



## ÉCOLE SENTINEL SECONDARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Calendar Upcoming**

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April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>th</sup>	Whistler Con Brio Music Festival
May 1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	AP Exams Week 1 and Week 2
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## **1. 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.

## **2. 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).

The School Cash Online link is: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com>

## **3. PAC News**

Our next PAC Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, May 10. If you are interested to join and be part of 2023-2024 Sentinel PAC team, please send an email to Cathy at [cathysentinelpac@gmail.com](mailto:cathysentinelpac@gmail.com). There are many positions open for election, as many of the parents students are graduating this year. PAC Chair, Treasurer, Wishlist committee, Grad Liaison, DPAC Rep and many Members at Large.

## **4. Academy Registration**

2023-2024 ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The West Van Schools Baseball, Field Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Academies are open for registration! Please visit the below links for further information on these exciting programs: [Baseball](#), [Field Hockey](#), [Rugby](#), [Soccer](#)

## **5. Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools**

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

## **6. 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!

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

## **9. 2023 Advanced Placement (AP) Schedule**

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

## **10. 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>

## **11. 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.](#)

## **12. 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 11's may also apply.

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

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

### **13. 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/>

### **14. 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).

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

### **COURSE REQUEST VERIFICATION**

Families and students can now log into their MyEd account to verify their course requests. Instructions for [course request verifications LINK](#).

### **15. 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 - 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.](#)

## 16. **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/>

## 17. **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](#)



## 18. **Canadian Parents for French / National Canada Film Day!**

We will be showing two movies in French with English subtitles on April 19, 2023 at the Kay Meek Arts Center. Please RSVP to one (or both) movie (s) as the theatre has a capacity limit.

- 4.00pm - 5.30pm: **Leap! / Ballerina.** To RSVP click [HERE](#)
- 6.00pm - 8.00pm: **April and the Extraordinary World / Avril et le monde truqué.**  
To RSVP click [HERE](#)

Although CPF membership is not required to RSVP for this event, we encourage you to [become a member](#) to enjoy more events and resources that supports your kid's journey in French Immersion.

For questions, please do not hesitate to email [cpfwestvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:cpfwestvancouver@gmail.com) or [alma.cpfwv@gmail.com](mailto:alma.cpfwv@gmail.com).

## 19. 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.

## 20. YELL (Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad)

Interested in business? The YELL (Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad) program is accepting applications until this Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the SD 45 website. This university credited after school course is a great way to network with industry leaders, learn about business, and pitch in a Dragon's Den style competition. Contact Ms. McKee with any questions at [jmckee@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmckee@wvschools.ca)

## 21. 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](mailto:sentinel@wvschools.ca)

**Attendance related:** [sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca)

**MyEducation help:** [sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

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

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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.

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[DISTRICT WEBSITE](#) / [SENTINEL WEBSITE](#)