



## October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Calendar Upcoming

- October 15 – Sentinel Band performance
- October 17 – Registration opens for parent/teacher virtual conferences
- 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 performance
- October 30/31 – Grad Assessments

### OUR SCHOOL

1. Parent Teacher Virtual Conference
2. Flexible Instruction Time FIT
3. Sentinel Student Council
4. Yearbooks
5. Language Challenge Exam
6. Sentinel Tutor Club
7. Sentinel Band Performances
8. Artona school photos
9. Grad 2024 Information
10. Sentinel's Counselling Department
11. Parent Advisory Committee PAC News
12. Annual Student Parking Pass
13. Athletics
14. Absence Notifications & Excused Absences

### IN THE COMMUNITY

- A. Kay Meek Theatre
- B. Metro Vancouver Go by Bike Weeks
- C. Game of Apps
- D. Cross Creek Road Closures

### 1. Parent Teacher Virtual Conference

Thursday, November 2nd 1:30am – 4:00pm - Instructions Attached

**Registration opens Tuesday, October 17th** at 9:00am for 2 bookings per student to allow for families to book appointments...More bookings can be made on October 24th at 9:00am if space is available. Bookings will close October 31 at 3:00pm.

**Reminder that the students will be released at 12:30pm to accommodate these conferences.** Parent Teacher Conferences will be “Virtual” this year using Google Meet. You must be signed into a Google account for virtual conferences.

To register for conference times please go to School Appointments Online:

<https://sentinel.schoolappointments.com/admin/> (See attached registration instructions). A new account must be registered every year with School Appointments.

To find out your student’s teachers please ask your student or find Student Schedules under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>

## **2. Flexible Instruction Time - Monday October 16th**

This is just a reminder to all students that they must report to their Day 2 Period 2 classroom during FIT on Monday October 16th for an important meeting. All students with a spare block during 2-2 should report to the Library.

During “FIT” this school year, students will participate in 6 lessons reviewing the Ministry of Education’s Core Competencies. Students will be guided through a goal setting and self-reflection exercise that will be included in the 2 Learning Updates and the Summary of Learning reports. For more information, please see the Ministry of Education [Brochure for Families](#)

## **3. Sentinel Student Council**

Sentinel Student Council organizes many fun and worthwhile projects during the school year. To stay informed on the latest activities follow us on Instagram [@wvsentinelsecondary](#)

## **4. 2023-2024 Yearbooks**

Now is the time to buy your yearbook through SchoolCash online [View Items \(schoolcash.net\)](#) This school designed annual captures all the special moments from the entire year, from warming friendships to events and accomplishments. Don’t pass up the opportunity to carry these priceless memories in your hands forever!

## **5. 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. Huskison no later than November 3rd. More information is included in the Google Grad classrooms. [Challenge Exams](#)

## **6. Sentinel Tutor Club**

Need help in a school subject? Whether its Math, English, Social Studies etc., Sentinel Tutor Club’s expert senior students are here to assist you! Get paired with a student who can provide dedicated assistance each week, whether you prefer quick 30-minute sessions or longer ones. If you’re a senior student, sign up to assist a junior student in any subject with which you feel comfortable. If you’re interested, join our google classroom with the code: odtogw5

## **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](mailto:zvirag@wvschools.ca)

## **8. Artona School Photos**

Our school photo provider is Artona. For all photo inquiries and to order photos please see their website: [https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/school\\_photo](https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/school_photo). Grad Photo's are by booking only and will take place after Remembrance Day late November on our school premises.

## **9. Grad 2024 Information**

### **Grad Semi-Formal**

All Grads please join us Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> for this year's kick-off Grad event the Semi formal.

### **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.

**Lisa Ulinder (last names A-F)** [lulinder@wvschools.ca](mailto:lulinder@wvschools.ca)

**Jennifer Murray (last names G-LIT)** [jmurray@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmurray@wvschools.ca)

**Stefan Huskilson (last names LIU-SAM)** [shuskilson@wvschools.ca](mailto:shuskilson@wvschools.ca)

**Alex Thureau (last names SAN-Z)** [athureau@wvschools.ca](mailto:athureau@wvschools.ca)

For more information from our counselling team please visit:

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

## **11. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News**

Our new theme statement for this school year:

***"Growing our diverse school community through fun activities that support student needs."***

Our October PAC meeting was this morning; we had many keen parents participate in Teams (see below) and heard updates from Principal Mike Finch!

Join a Team!

EVENTS TEAM - organizing and animating events such as teacher luncheons, holiday decorating, Valentine's baking, Multi-cultural Lunch, Book Sale, and maybe more!

LEGACY TEAM (new) - gathering ideas for "big" school projects to support, and new fundraising activities.

PARENT EDUCATION TEAM - organizing important topics and events for parents (and students) to learn - including Mobility/Traffic!

WISHLIST TEAM - reading and prioritizing requests from teachers/staff for more than \$25,000 in PAC funding (Oct-Nov)

GRAD TEAM - planning activities and fun for all the Grade 12 students and parents this year

Join us for the next PAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Library Mezzanine.

To volunteer for PAC, contact Nora Gambioli at [sepac@wvschools.ca](mailto:sepac@wvschools.ca)

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca)

## **13. Athletics**

The **Senior Boys' Volleyball Team** is taking on Windermere in this first match of the Capilano Cup! The match begins at 2:20pm this Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Sentinel Main Gym. Parents and students welcome!

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](mailto: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](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)

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

## **14. Absence Notification & Excused Absences**

**Please email ALL Attendance related matters to:** [sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca](mailto: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.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **A. Kay Meek Theatre**

The Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti – apply code VETTA

Link to the website: <https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022>

### **B. FALL Go by Bike Week is back - Register now!**

Discover that cycling can be safe, comfortable, and fun year-round during Fall Go by Bike Weeks from Oct. 16 to Oct. 29! For the first time ever, Go by Bike Week is double the fun this fall with a two-week event. [bikehub.ca/gbbw](http://bikehub.ca/gbbw)

### **C. Game of Apps (Season 7) – last chance to register!**

Final call! **Game of Apps** registrations closing soon (Oct 20).

**Game of Apps** is an after-school program for high school students where industry mentors—professional software developers and product designers—teach and guide students on a weekly

basis as they learn coding, design and entrepreneurship skills. Over the past 6 years, we've reached 600+ students from 60+ schools and have worked closely with several school districts.

Program Details: <https://youtu.be/oXN1-qXIKtM>

Poster—Senior Program L1 Startup School: <https://goa.fyi/JXxdNRZ>

Learning is a privilege (Sentinel grad testimonial video): <https://youtu.be/50ZhuL38I60>

Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

For more details, please go to [gameofapps.org](http://gameofapps.org).

Any questions? Email Roland Tecson (founder GoA: [roland@gameofapps.org](mailto:roland@gameofapps.org))

#### **D. 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](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](#)

***FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & TWITTER.***

**Instagram:** [@sentinel\\_SD45](#) / **Twitter:** [@sentinel\\_SD45](#)

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