



February 8th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

February 22nd – Jazz Band Performance (see below details)
February 15th – PAC Meeting (9:00am start)
February 12th–16th – Sentinel Stage Production
February 14th – PAC Valentine’s Treats (for teachers & staff)
February 15th – PAC Meeting
February 16th-19th – Reading Break (No school)
February 28th – Pink Shirt Day
February 29th – Collab Day (9:30am start)
March 7th – PAC Multi-Cultural Lunch
March 8th – Learning Update #2 Posted
March 16th – March 26th – School Trip to Italy

MARCH 16TH – April 1st SPRING BREAK

OUR SCHOOL

1. School Property Construction Project
2. Advanced Placement Presentation link
3. 2024-2025 Course Selection
4. Jazz Band Performance
5. School Trip to Italy
6. PAC News & Events
7. Sentinel Stage Presents - MACBETH
8. 2023-2024 Yearbooks
9. Grad 2024 Info (photo update)
10. Sentinel’s Counselling Department
11. Athletics
12. Outdoor Recreation Program
13. Illuminate Choral ensembles

IN THE COMMUNITY

A. Lunar New Year at WVCC

[1. School Property Construction by Student Parking - See Phase 2 update HERE](#)

[2. Advanced Placement Presentation](#)

Our VP Ms. Kathy Grant hosted the 2024 AP Presentation this week at Sentinel. If you were unable to attend, please find the link to the AP Presentation [HERE](#)

[3. 2024-2025 Course Selection](#)

Please find the 2024-2025 Course Selection Presentations for current Grade 8s, 9s, 10s, & 11s [HERE](#).

Students see below deadlines:

- **Grade 9s: (in English 9) - Feb 7th/8th. Forms due Feb 14th/15th**
- **Grade 10s: (in Socials 10)-Feb. 12th/13th. Forms due Feb. 22nd (Last names A-LIT) 26th (Last names LIU-Z) during FIT.**
- **Grade 11s- (FIT) Feb. 15th. Forms due March 4th/5th in English 11 classes.**

[4. Jazz Band Performance](#)

Thursday, February 22nd – Jazz Café, Vol. 2 featuring Jazz A Band, Jazz B Band, and RnB Band
7:00 PM – Sentinel Library

Admission is by Donation

For further information please contact Mr. Zoltan Virag at zvirag@wvschools.ca

[5. Sentinel School Trip to Italy](#)

Forty-five Sentinel students and six staff chaperones are heading to Italy this spring break on the first Sentinel overseas travel experience since the pandemic. On this amazing and exciting trip students will see Milan, Venice, Pisa, Florence, Rome, Pompeii, The Vatican as well as the spectacular island of Capri. Stay tuned for any future information on upcoming school trips.

[6. Parent Advisory Committee \(PAC\) News & Events](#)

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

PAC MEETING – The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, February 15th at 9am in the school Library Mezzanine level. Please find the Agenda [HERE](#).

VALENTINE’S DAY STAFF TREATS - Grade 8 & 10 parents – last chance to sign up for donations and baking!

It is a tradition to show teachers and staff our love and appreciation through "Valentine's Treats" on February 14th. This year we will put together more than 100 boxes of a variety of the desserts donated by parents. Sign up here to donate baked goods and/or funds:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=EZMR1150>

Contact Gem Chu gemchuchu@gmail.com with any questions.

MULTICULTURAL LUNCH (MCL) 2024 – TABLE COORDINATORS NEEDED! Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Multicultural Lunch, will be held on Thursday, March 7th! Persian, Norwegian, French, Korean, Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Ukrainian, are just some examples of foods from last year. For this event, we need parents to volunteer to lead each “CULTURAL” table. Contact Melanie Miao, melaniemiao99@gmail.com to volunteer to lead a table.

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP on TEENS & TECHNOLOGY - FEB 27th at 7pm

This workshop is designed to help parents better understand how their teens use devices and give parents tips and tools they can use to minimize negative experiences for their teens and maximize

the positive opportunities that technology offers. Screen media overuse and screen addiction will also be discussed. The workshop series is generously sponsored by Westcoast Family Centres. **For contractual reasons, slides or recordings will NOT be available, so don't miss this opportunity! Pre-registration is not required.**

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device:

To join the event, please click the link below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?rtc=1>

Meeting ID: 263 947 068 976

Passcode: oJTrDj

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#) | [Download Teams](#)

For further information, please contact Diane Shoar at frauen@naver.com

PAC COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

PAC have "specialised" parents who represent our parent communities. Please contact:

Korean Community: Diane Shoar frauen@naver.com

Chinese Community: Melanie Miao melaniemiao99@gmail.com

Persian Community: Farzaneh Bamani farzaneh.bm@gmail.com

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

7. Sentinel Stage Presents - MACBETH

SENTINEL STAGE PRESENTS... MACBETH

Get ready for murder & mayhem in Medieval Scotland! This year Sentinel Stage presents MACBETH in our very own theatre here at Sentinel. Opening Night is Monday, February 12th @ 7:30pm. Join us for our evening performances @ 7:30pm on February 12, 13, 14, & 16. Doors open at 7pm for general seating. We also have a matinee performance for the general public on Thursday, February 15 @ 11am. Tickets are available through all Theatre Company students and www.sentinelstage.ca. It pays to book early! Advance tickets are only \$12.00 (\$15.00 at the door) See you at the theatre! 🍷

Prop requests: Sentinel Stage is looking for some set & prop items for its upcoming production of MACBETH:

- wooden stools
- 'Olden days' jug - preferably ceramic

Costume's Department piece – Requesting Scottish Tartan items (no clan in particular, it could even be Canadian provincial tartan like Nova Scotia) - ideally, sashes, tams, ties etc.

Please email Mrs. Meghan McGuinness-Gill at mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca if you have any of the above items to loan us. All loaned items will be returned the week of February 20.

8. 2023-2024 Yearbooks

We have extended the deadline to buy 2023/2024 yearbooks!

Yearbooks are once again available on [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#). They will remain up until **Friday, February 9th**, so don't miss your chance!

9. Grad 2024 Information

Grad Photo's

In case you missed booking a sitting with Artona for your individual Grad picture they will be returning on Wednesday, Feb 21st between 1:00pm-3pm at the school. Stay tuned for more details in next weeks bulletin.

Scholarships 2024

The West Vancouver Foundations offers a wide variety of scholarships available to Sentinel Students. Please see scholarship list and deadlines here:

<https://westvanfoundation.ca/grants-scholarships/scholarships>

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 Todd McGowan 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.

12. Outdoor Recreation Program



If you enjoy camping, kayaking, sailing, skiing, and playing outside, the Outdoor Recreation Program is an exciting way for you to earn your PHE 9-12 credit! For more information, please visit:

[Outdoor Recreation Program](#) or contact dlambie@wvschools.ca or bhammett@wvschools.ca

13. Illuminate Choral Ensembles

The **Illuminate Ensembles** (formerly the District Honour Choir Program) are open for auditions! This program is offered to students in Grades 8-12 across the WV School District who show an aptitude for and interest in choral singing. The choir courses will be held weekly on Tuesday nights at WVSS. The Illuminate Treble Ensemble meets from 3:30–5:00 pm, the Illuminate Mixed Ensemble meets from 5:15-6:45pm, and the Lighthouse Ensemble (an invitational touring ensemble) meets from 7:00-9:00pm. Designed as courses to challenge and extend the learning of the district’s finest choral singers, students must meet the pre-requisites for the course before applying. Pre-requisites can be found on the WV Schools website [here](#)



IN THE COMMUNITY

A. Lunar New Year at WVCC

This Saturday marks the beginning of the Year of the Dragon. Lunar New Year is a traditional festival celebrated by many Asian cultures to mark the beginning of the lunar calendar year. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon, symbolizing power, nobility, honour, luck, and success. Join the event at the West Vancouver Community Centre on Sunday, Feb 11 from 10am to 3pm. This event is presented by the West Vancouver Community Lunar New Year Committee and the Sound Box Society and supported by Enhance West Van. Please click the link for more information: [Lunar New Year Event @ West Vancouver Community Centre](#) Volunteer opportunities are available.

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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