



November 30th, 2023

Calendar Upcoming

December 1 – Learning Update #1 posted to MyEd
December 4 – Pro D Day (no school)
December 7 – Grad Friendship Group Photos
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. Purdy's Chocolate PAC Fundraiser
2. New Ministry Reporting Updates
3. Student Learning Update #1
4. PAC Events
5. 13th Annual PJ Drive
6. Sentinel Holiday Market
7. Annual Winter Concert
8. 2023-2024 Yearbooks
9. Artona school photos (Grad Groups)
10. Grad 2024 Information
11. Sentinel's Counselling Department
12. Athletics

IN THE COMMUNITY

A. NSAD presents the Nutcracker

1. Sentinel PAC Fundraiser:

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES - DEADLINE SATURDAY

Pickup date: December 14th at Sentinel

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1802586-111731> PAC will receive 25% of sales, to be spent on classroom items to benefit your children and the school!

2. 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 \(PDF, 2.5MB\)](#)

3. 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

4. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Events

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

SAFETEEN VIRTUAL workshop - Thanks to the many parents who attended the Parent Presentation by SafeTeen last night. We want to hear your thoughts about it - please send your feedback to Diane Shoar at frauen@naver.com The Parent Education Team will be preparing more workshops for next year... More details to come! For those who missed it please find the recording link in next Thursday's bulletin.

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>

PAC Legacy Project Survey

The Sentinel Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is asking for student input on ideas to improve the school - big or small! A survey will be posted on each grade's grad google classroom on Dec. 1 and the survey will be open until Dec. 8. All completed entries will be entered in a draw for a \$25 gift card. There will be one winner per grade.

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

5. 13th Annual Pyjama Drive

11 Days – 142 Pairs of Pyjamas! The 13th Annual Pyjama Drive for Admiral Seymour fundraiser begins on Tuesday December 5th and runs until December 15th. We are raising money to provide a new pair of PJ's 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. Please contact Ms. Takahashi at jtakahashi@wvschools.ca for more information.

6. 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.

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](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!

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.

Artona Grad Friendship Group Photos Sessions – Thursday December 7th. Artona will be on site at Sentinel in the Cafeteria to capture your Graduation Group Sessions. Perfect for 2-15 people, Artona will have a professional photographer and attractive backdrops and lighting to capture your Grad friends' moments. For more information and to book:

https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/graduation_group

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.

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/>

12. Athletics

The Sentinel SR Girls' volleyball team are currently in Dawson Creek for the BC Championships! Go Spartans Go! 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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