

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023****Calendar Upcoming**

April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Whistler Con Brio Music Festival
May 1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	AP Exams Week 1 and Week 2
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	DOXA Documentary Film Festival 2023
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 9/10 Immunization Clinic at 9:00am
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**1. Ministry of Education 2023 Student Learning Survey**

Ministry of Education 2023 Student Learning Survey -Gr 10 & 12 Parents, **The Student Learning Survey 2023** is to be completed by April 29th. The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. It will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. The surveys contain standard questions for the province. It is simple, secure, and can be accessed by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Please scroll the to “Parent” section, and the “Direct Access” area. From the drop-down menu, select “school district 45” and “Sentinel Secondary”. Thank you for your time in completing this survey!

## **2. 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](mailto:sentinel@wvschools.ca)) so we can accommodate new registration requests.

## **3. School Fees**

School fees are now overdue and must be paid online through [School Cash Online](#). If you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fee payments, please contact our Accountant, Ms. Allison Carruthers, at [acarruthers@wvschools.ca](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca).

## **4. PAC News**

Our next PAC AGM meeting is on Wednesday, May 10 at 9am at Sentinel Library Mezzanine. Please join us for coffee meet and greet at 8:30-9:00am. We have special guests, Ian Kennedy and Liz Hill (West Vancouver Directors of Instruction) giving us an update on new reporting order.

## **5. TEDxSentinel Secondary School**

TEDxSentinel is a non-profit conference aimed at sharing innovative ideas with the broader community. TEDxSentinel will feature 20 speakers, including professionals and students young and old from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines. Half of the speakers will be from the West Vancouver area and the vast majority of speakers are youth. The event is scheduled for May 28, 2023 at the Sentinel Theater. TEDxSentinel would be a valuable educational opportunity for Sentinel students to share their ideas with a diverse audience and develop their public speaking and presentation skills and connect with a supportive community. For more information check out the Website @tdxsentinel on Instagram or <https://sentineltdx.wixsite.com/westvancouver>.

To sign up as a TEDxSentinel speaker, please click on the attached form:

<https://forms.gle/NhgDwRnEtAR2JRgf7>

TEDxSentinel team is reaching out to get financial support to help with the setup cost. You can donate via e-transfer to [SentinelPAC@gmail.com](mailto:SentinelPAC@gmail.com) or drop off cash/cheque payable to Sentinel PAC to the school office. (Please indicate on an envelope that the cash/cheque is for TEDx). If you have any questions, please contact Andrew at [andrewz888@edu.sd45.bc.ca](mailto:andrewz888@edu.sd45.bc.ca) or Grace at [gracep614@edu.sd45.bc.ca](mailto:gracep614@edu.sd45.bc.ca). Thank you for all your support!

## **6. Whistler Con Brio Music Festival**

The Tour Band and Tour Jazz is heading to Whistler on April 20-23 for the Whistler Con Brio Music Festival. [Please see attached link for more information.](#)

## **7. 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](mailto:pkashani@wvschools.ca) & Akina Weitzel: [Aweitzel@wvschools.ca](mailto:Aweitzel@wvschools.ca)

## 8. [2023 Advanced Placement \(AP\) Schedule](#)

Please see the attached [Advanced Placement Schedule](#) for May 2023.

## 9. [Advanced Placement \(AP\) Research Survey](#)

As part of the grade 12 AP Research course some students may undertake a survey to accumulate data to support their research. One such example is of a project currently being done by a Sentinel student, gathering data on inclusivity and diversity in connection to the West Vancouver Community Center. Please take a few minutes to support our student(s) by completing the survey.

All responses are completely anonymous. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/puixVThRjPwLD9eA8>

## 10. [DOXA Documentary Film Festival 2023 – Rated Y for Youth](#)

*Rated Y For Youth* is our youth-focused program that runs concurrently to the documentary film festival, **May 4-14**, to provide middle school and high school students with an accessible entry into watching documentary films. There will be in-person (downtown Vancouver) and virtual screenings. All in-person screenings this year will be on May 9 and May 11.

This year, there are five films ranging in themes from climate and environmental change, workers' rights, 2SLGBTQIA+ stories and familial relationships, and an intergenerational film about an Indigenous filmmaker's family! For more information go to <https://www.doxafestival.ca/>

## 11. [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](mailto: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 1, 2023 to April 30, 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](http://bcit.ca/financial-aid).

**Internal Scholarship Submissions** are being accepted in the office until **3:00pm on April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Please see this [link for all the Internal Scholarship applications forms](#).

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

## 12. Upcoming University Visits

Friday April 21	John Hopkins	11:30am- Noon	Rm #304
Monday April 24	University of King's College (Halifax)	Lunch	Foyer
Thursday April 27	St. Francis Xavier University	10:15- 10:45am	Foyer
Thursday April 27	University of Nottingham	Lunch	Foyer
Friday April 28	<b>Mini Fair</b> Denver, Chapman, Ed USA, Illinois Wesleyan University, Gonzaga University, California State San Bernardino, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, University of College London	Lunch	Foyer
Friday April 28	University of New Brunswick	1:30pm- 1:45pm	Foyer
Monday May 1	University of Essex	Lunch	Foyer

## 13. AP 2D Art and Design

Please congratulate [Lu Peng for having her work](https://apartanddesign.collegeboard.org/lu-peng) chosen from 62,000 submitted portfolios to the College Board for the 2022 AP Art and Design Digital Exhibit!

<https://apartanddesign.collegeboard.org/lu-peng>

**REBECCA A. STONE-DANAHY, DIRECTOR OF AP ART AND DESIGN, COLLEGE BOARD**

*"Authenticity is an empowering perspective embodied by countless AP Art and Design students as they explore inquiry-based artmaking and thinking. Selected from more than 62,000 portfolios, the 50 artistic scholars showcased in the 2022 AP Art and Design Exhibit tackle issues and problems that meaningfully contribute to our visual culture.*

*Their work is informed and guided by observation, research, experimentation, discussion, critical analysis, and reflection. And by working with supportive teachers in encouraging school environments, these young creatives document their artistic ideas and practices demonstrating conceptual and physical portfolio development."*



Lu Peng

College Board is pleased to showcase AP 2-D Art and Design student Lu Peng as part of the 2022 AP Art and Design Exhibit.

[apartanddesign.collegeboard.org](https://apartanddesign.collegeboard.org)

Lu's work is also highlighted on the "AP Art of the Week" website.

<https://elective.collegeboard.org/ap-art-lu-peng-student-artist>

## 14. Capture Photo Festival

Three of our Sentinel Senior Photography students' works will be on display as a part of the CAPTURE PHOTO FESTIVAL: THE SHIPYARDS THROUGH THE LENS OF SECONDARY STUDENTS' PUBLIC EXHIBITION. Students worked with artist-in-residence Karen Zalamea and in this workshop they considered how photography impacts our relationship to place. Please congratulate Maya Wilson, Lola Ward and Michelle Barabanova and come check out the ongoing installation at the Shipyards.

**VENUE:** Shipyards Commons

**LOCATION:** Shipyard Commons 2nd floor

**ORGANIZER:** Capture Photo Festival: The Shipyards Through the Lens of Secondary Students

<https://theshipyardsdistrict.ca/event/capture-photo-festival-the-shipyards-through-the-lens-of-secondary-students-tour>



The Shipyards District – North Vancouver — Capture Photo Festival: The Shipyards Through the Lens of Secondary Students Tour

[theshipyardsdistrict.ca](https://theshipyardsdistrict.ca)

## 15. Gleneagles Spring Fest West

[Celebrate Spring with the western community!](#) All ages welcome. Presented by the Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee. For details visit [westvancouver.ca/eventsandtrips](https://westvancouver.ca/eventsandtrips) closer to the event date.

## 16. Climate Change Adaptation

West Vancouver Community Centre is presenting [Climate Change Adaptation](#) on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30pm-8:30pm. Registered is required, please pre-register at [Eventbrite.ca](https://eventbrite.ca).

## 17. West Vancouver Community Cleanup

The [West Vancouver Community Cleanup](#) is an initiative that encourages residents, businesses, schools, and community groups to get involved, get outside, and help cleanup West Vancouver. For more information please select this [link](#).

**What:** All West Vancouver residents are invited to get involved in the West Vancouver Community Cleanup and make West Van sparkle!

**When:** Anytime between Friday, April 21 and Friday, April 28 (including earth day on April 22).  
**Where:** Teams can collect litter from any neighborhood, street, school, or local park in West Vancouver.

**How:** Participants are invited to register their teams on the District's website [westvancouver.ca/lovewestvan](https://westvancouver.ca/lovewestvan).

## 18. Overcoming Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness

Gleneagles Clubhouse is hosting [Overcoming Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness, Guy Felicella](#), an inspiring international speaker on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm-6:30pm. Free for youth ages 13-18 and youth-serving professionals. Please direct questions and RSVP to Shakila at [samiri@westvancouver.ca](mailto:samiri@westvancouver.ca) or 604-961-9819 (walk-ins are welcome).

## 19. Vancouver Coast Health

### Vancouver Coastal Health- Grade 9/10 Immunization Clinic: May 17 at 09:00am

Dear parents/guardians, the next Sentinel immunization clinic will be on May 17. Vaccines are given over several doses, as a series, to stimulate an effective immune response and protect against disease. School immunization consent is valid for the series up to a period of 2 years. If we have an active consent form for your child, we will complete the vaccine doses your child is due for.

#### Please contact us prior to the day of clinic if:

- A. Your child has received any vaccinations outside of school, Public Health, or COVID/Flu Clinics since you provided consent - for example, at your family doctor's office or a travel clinic.
- B. You no longer consent to your child to receiving vaccines at school this year.
- C. You have questions

In order to have a positive immunization experience, please ensure your child wears a short-sleeved shirt and review the following resources:

Preparing for Immunizations: <https://immunizebc.ca/preparing-positive-experience-0>

CARD system: [https://immunizebc.ca/sites/default/files/graphics/may26\\_card\\_handout\\_1.pdf](https://immunizebc.ca/sites/default/files/graphics/may26_card_handout_1.pdf)



**If you have any questions please call VCH on call nurse line at: 604-983-6811**

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](#)

## 20. Youth Employment & Volunteer Fair

The West Vancouver Youth Advisory Committee is hosting a [job/volunteer fair](#) this Saturday, April 22 at 11:00am – 2:00pm. This is a great opportunity, whether you are looking for a change, a little extra work, some volunteer work to help in a field you're passionate about, or just want some ideas for the future. There will be 25 local businesses/organizations attending who you can talk to and get more information.

## 21. DPAC Parent Night Presents Dr. Hayley Watson – Open Parachute

On Monday, April 24, we will be hosting an in-person event focusing on building mental health resilience in children at the Kay Meek. Our incredible guest speaker is Dr. Hayley Watson, a clinical psychologist and the founder of Open Parachute, a mental health platform created by Clinical Psychologists & Educators supporting the wellbeing of students. [Tickets are on sale now!](#) To learn about Open Parachute <https://www.openparachute.ca/about-dr-hayley-watson/>

### Daily Health Check & What to do When Sick

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