



## November 9th, 2023

### Calendar Upcoming

November 13 – Remembrance Day (no school)  
November 14 – Non-Instructional Day (no-school)  
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 7<sup>th</sup> – WINTER BREAK**

### **OUR SCHOOL**

1. New Block Rotation schedule
2. Remembrance Day Assemblies
3. A Thousand Cranes
4. AP Art Students Congrats!
5. Attention French Immersion Parents
6. Student Learning Update #1
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### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

- A. Epee World Cup 2023 seeks volunteers
- B. Range: Geography Conference
- C. Canadian Parents for French

## **\*\* 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](mailto:sentinel@wvschools.ca) or call us at 604-981-1130.

## **1. NEW Block Rotation Schedule Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Attached.**

## **2. Remembrance Day Assemblies – Friday, November 10th, 2023**

On Friday November 10th, 2023, Sentinel Secondary School will be holding two assemblies to honor Remembrance Day. Grade 10-12 Assembly is from 10am-10:40am and the Grade 8-9 Assembly is from 11:35am-12:15pm. Students will be called to the gymnasium for the assemblies.

## **3. A THOUSAND CRANES**

**This piece was inspired by the United Nations Peacekeepers 75th Anniversary and has been installed in the front foyer for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. See attached.**

Art Students at all levels collaborated in a large-scale installation to create 1000 cranes to symbolize and explore what peaceful behaviour looks like.

- How do our actions affect ourselves or those in our family, and other people in other places?
- Why is it important to accept those who are different from us?
- What does it mean to be open hearted? Why should we not fear people and cultures that are different?
- How can we show and respect one another and our world?

The installation will be up for a month - come and have a look!

## **4. Congratulations to our Amazing AP Art students!**

Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a scale of 1 – 5. Twenty-Five Sentinel AP Art students received the top score of 5. Furthermore, we had 9 of these students who are among an elite group worldwide to earn every point possible on an AP Exam, receiving the maximum score of 100% on each portion of the exam.

**Madeleine Boniface** - 3-D Art and Design

**Sarah Frezell** - 2-D Art and Design

**Yeowon Jung** - 2-D Art and Design

**Amelie Khoja** - 3-D Art and Design

**Louis Liu** - Drawing

**Bokyeong Park** - Drawing

**Zahra Savoji** - 2-D Art and Design

**Yiwei Tang** - Drawing

**Maya Wilson** - 2-D Art and Design

AP Drawing: Out of 25,000 portfolios submitted worldwide, 309 received 100%

AP 2D Art and Design: Out of 49,000 portfolios submitted worldwide, 338 received 100%

3D: Out of 8,600 portfolios submitted worldwide, 52 received 100%

Congratulations and well done!

## **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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

## **7. 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.

## **8. 2023-2024 Yearbooks**

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

## **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](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>

## **10. Grad 2024 Information**

**Upcoming University Visits:**

**McGill** - Friday, November 10th during first break in the front foyer

**Queen's** – Wednesday, November 24th during FIT in the student mezzanine

**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](#)

## [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](mailto:lulinder@wvschools.ca)

**Jennifer Murray (last names G-LIT)** [jmurray@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmurray@wvschools.ca)

**Stefan Huskilson (last names LIU-SAM)** [shuskilson@wvschools.ca](mailto:shuskilson@wvschools.ca)

**Alex Thureau (last names SAN-Z)** [athureau@wvschools.ca](mailto:athureau@wvschools.ca)

For more information from our counselling team please visit:

<https://sentinelcounselling.weebly.com/>

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

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

**SAVE THE DATE: Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - 7pm - "Navigating Adolescence"**

PAC is excited to invite you to the first virtual Parent Education Presentation of the year!

This education will help to empower you with skills to support your teen(s); navigate adolescence, handle conflict and resolve problems. More information see attached. Registration next week - for further questions please contact Diane Shoar [frauen@naver.com](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> at Sentinel

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for PAC, please contact Nora Gambioli at [sepac@wvschools.ca](mailto:sepac@wvschools.ca)

## [13. 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](#)

## [14. 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](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)

Please follow Sentinel Athletics [@sentinelathletics](#) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

## [15. 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 19<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca)

## **16. Absence Notification & Excused Absences**

**Please email ALL Attendance related matters to: [sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca](mailto: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. Vancouver Epee World Cup 2023 – Volunteer Registration**

If you are interested in volunteering at this year's exciting Epee Fencing World Cup (being held December 7 to 10 at the Vancouver Convention Centre) please follow the below link to submit your application. Members of the West Vancouver Schools Fencing Academy will be competing in this important Olympic qualification event. <https://forms.office.com/r/wRE81xBsV7>

### **B. 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](#).

### **C. 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:**

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**MyEducation help:** [sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

**Teachers & Staff:** please see our website for a complete staff list: [Staff Emails](#)

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