.

To register for conference times please go to School Appointments Online:

<https://sentinel.schoolappointments.com/admin/> (See attached registration instructions).

To find out your student’s teachers please ask your student or find Student Schedules under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do>

4. Sentinel’s Counselling Department

Grade 12 Student Scholarship Opportunities, click [HERE](#) for more information.

- 2023 Provincial Scholarship Awards: Each year the Ministry of Education and Child Care provides over 13,500 scholarships to eligible graduating students. Please review this [program summary](#) and use the new [Provincial Scholarships Program infographic](#) to start conversations with your students about the [BC Achievement](#), [District/Authority](#), [BC Excellence](#), or [Pathway to Teacher Education](#) scholarships. Contact scholarships@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.
- BCIT is pleased to announce that the following Entrance Awards are available to students who are planning to attend our institute starting May 1st, 2023 to April 30th, 2024. Up to 25 BCIT President’s Entrance Awards, available only to current High School students valued up to \$4,000 each. Deadline: April 15, 2023. Over 100 additional BCIT Entrance Awards some valued up to \$18,000 each. Deadlines: April 15 and/or October 1, 2023.
- More information about BCIT Entrance Awards and the application forms can be found at bcit.ca/financial-aid.

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

5. Sentinel Stage

Sentinel Stage Presents its annual production - You Can't Take It With You. What happens when there are snakes in the living room, fireworks in the basement, and the occasional mistaken identity? Find out those answers and more! Join Sentinel Stage Tuesday, February 28th to Saturday, March 4th at the Kay Meek Studio Theatre. For more information or to purchase tickets head to www.sentinelstage.ca or purchase tickets directly from any cast or crew member. See you at the theatre! 🎭

6. Spartan Athletics

Sentinel Golf Team

Please pass on this information to all Sentinel students interested in playing on Sentinel's Spring Golf Team:

- **Tues March 7th:** Info Meeting right after dismissal time (team will be max 8 players) – in Rm 254 starting at **12:40 pm**
- **Thurs March 9th:** Golf Tryout (if necessary) – if more than 8 people come to Info Meeting. The Tryout will be held Thursday March 9th at Glen Eagles, to be confirmed – on Tues March 7th, based on number of students at the lunch meeting.

7. Sentinel Sustainable Commuting Initiative (SSCI)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please join our effort to develop sustainable commuting to and from Sentinel.

- improve drop-off and pick-up flow
- encourage alternate modes of transportation
- reduce traffic congestion around the school
- reduce emissions

Join the google classroom, x77aknu, or speak to Mr. Braidek, Ms. Heavyside or Mr. Wilson. Volunteer hours available.

8. 2023-2024 Carpentry: Youth Train in Trades Applications

The West Van School District's Carpentry: Youth Train in Trades is for students who are keenly interested in acquiring industry recognized skills and certification in carpentry, construction and related trades. By completing this program students receive 16 credits (4 courses) towards high school graduation, in addition to Level 1 Carpentry Training. Students learn lifelong skills, participate in work experience, and have the opportunity to learn right on the job site!

To learn more about the program [visit this site](#) and to [apply click here](#).

If you have any questions, email Parnaz Kashani: pkashani@wvschools.ca & Akina Weitzel: Aweitzel@wvschools.ca

9. Student Workers International Programs

Student Leaders are mature, senior students (currently in grade 10 and 11) at our secondary schools who provide leadership to our international students to be successful. They help the international students become familiar with our local schools, community, and culture. Successful candidates should be available from August 22, 2023 to August 31, 2023. There may be additional opportunities to work with International Programs during the school year.

We are looking for a team of outgoing and enthusiastic young adults with leadership ability and experience. Student Leaders enjoy working with students from around the world and take part in all field trips and activities. Special skills, such as second and third languages, and experience in the arts and athletics are also assets. [Please see the attached link for more information.](#)

10. Computer Info Systems 12: Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence

NEW Course Offering - Computer Information Systems 12: Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence
Open to students from all three secondary schools, while priority is given to students entering Grade 12 in September, Grade 11s may also apply.

Please see the attached [poster](#) for more information.

To apply: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/cybersecurity-ai>

11. Parents Virtual Information Session Workshop

Parents as Education and Career Coaches is being held on March 8th at 6:30PM. This Workshop is being offered to parents in our school district by Education Planner BC. It will be especially helpful for families with students in grades 10-12. Find out how you can support your student in planning for the future. Topics will include:

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials
- Program and admission requirements & key dates
- Financial assistance options & scholarships
- Navigating resources and the application process through our website

There will also be time for Q&A. To register please go to this [LINK](#). If you have questions please contact Leesa Alldred, lalldred@wvschools.ca

12. Solutions to Combat the Mental & Physical Health Crisis in our Community – March 1st Event

Here is a [LINK](#) for more information on a free event in our Community on Wednesday March 1, 2023.

13. Talking to Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use

Ministry of Education and Childcare is providing some resources for parents/guardians and caregivers around decriminalization and substance use. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

14. Parents as Education and Career Coaches: March 8th

For both parents and students, please click [HERE](#) for more information on a Virtual evening hosted by Education Planner BC and WVS. Topics include BC's post-secondary institutions and credentials, program and admission requirements and key dates, and navigating resources.

15. 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



16. 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 marshals, 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.

17. 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](#).



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. Host Families Wanted

Host Families Needed – Exciting 2024 Fee Increase. Apply now and welcome a student for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

Did you know? Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.

Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Don't miss out, placing students starts now. See below message from an actual student letter joining our program this fall. Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members.

Call Homestay Manager Martina Brazeau for more information at 604.341.0515 or visit our webpages.

Learn more!



Apply to host!



DAILY HEALTH CHECK & WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK

Please find the latest info on our website here: [Daily Health Check & What to do When Sick](#)

Please contact us via email:

General inquiries: sentinel@wvschools.ca

Attendance related: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

MyEducation help: sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca

Teachers & Staff: please see our website for a complete staff list: [Staff Emails](#)

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & TWITTER

Sentinel has an official Instagram page. Follow us for a look inside the building to see the amazing things Sentinel Secondary School students and staff are up to.

Instagram: [@sentinel_SD45](#) / **Twitter:** [@sentinel_SD45](#)

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