



November 23rd, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

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 5-15 – 13th Annual PJ Drive for Admiral Seymour
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. Modal UN Fundraiser
4. PAC News & Safe Teen Presentation
5. Sentinel Holiday Market
6. Annual Winter Concert
7. 2023-2024 Yearbooks
8. Artona school photos
9. Grad 2024 Information
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11. Athletics

IN THE COMMUNITY

A. NSAD presents the Nutcracker

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. **See attached.**

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. Modal UN Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser

On Wednesday Nov 29th, the Model UN club will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts at lunch in the foyer. This is to raise funds to allow students to organise and attend different Model UN Conferences this year. Doughnuts are \$15 a dozen (perfect to take to a family gathering, a treat for your team at work or a sports team snack!) or \$1.50 each. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Chase in room 156 or email kchase@wvschools.ca

4. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News

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

The Sentinel PAC are hosting a Parent Education Presentation by Safe Teen, "Navigating Adolescence," on Wednesday, November 29th from 7 – 8:30 p.m. See attached. This will be a virtual presentation which you can join by clicking on the link [here](#). 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.

Please note: For those who don't have an account linked with Microsoft you can sign up for free by going to: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/microsoft-teams/free>

Click 'Sign up for free'

Again, click 'Sign up for free'

Click 'Create'

Type in your email address

Follow the instructions. An email will be sent to validate your account. Click the verification link in the email. If you lose connection to the presentation or your screen freezes, please try logging out and signing back in. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you virtually next Wednesday evening.

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 Holiday Luncheon

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

5. Sentinel Holiday Market – Dec. 14th & Dec. 18th

This Holiday Season, Sentinel student teams are making gifting easy!

Ten student companies have created innovative products and services that parents, guardians and students will love with partial proceeds to local charities!

These entrepreneurs are participating in the Junior Achievement Company program as part of

Marketing & Promotions 11 Sentinel Holiday Market

Where: Sentinel Library

When: Thursday, Dec. 14th 12:50 pm-1:40 pm

Monday Dec. 18th, 12:50 pm-1:40 pm

Please note: Orange Peels Co. is upcycling your unwanted vintage clothing or fashion you no longer need. Students can bring clothing to school and leave it at the collection box outside the office. Much more info including Instagram accounts and websites upcoming in the bulletin in December. Thanks in advance for your support of these youth businesses.

6. 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.

7. 2023-2024 Yearbooks

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

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.

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>

9. 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](#)

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

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/>

11. Athletics

If you 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. North Shore Academy of Dance presents The Nutcracker Dec 9th & 10th. See attached poster. Several West Vancouver Pursuit students are participating:

Audrey Vittes - Rockridge
Bronwyn Hadden - Rockridge
Julia Sleeman - Rockridge
Emma Dinu - Sentinel
Fumi Tomoko - West Vancouver Secondary

As part of our community engagement for the production, students are visiting 5 local care homes to provide a free performance and lead residents in seated chair exercises. These outstanding students are modeling dedication and professionalism in their high calibre performances.

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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