



October 5th, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

October 9 – Thanksgiving (no classes in session)
October 12 – PAC Meeting
October 12 – Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
October 15 – Sentinel Band performance
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. Daily Block Rotation Schedule (attach)
2. Policies and Procedures form – Action Required
3. Grade 9 Immunization clinic
4. Language Challenge Exam
5. Sentinel Band Performances
6. Artona school photos
7. Grad 2024 Information
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9. Parent Advisory Committee PAC News
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11. Athletics
12. Absence Notifications & Excused Absences

IN THE COMMUNITY

13. Cross Creek Road Closures

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

2. Policies and Procedures – ACTION REQUIRED

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. Grade 9 Immunizations

ALL Grade 9 students should have received a consent form from Vancouver Coastal Health for the in-school vaccination clinic to be held on Thursday October 12th. Ensure this form is signed and returned to the office ASAP. If you have any questions regarding the Grade 9 BC scheduled vaccine program, please contact our community health nurse Ms. Ava Moezinia at avamoezinia1@vch.ca or 604-983-6811.

4. 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](#)

5. 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

6. 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.

7. Grad 2024 Information

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 tomorrow October 6th. If you would 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](#)

[8. 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 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/>

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

Our next PAC meeting is Thursday, October 12th at 9:00am in the Library Mezzanine area. (Agenda attached). Join us if you can, to meet other parents, hear about the progress of our "Teams" and hear from our Principal Mike Finch! In the meantime, you are welcome to join a parent team:

LEGACY FUNDRAISING TEAM (new) - plan legacy projects, goals, and fundraising.

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

WISHLIST TEAM - read applications for school enhancements and decide funding priorities.

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

If you are interested in volunteering for PAC this school year, please contact our PAC Chair Nora Gambioli at sepac@wvschools.ca

[10. 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

[11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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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