



## December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Calendar Upcoming

December 5-15 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual PJ Drive for Admiral Seymour

December 14 & 18 – Sentinel Holiday Market

December 20 – Winter Concert (7pm)

December 22 – Early Dismissal (Noon)

**December 23 – January 7<sup>th</sup> – WINTER BREAK**

January 10 – Grade 7 Open House

January 11 – PAC Meeting (9am)

January 18 – AP Info Night (7pm)

January 22-26 – Grad Assessments

### OUR SCHOOL

1. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual PJ Drive
2. Sentinel Holiday Market
3. Science Fair
4. Annual Winter Concert
5. PAC Events
6. Student Council HollyWeek
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### IN THE COMMUNITY

**A. Artists for Kids Winter Print Sale**

**B. HYTE Program**

#### 1. 13th Annual Pajama Drive

**11 Days – 142 Pairs of Pajamas!** The 13th Annual Pajama Drive for Admiral Seymour fundraiser runs until tomorrow, December 15th. We are raising money to provide a new pair of PJs for each of the 142 students at Sir Admiral Seymour Elementary, an inner-city school on the edge of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Let's show these kids we care. Donations by cash or cheque

(made out to Sentinel) can be made in participating classes or at the office. School Cash Online will also be open for donations [PJ DRIVE DONATIONS](#)  
Please contact Ms. Takahashi at [jtakahashi@wvschools.ca](mailto:jtakahashi@wvschools.ca) for more information.

## **2. 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.

## **3. Science Fair Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Sentinel is having its annual Science Fair on Monday, December 18 at Lunch in the foyer. Students in Grades 8-11 have created science-related research projects throughout November and December. The projects are based on the theme for this year's Science Fair: Modern Technology and Innovation. Make sure to drop by and check out the great projects that Sentinel students created and vote on your favourite on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **4. Annual Winter Concert**

The Annual Winter Concert takes place 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. Admission is by donation, and we are currently fundraising for new instrument purchases for the Music Program.

## **5. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News & Events**

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

**PURDY'S** - Thank you for purchasing Purdy's chocolates - PAC has made a profit of \$658 for supporting student needs! Pick up your chocolates today!

### **GRADE 9 & 11 parents: LAST CHANCE TO DONATE for Staff Holiday Luncheon!**

Next Tuesday, parents will show our appreciation for our teachers and staff by hosting a holiday luncheon, complete with small gifts. If you have not already signed up to bring food, beverages, etc., then you can still donate funds for the gifts:

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

Our **LEGACY TEAM** is in full swing, sorting through results from over 350 students who filled out the Legacy Projects Survey last week, giving us 84 pages of ideas and comments! Now the Team will narrow down the options for school projects and ways to fundraise in the new year. Stay tuned!

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

## **6. Student Council presents “HollyWeek”**

**Monday, December 18th:** Holiday Hat Day and enjoy Candy Cane distribution.

**Tuesday, December 19th:** Holiday Grams, distributed during 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3.

**Wednesday, December 20th:** Door Decorating Competition winner announced.

**Thursday, December 21st:** Photos with Santa in the library. Profits go toward Admiral Seymour’s graduation hoodies.

**Friday, December 22nd:** Pancake Breakfast and Pajama Day!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Arta [art552@edu.sd45.bc.ca](mailto:art552@edu.sd45.bc.ca) or Maya [mayar047@edu.sd45.bc.ca](mailto:mayar047@edu.sd45.bc.ca)

## **7. Information Night for Incoming Grade 8s**

Sentinel Admin will be hosting an information night for incoming Grade 8 parents for the 2024-2025 school year on January 10th, 2024, at 6:30pm at Sentinel Secondary. Parents/Guardians and students are welcome!

## **8. Grade 12 Graduation Literacy and Evaluation de literatie de la 12 annee Assessments.**

All Grade 12 Sentinel students will be writing the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment this school year - this assessment is required for graduation. Your first opportunity to complete this assessment is January 15th – 26th, 2024. All Grade 12 students will be registered to complete the assessment during this period. The Ministry of Education allows students three opportunities to complete the assessment if desired. French Immersion Grade 12 students will also be completing the Evaluation de literatie de la 12 annee Assessments in January as well. The oral component of the assessment will take place on January 16th during their FRAL class. The written component is scheduled for January 25th, 2024. Students will be provided with their exam date and time mid December 2023.

## **9. 2023-2024 Yearbooks**

Now is the time to buy your yearbook through [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#) 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!

## **10. Grad 2024 Information**

### **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](#)

## **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.

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For more information from our counselling team please visit:

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

## **12. Athletics**

A HUGE Congratulations to the Sentinel SR Girls' volleyball team for the BC School sports AAA Championship win this week! Go Spartans Go!

### **Whistler Ski Trip**

Are you interested in spending the day skiing or snowboarding at Whistler Blackcomb? The ski trip is back and open to skiers and snowboarders of all levels. If you are interested, please sign up to the ski trip google classroom (pmgtuwr) and complete the steps to reserve your spot. This trip will sellout so reserve your spot early.

If you 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](https://www.instagram.com/sentinelathletics) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

**A.** Artists for Kids and the Gordon Smith Gallery is having their Winter Print Sale until December 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the attached. [Artists for Kids](#)

**B.** HYTE Registration is Now Open! The Spring Set of the HYTE Program is starting this February 2024! HYTE is a tech entrepreneurship program for Grade 9-12s. HYTE sessions are on Saturdays, 10-11:30AM at the Lions Gate Community Centre from February 3rd, 2024, to June 8th, 2024. All program and registration details can be found [here](#). Consent form can be found [here](#). For more details, please email [dibai.yasmin@gmail.com](mailto:dibai.yasmin@gmail.com). [LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#) (@hyte.program)

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