



May 18th, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

May 19 th	Professional Development Day – No School
May 22 nd	Statutory Holiday (Victoria Day) – No School
June 6 th	Grade 7 Tour (French Immersion Program)
June 10 th	Commencement Grad 2023
June 24 th	Grad Banquet
June 23 rd	Last Day of Attendance
June 26 th – 29 th	Completion Days (following the block rotation)

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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. PAC NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2023-2024 PAC Committee:

PAC EXECUTIVES:

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

MEMBERS at LARGE:

Jatinder Sidhu (Traffic & Safety)
Victoria Mendes (Grad 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 all parents who might be interested, please contact Effie at sentinelpac@gmail.com.

Thank you to our graduating parents, Cathy Yeung, Shabnam Taheri and Sarah Bornstein who contributed their valuable time and support to Sentinel PAC. Wishing Best Wishes to your kids on their next milestone at their post secondary school.

PAC EVENT: Our Last PAC 2022-2023 Event: Sentinel Staff Year End Appreciation Lunch is on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 (Sponsor by Grade 8 to Grade 12)

Please sign up at Perfect Potluck: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/GLTH7456>

4. 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!

5. [The Canadian Parents for French](#)

West Vancouver & Comité d'Immersion Française de Sentinel is looking for volunteers!! The organization has been invited alongside Sentinel's very own French Council to participate at the WV Community Cultural Fest (formerly Bridge Festival) to represent the Francophone / Francophile culture in our community. The event will take place on June 2 from 4:00pm to 9:30pm **AND** June 3 from 11:00am to 9:30pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the event implementation. All help is appreciated, whether you can come for two hours or the whole day, we promise it'll be fun!

Please email comitefi.sentinel@gmail.com by May 24, or email cpfwestvancouver@gmail.com and cc: sbornstein@shaw.ca by May 27, 2023 if you would like to be part of this great event. Make sure to specify that you have been referred by the Sentinel French Council! Merci!

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. [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 want to strengthen their university personal portfolios, to stand out against other applicants.

HYTE will be running for 4 months, from October 2023 to January 2024.

To register, please send the signed HYTE consent form to dibai.yasmin@gmail.com. Payment details are on the form. Sign up before May 31st, for 10% off!

You can click the link to the [consent form](#) or find it on the @hyte.program Instagram bio.

8. [The Youth Philanthropy Council](#)

The Youth Philanthropy Council is launching a SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE! Any excess new or gently used school supplies (pencils, binders, papers, notebooks, etc) are eligible to be donated. All donations will be given to the North Shore Neighborhood House for families in need.

Please consider donating any school supplies that you may no longer need. The donation box will be located outside of the counseling suite at Sentinel from May 17 to June 5. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Parto at partob623@edu.sd45.bc.ca or Christina at christinaz992@edu.sd45.bc.ca.

9. [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.

10. Student School Travel Video Contest

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Bill Li, Mackey Zhou, Cindy Zeng, and Derek Wu who shared the top prize for their entry in the Sentinel Sustainable Commuting Initiative competition. The video effectively captures the frustration we all feel when stuck in traffic, and the sense of freedom and fun that comes when we can choose alternatives. The judges said it was funny, engaging and very clear in its message.

[LINK HERE.](#)

MORE PRIZES FOR BIKE WEEK

With 'Bike/Walk/Roll to School Week' (May 29 – June 2), just around the corner, Sentinel PAC is pleased to announce that they will be providing gift cards and other prizes to students who choose alternatives to driving to school. More info soon!

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. 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.

13. North Shore Volunteer Fair

Our first annual [North Shore Volunteer Fair](#) is happening soon! It is being held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 10:00am to 2:00pm and located at the North Vancouver City Library.

The goal for the Volunteer Fair is to provide an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the benefits of volunteering and how to get more involved in their local community.

25 organizations will be there to share current information about their volunteer opportunities and answer questions.

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.

Daily Health Check & What to do When Sick

Please contact us via email:

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