

**October 26th, 2023****Calendar Upcoming**

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November 1 - Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9s)
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**** Bus Driver Needed****

Sentinel Secondary is looking for a part-time bus driver. The school has access to both 15 seat and 48 seat vehicles. Candidates must have a valid BC Class 2 driver's license and flexible schedule. Please contact the school at sentinel@wvschools.ca or call us at 604-981-1130.

1. Sentinel Band Performance – TONIGHT!

Upcoming Performance: Jazz Cafe, Vol. 1 perform tonight - 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

2. Parent Teacher Virtual Conference

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

Up to four school appointments can be made - 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/> 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>

3. Remembrance Day Assemblies – Friday, November 10th, 2023

On Friday November 10th, 2023, Sentinel Secondary School will be holding two assemblies to honor Remembrance Day. Students will be called to the gymnasium for the assemblies, and they will all take place during the scheduled school day.

4. 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.

5. Take Our Kids to Work Day – Nov 1st (Grade 9's)

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. Thank you for your support! **Parental Consent Forms should be handed in by now – any late forms please bring to the office.** If you have any questions, please email your assigned teacher:

Alyssa Deneau: adeneau@wvschools.ca

Kayla Krug: kkrug@wvschools.ca

Jody Sparkes: jsparkes@wvschools.ca

[6. 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: revolvstem@gmail.com

[7. 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](#)

[8. 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!

[9. 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

[10. 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.

Artona Grad Photo Sessions Nov 17-25 will be at Sentinel in a mobile "Artona on wheels" in the parking lot and can be booked online. Each appointment takes approx. 20 minutes, and you will get a variety of grad and personal photos taken. A 5-person family pose is included as part of your session. Book here: <https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/graduation>

[11. Grad 2024 Information](#)

[Scholarship Information Session](#)

Rockridge will be hosting the Scholarship Information Session virtually this year on the evening of Nov.01, starting at 6:00PM. Everyone including parents are welcome to participate. See attached posters. Join on your computer, mobile app. [Click here to join the meeting](#) Please note this session will not be recorded and will only be offered once this year.

[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](#)

[12. 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/>

[13. Parent Advisory Committee \(PAC\) News](#)

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

Join a parent “Team!

LEGACY FUNDRAISING TEAM - plan legacy projects, goals, and fundraising. Contact Rob

Spurgeon: robspurgeon@live.com

EVENTS TEAM - organise and host events such as staff luncheons and multicultural lunch. Contact

Anna Chin: qinyancn@hotmail.com

PARENT EDUCATION TEAM - decide topics and plan speakers & events for parents to learn about emerging issues. Contact Diane Shoar: frauen@naver.com

GRAD TEAM - help plan and implement activities for Grade 12 students and parents. Contact

Victoria Mendes: victoria@mendes.ca

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

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

[14. 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

[15. Athletics](#)

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.

16. 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. **We must receive emails by 2pm for same day Absence adjustments.** 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. RANGE: A Geography Conference

SFU will be hosting a one-day geography-themed conference on Burnaby Campus on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9am to 5pm. This conference will be highlighting four major themes: Physical Geography, Human Geography, Geographical Information Sciences (GIS), and Sustainability, and will give attendees a taste of what geography has to offer as a field of study as well as provide opportunities for networking with other geography students, researchers, and professionals in the field. Food will be provided! For more information, please check [here](#).

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

C. 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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