



May 11th, 2023

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May 8 th -16 th	Mental Health Awareness Week
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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) 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.

3. Going Hairless for Awareness – Ms. Page-Newman

On Tuesday May 16th, Ms. Page-Newman will be shaving her head to raise money and bring awareness to Mental Health Awareness Month. The Mental Health Awareness Club has been selling raffle tickets at lunch for a chance to shave a part of Ms. Page-Newman's hair. The more tickets you purchase the better chance you have.

If you are unable to attend the event but still want to contribute to the cause, you can donate through your child's [School Cash Online](#) account.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! **AND SHAVE THE DATE!**

4. PAC NEWS

NEW 2023-2024 PAC Committee:

PAC EXECUTIVES:

PAC Chair Nora Gambioli
PAC VChair Melanie Miao
PAC Secretary May Su
PAC Treasurer ???
DPAC Rep. Stacey Boothman

MEMBERS at LARGE:

Jatinder Sidhu (Traffic & Safety)
Victoria Mendes (Grads Liaison)
Anna Chin
Gem Chu
Maryam Morshedi
Diane Shoar
Dana Renaud
Lisa Lau

PAC Treasurer role has not been filled yet, PAC is reaching out to parents who is interested and please contact Effie at sentinelpac@gmail.com. Our last PAC Event is the Year-End Staff Appreciation Lunch (Grade 8 to Grade 12 sponsor), please mark on your calendar Tuesday, June 27. Perfect Potluck sign-up will be out soon for your donation.

5. Spring Break 2024 Trip to Italy

As Mark Twain said, "travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness". Sentinel is pleased to announce that after a long period without any school-based international travel, a Spring Break trip to Italy is planned for 2024. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for Sentinel students to experience the historical and cultural wonders of Italy. The trip will include visits to Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Pompeii. If interested, students should attend an informational meeting in room 323 at lunch on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. A parents' meeting will follow on the evening of June 7. This teacher chaperoned two-week trip will be an amazing opportunity for young people to mature beyond the traditional family holiday and venture towards a lifetime of learning through travel. There's little doubt this will become a highlight of your child's high school career!

6. Grad Show – Ferry Building

The Ferry Building is hosting the Grad Show for 2023 from May 19 - June 4, 2023. Friday, May 19 is the opening reception from 6 till 8 pm. Congratulations to Sentinel's [Amelie Khoja whose painting is showcased on the poster](#) and invite for this year's Grad Show.

7. North Shore Model UN Conference

Envisioned, organized and run by students from Sentinel, Rockridge and Argyle, this is the first of what we hope will be an annual Model UN Conference. The aim is to bring students together from high schools across the north shore in rigorous research, debate and collaboration to create solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems. This year, the conference features four different committees all connected in some way to coordinating global responses to the climate emergency.

No experience necessary, this is the perfect way for those who have thought about trying Model UN to experience a large multi school conference without a full weekend and hotel stay commitment.

Please [register here](#) for this exciting opportunity and see Mr. Chase for Field Trip forms. There is a \$10 registration fee payable through school cash online (NSMUN) to cover the conference costs. Any questions, please see Mr. Chase in room 156 or email kchase@sd45.bc.ca



NSMUN 2023 | Instagram | Linktree

Find all resources here about North Shore Model UN.

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8. HYTE Tech Entrepreneurship Program

HYTE is a tech entrepreneurship program - funded by the BC Scholarship Society - where students will learn the pillars of initiating their own start-up, and compete for a \$1000 scholarship. This program is for Grade 9-12s, who are interested in tech, entrepreneurship or both, and also want to strengthen their university personal portfolios, to stand out against other applicants.

As we do have limited spots available, registration will be open on [Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 8 AM PST](#). Please fill in the following form to receive the email with all details: <https://forms.gle/L3RFyhy7xwBvSvna7>

9. 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/>

10. Music with Sentinel

Congratulations to the members of the Sentinel Tour Band for earning Silver at the Whistler Con Brio Music Festival, and the Tour Jazz who, for the first time in Sentinel history, have earned Gold this year as well. Bravo, Spartans! You may view the plaques at the front entrance display case. For all upcoming [Sentinel Music Events](#) please see the attached poster.

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 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.

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

12. Rainbow Day

On Wednesday May 17 please show your support of diversity by wearing **Rainbow** colours! Wednesday, May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. This year's theme is **"Together always: united in diversity"**.

Show your support for diversity by wearing **Rainbow** colours! Go Spartans Go!

13. Spartan Athletics

Athletic Awards will be held on Thursday, June 22nd during x-block starting at 1:30 to 3pm.

Registration information and Gym schedule can be found on the [Sentinel Athletics website](#).

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.

14. Host Families Needed for International Students

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.

"I genuinely believe that Canada is the place where I belong. It has everything I'm looking for: contact with nature, beautiful landscapes, friendly people, security, and excellent public schools. But the main reason why I chose Canada is the people; I will be welcome and feel at home"

Contact the Homestay Coordinators for more information at homestay@wvschools.ca or visit our [web pages](#)

15. Ultimate Frisbee

Looking for Summer Camps? Try ULTIMATE Frisbee!

If you are looking for an outdoor, physically active, and FUN summer camp for your students, check out Elevate Ultimate's Ultimate Frisbee [summer camps!](#) The camps are running at Confederation Turf throughout the month of July, 2023.

Ultimate frisbee is a great sport for everyone of all genders and skill levels. Elevate Ultimate's professional staff promote values such as open-mindedness, sportspersonship, and inclusivity.

Elevate Ultimate is owned by former Team Canada Ultimate Frisbee representatives, Ari Nitikman and Danie Proby. Both Ari and Danie have played the sport at an elite level and currently coach at all levels.

For more information, please see the [attached flyer](#). Please use code **Westvan50 for \$50** off any [summer camp!](#)

16. Neurodivergent & Thriving

Please join us for a free community conversation focused on supporting neurodivergent youth. Understanding Neurodiversity, a Youth Perspective, will be held on June 7, 2023. Please see the attached [poster](#) for more information.

17. West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest

Ambelside Park is hosting West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest, please see [the poster](#) for more details and visit wvculturalfest.ca.

18. Summer Camp Volunteers

Saplings Outdoor Programs are inviting Secondary School Volunteers who would love to spend their summer adventuring through their local parks & beaches. They would be working alongside our Forest Educators to engage preschool or elementary school-aged children in various fun activities. Please see the attached [poster](#) for more information.

19. West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

May is here which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 10 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

20. Royal Soccer Club Volunteering

Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit organization, is excited to host our 31st annual grassroots summer day camps to children aged 5 to 13 in your community. We have an amazing opportunity for students to [volunteer](#) at our camps this summer. Site details available by [clicking here](#) or visiting the *Find a Location* page on our website at royalsoccerclub.com. To register or for more information, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536.

21. Vancouver Coast Health

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

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



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](#)

Daily Health Check & What to do When Sick

Please contact us via email:

General inquiries: sentinel@wvschools.ca

Attendance related: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

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

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