



November 16th, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

November 17 – 24 Artona Grad Photos
November 30 - Collaboration Day (9:30am start)
December 1 – Learning Update #1 posted to MyEd
December 4 – Pro D Day (no school)
December 14 – PAC Meeting (9am start)
December 20 – Winter Concert (7pm)
December 22 – Early Dismissal (Noon)

December 23 – January 7th – WINTER BREAK

OUR SCHOOL

1. New Ministry Reporting Updates
2. Student Learning Update #1
3. PAC News & Safe Teen Presentation
4. Annual Winter Concert
5. Attention French Immersion Parents
6. Yearbooks
7. Artona school photos
8. Grad 2024 Information
9. Sentinel's Counselling Department
10. Athletics

IN THE COMMUNITY

A. Canadian Parents for French

1. New Ministry of Education Reporting Order Update for Parents

As you know teaching and assessment has changed with the introduction of the new BC curriculum in 2019. This year, reporting will also look a bit different – to reflect the changes in the curriculum. On December 1st you will receive learning update #1. For each course, your child in grade 8-9 will receive a proficiency level and in grade 10-12 a letter grade/percentage in addition to descriptive feedback about your child's strengths and areas they need to work on.

To learn more about grade 8-12 reporting please visit this website

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers> where you will find a

video, set of slides and the answers to most of your questions. Below is a Ministry of Education Information Package for Parents and Caregivers:

- [English - Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 2.3MB\)](#)
- [French \(Français\) - La communication des résultats de l'élève : Information pour les parents et parents substitués \(PDF, 2.3 MB\)](#)
- [Chinese Simplified \(简体中文\) - Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 4.4MB\)](#)
- [Chinese Traditional \(繁體中文\) - Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 2.8MB\)](#)
- [Farsi \(فارسی\) - Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 2.4MB\)](#)
- [Filipino \(Tagalog\) - Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 2.2MB\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\) - Communication Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 2.3MB\)](#)
- [Urdu \(اردو\) - Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(PDF, 2.5MB\)](#)

2. Student Learning Update #1 posted to MyEd – Friday, December 1st

Parents will be able to access Student Learning Updates #1 on the MyEd family portal Friday, December 1st at the end of the school day. Family Portal Important Notes:

Log In Before December 1st, 2023 - Please be sure to logon to your MyEd Family Portal account so that you can access upcoming learning updates and other published reports. This will ensure you will be able to see your child's learning update when it is posted.

- Family Portal Link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)
- [MyED BC Parent Portal Tutorial](#) – video tutorial
- Username/Password/Recovery – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your 'password recovery' function to allow you to reset your own password.
 - [Password Recovery Guide](#)
 - Video - [Log In/Password Recovery How to Video](#)

If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca

3. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News

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

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, Nov 29th at 7pm – 8:30pm "Navigating Adolescence"

The Sentinel PAC are hosting a Parent Education Presentation by **Safe Teen**, "Navigating Adolescence." This will be a virtual presentation and a link will be distributed in next week's Sentinel E-Bulletin. There is no charge for participating and all parents are welcome. You will simply need to access the presentation through the link provided.

Safe Teen is an internationally recognized program that focuses on educating youth in schools. The program teaches adolescents concrete skills to manage their personal challenges and the very real issues they may face daily. Safe Teen programs are intended to empower youth in their social/emotional survival as well as physical, mental, and sexual safety. This presentation is intended to provide parents with insights into some of the experiences and challenges their children may be facing, and strategies to support them. Safe Teen has been presenting to Sentinel

students for more than 10 years. They are scheduled to present to all Sentinel grade 9 students during the Spring of 2024. For further information please contact Diane Shoar frauen@naver.com

BUY PURDYS CHOCOLATES NOW - for family, friends, colleagues, holiday gifts! <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1802586-111731> - and support your children and the school through our PAC! Pickup date: December 14th at Sentinel

BAKE, COOK or DONATE for STAFF

Attention Grade 9 and 11 parents and guardians: it is a tradition at Sentinel to show our appreciation to our teachers and staff (100 staff) with holiday food and baking! This year the staff holiday luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 19th, sign up for cooking, baking, or donating here:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=HTMH1399>

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for PAC, please contact Nora Gambioli at sepac@wvschools.ca

4. Annual Winter Concert

Tune in for more information coming on our Annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 20th @ 7:00PM in the Sentinel Gymnasium. This celebration of festive song and sound will feature our Grade 8 Band, Concert Band, Jazz A, Jazz B, and RnB Bands, and the Sentinel Orchestra. Friends and families are invited to this by donation event.

5. Attention French Immersion Parents

Are you looking for great books in French for your child? Thanks to your school you benefit from the most advantageous rate for the French Max or Medium 8 Book club. Subscribe on <https://abonnements.ecoledesloisirs.fr/informations-in-english> Select your country and then choose Group Subscription (discount rate thanks to your school) to make your online payment. The books will arrive at school each month and will be given at your child by their teacher.

6. 2023-2024 Yearbooks

Now is the time to buy your yearbook through SchoolCash online [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com) 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. 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>

8. Grad 2024 Information

Upcoming University Visits:

UVic Gustavson School of Business – Friday, November 24th at lunch in the student mezzanine

[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](#)

[9. 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/>

[10. Athletics](#)

The Sentinel Athletics department is seeking Basketball coaches for our Grade 8-10 teams this upcoming Winter for both the Girls and Boys teams. We are also looking for a coach for our Senior Boys Rugby team in the Spring. If you are interested, or have any questions regarding Athletics, please reach out to Mark Fenn or Brooks McNiven, our Sentinel Athletic Directors

sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

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

[** 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.

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

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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