



September 28th, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

October 2 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes in session)
October 3 – Clubs Day
October 4 – Grade 12 Parent Night
October 5 – Photo Re-takes
October 9 – Thanksgiving (no classes in session)
October 12 – PAC Meeting
October 15 – Sentinel Band performs
October 19 – Grad Semi-formal
October 20 – PD Day (no classes in session)
October 24 – Post Secondary BC Fair
October 26 – Collaboration Day
October 26 – Sentinel Band performs
October 30/31 – Grad Assessments

OUR SCHOOL

1. Daily Block Rotation Schedule (attach)
2. Policies and Procedures form – deadline Oct 1
3. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
4. Clubs Day
5. US Mini University Fair
6. Language Challenge Exam
7. Sentinel Band Performances
8. School Photo Re-takes
9. Grad 2024 Information
10. Sentinel's Counselling Department
11. Parent Advisory Committee PAC News
12. Annual Student Parking Pass
13. Athletics
14. Terry Fox Run (roundup)
15. Absence Notifications & Excused Absences

IN THE COMMUNITY

16. Cross Creek Road Closures

1. Daily Block Rotation Schedule for October 3rd – Nov 3rd (see attached)

2. Policies and Procedures – ACTION REQUIRED deadline October 1

Please be aware that a new P+P form MUST be completed for each student, every school year. Without a completed form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31st each year.

This form requires a Parent login and Password.

If you created an account to complete the form last year, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. After you have logged in, you have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please find the link here: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

3. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30th

Public Holiday is Monday October 2nd. This day honors the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family, and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”.

Sentinel will be honoring Orange Shirt Day by asking all students to wear an orange shirt on Friday, September 29th.

4. Clubs Day: October 3rd

Are you looking to get more involved in school life? Sentinel boasts a robust collection of nearly 70 different clubs and students are invited to come to the Clubs Day Fair on Tuesday, October 3rd in the gym during lunch. Don't miss your chance to connect with like-minded peers, share interests and ideas, and have fun! If you any questions regarding clubs, please contact Ms. Alex Thureau athureau@wvschools.ca

5. US Mini University Fair at Sentinel – October 4th

Next Wednesday, October 4th - during FIT - Sentinel will host a US Mini Uni Fair in the front foyer and cafeteria. (The cafeteria will be closed for sales at this time.) Interested Grade 10s, 11s and 12s are invited to walk through the fair during this time. Grade 12s are invited first, followed by Grade 11s then Grade 10s. You will receive information through your Grad Google classrooms.

The following schools will be here:

UC Berkeley - Summer Sessions
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
UC Irvine
University of Washington - Seattle
Arizona State University
New York University
Elon University
University of San Francisco
Western Washington University

UC Santa Barbara
Syracuse University
University of Oregon
University of North Carolina – Wilmington

6. Language Challenge Exam

The application for the language challenge exam is now open. Please see below link for further information including locations, dates, and times. Your completed package must be completed and returned to Mr. Huskilson no later than November 3rd. More information is included in the Google Grad classrooms. [Challenge Exams](#)

7. Sentinel Band

Upcoming Performances: Jazz A Band and RnB Band perform at Enhance West Van's "Pumpkin Fest 2023" on Sunday October 15th at WV Community Centre.

Jazz Cafe, Vol. 1 perform on Thursday, October 26th in the Sentinel Library at 7:00PM. A night of coffee and cakes featuring the Sentinel RnB Band and Jazz A Band. Please contact Zoltan Virag for more information zvirag@wvschools.ca

8. School Photo Retakes

In case you missed photo day or need a retake Artona will be on the premises again Thursday, October 5th. Please listen to announcements for details.

For all photo inquiries and to order photos please see their website:

https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/school_photo. Grad Photo info coming soon!

9. Grad 2024 Information

Grade 12 Parent Night

Grade 12 parents please join us Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm in the Sentinel Theatre. We will be reviewing Graduation requirements, University applications and Grad events.

Grad Semi-Formal

All Grads please join us Thursday October 19th for this year's kick-off Grad event the Semi formal. Tickets are on sale now through school cash online. Deadline to buy your tickets is October 6th. If you'd like to invite a guest, please pick up guest forms from the office.

Post Secondary Events Calendar

This calendar is a district resource that contains links to many different post-secondary events both in person and virtually. We encourage families of grade 10 to 12s to add it to their google calendar. [Post-Secondary Events Calendar](#)

UBC – Admissions Presentation

UBC has recorded their admissions presentation which you can access on this YouTube link. [UBC Presentation](#)

10. Sentinel's Counselling Department

Counsellors are here to assist students with academic planning as well as mental health support. They are a wealth of information and assist students based on each student's last name. We are excited to welcome Ms. Jennifer Murray to our team this year!

Lisa Ulinder (last names A-F) lulinder@wvschools.ca

Jennifer Murray (last names G-LIT) jmurray@wvschools.ca

Stefan Huskilson (last names LIU-SAM) shuskilson@wvschools.ca

Alex Thureau (last names SAN-Z) athureau@wvschools.ca

For more information from our counselling team please visit:

<https://sentinelcounselling.weebly.com/>

11. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News

PAC is inviting parents to volunteer and join specific "Teams". If you are interested in volunteering for PAC this school year, please contact our PAC Chair Nora Gambioli at sepac@wvschools.ca

Please see below the "Team" options:

PARENT EDUCATION TEAM - decide topics and plan speakers/workshops/events for parents to learn about emerging issues.

WISHLIST TEAM - read applications for funding enhancement activities/supplies/equipment and decide priorities.

GRAD TEAM - help staff plan and implement activities for students in Grade 12 and their parents.

LEGACY FUNDRAISING TEAM (NEW) – start brainstorming to plan legacy/big-ticket fundraising projects and goals (2-year timeline)

The next PAC Meeting is on Thursday, October 12th at 9:00 AM.

PAC is committed to improving the school traffic situation: if you drive your child(ren), please drop them off NEAR the school - see the Green Areas on the attached **Safe Drop-Off Map**. Please help us reduce traffic and not drive to the front door!

12. Annual Student Parking Pass

For those students parking at the school, please purchase a student's parking pass using School Cash Online and bring the receipt to the Accounting Office beginning Monday, September 19th between 10:00 am-3:00 pm Monday to Friday. If you need assistance with [SchoolCash Online](#) please email our Accountant, Allison Carruthers at acarruthers@wvschools.ca

13. Athletics

Registration information and the Gym Schedule can be found on the Sentinel Athletics website.

We are still looking for anyone interested (Grades 8 through 12) in joining the Cross Country Team. If interested, please contact Mark Fenn mfenn@wvschools.ca

Are you interested in joining the Swim Team? Sentinel Athletics is looking for swimmers – Grade 8s thru 12 are welcome.

For any questions regarding Athletics, please reach out to Mark Fenn or Brooks McNiven, our Sentinel Athletic Directors sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

You can follow Sentinel Athletics ([@sentinelathletics](#)) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

14. Terry Fox Run: Roundup

A big shout out and thank you to the Sentinel Community for their amazing generosity and support of this year's Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. The run, student counsel barbeque, parental support via school cash online and classroom fundraising collectively raised a record total exceeding \$4000!

15. Absence Notification & Excused Absences

Please email ALL Attendance related matters to: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

If a student is away/ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by sending us an email. Please include their full legal name and grade, time of absence and reason for absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate a late vs an absence.

16. Cross Creek Road Closures

Road closures will impact vehicle access to Sentinel Secondary over the next several weeks as part of the Glenmore Voltage Conversion Electrical System Upgrades by BC Hydro.

Drivers can expect a **full road closure on Cross Creek Rd., between Chartwell Drive and Hyland Drive** ([see map attached](#)). This closure will be in effect 24 hours a day. Detour signage and traffic control personnel will be stationed along Cross Creek Rd to facilitate traffic flow. Please see the attached [link for more information and a map of roads](#) that will be closed.

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](#)

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