



October 19th, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

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 - November 3rd – Grade 10 Literacy Assessments
November 1 - Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 2 – Parent Teachers Conferences
November 9 – PAC Meeting
November 13– Remembrance Day (no school)

OUR SCHOOL

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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/aspen/logon.do>

2. Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessments: Oct 30 – Nov 3

All Grade 10 Sentinel students will be writing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment at our school. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Students will be provided with their exam date and time this week. **Students should prepare for this exam.** Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>. All Grade 10 students should try the sample exams (printed or online) and review the scoring guide. Developing a familiarity with the types of exam questions and computer interface will support students to be successful in this exam.

3. Take Our Kids to Work Day – Nov 1st

Take Our Kids to Work™ is The Learning Partnership’s signature program involving more than 250,000 **Grade 9 students** annually. This year, on Wednesday, November 1st, Grade 9 students across Canada will spend a day in the workplace of a parent, relative, or friend. This is a mandatory program for all Grade 9 students and meets the curriculum outcomes of the Grade 9 Career Education course. **Please take the time to complete the attached Parental Consent Form** and have your son/daughter return it to the designated box in the Front Office no later than WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please feel free to email the assigned teacher:

Alyssa Deneau: adeneau@wvschools.ca

Kayla Krug: kkrug@wvschools.ca

Jody Sparkes: jsparkes@wvschools.ca

4. Sentinel Science Fair

The Sentinel Science Fair is coming back for a second year on December 14, 2023. Students in Grades 8-11 can participate in creating a science-related research project based on this year’s Science Fair theme for a chance to earn prizes and awards.

Our theme for this year’s Science Fair is Modern Technology & Innovation. If you are interested in learning more about the sciences, this is the perfect opportunity for you to explore and learn more about a STEM-related topic of your interest!

For more information, visit:

<https://forms.gle/MGAPKpGNuc3PKgSt5>

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Do you have any questions?

Email: revolvestem@gmail.com

5. 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](#)

6. 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!

7. 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

8. Sentinel Band

Upcoming Performance: 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

9. 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. Grad Photo's are by booking only and will take place after Remembrance Day late November on our school premises.

10. Grad 2024 Information

Parents of Grad 2024's

Parents of Grad 2024's are welcome to connect with one another at a social event Wednesday, Nov 1st. please see attach for details.

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](#)

11. 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

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

Stefan Huskison (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/>

12. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News

Our new theme statement for the 2023-2024 school year:

“Growing our diverse school community through fun activities that support student needs.”

Join us for the next PAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 9th at 9:00am in the Library Mezzanine. PAC is committed to reducing school traffic: if you drive your child(ren), use the green highlighted areas on to drop off your child(ren) NEAR the school, not at the front door!

To volunteer for PAC, contact Nora Gambioli at sepac@wvschools.ca

13. 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

14. Athletics

The Sentinel Wrestling Team is looking for community members to join the coaching staff this year. We need Assistant Coaches and Team Managers--no experience necessary! Please contact head coach Joseph Huh at jhuh@wvschools.ca for inquiries.

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](https://www.instagram.com/sentinelathletics)) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

A. Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

CPF is a nationwide, research-informed organization that furthers bilingualism by promoting opportunities to learn and practice French for all those who call Canada home. We recently opened a CPF West Vancouver Chapter with the purpose of increasing more opportunities to learn and use our second official language: French.

Some benefits of your annual membership are:

- Quarterly curated list of French-language resources for at-home, online and school learning.
- Connections to a local advocacy network, dedicated to expanding supports for French learners.
- National, Provincial and Locally organized French language activities and events for adults, teenagers and kids, including French classes and conversation clubs, Film festivals, French book resources, etc.

- Organize events that you think will enhance our French use in the community with the chapter support.

Join us today @ <https://cpf.ca/en/join-cpf/>

B. Minor Hockey Girl Power

West Vancouver Minor Hockey Association's 3rd annual 'Girl Power' event is Friday, October 20th from 1 - 4 p.m. at West Van Arena. This **FREE** event is open to all girls living in West Van from 5 - 18 years of age. No experience is necessary! There will be on-ice and off-ice sessions and even a pizza party! Gear will be provided for those new to the sport. That evening all interested girls can attend a UBC Thunderbirds female hockey game vs Trinity Western (transportation not provided). Tickets are free for Girl Power participants + 1 adult each! Please register [HERE](#) by October 16th or as soon as possible to secure your spot.

C. 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>

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

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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