



March 7th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

March 8th – Learning Update #2 Posted

March 12th – Grade 8 Parent Social

March 13th – Parents as Education and Career Coaches (online)

March 14th – 2nd Annual Spring Fling (Grade 8, 9,10)

March 16th – March 26th – School Trip to Italy

MARCH 16TH – April 1st SPRING BREAK

[*New Block Rotation Schedule March 4 – May 10*](#)

OUR SCHOOL

1. Learning Update #2 Posted
2. PAC News & Events (**G8 Parent Social**)
3. Spring Fling Dance (G8-G10)
4. Lost & Found Donation
5. Grad 2024 Info - **Scholarships**
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[1. Student Learning Update #2 posted to MyEd – Friday, March 8th, 2024](#)

Parents will be able to access Student Learning Updates #2 on the MyEd family portal Friday, March 8th at the end of the school day. **Family Portal Important Notes:**

Log In Before March 8th, 2024 - 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

2. 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, March 14th at 9am** in the school Library Mezzanine level.

GRADE 8 PARENT SOCIAL!

Your Parent Advisory Council is hosting a SOCIAL evening, just for Grade 8 parents!

Join with fellow parents who are also navigating the teen years, make connections, and raise funds for Legacy Projects:

- **When: Tuesday, 12th March, 6:30pm - 9pm**
- **Where: Milestones Restaurant, Park Royal**
- **Cost: \$20 per person; includes appetizers**

Purchase your tickets here: [School Cash Online](#)

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

3. Spring Fling Dance (Grades 8-10)

When: Thursday, March 14th 7:00pm - 9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Where: The Sentinel Gym

Theme: "Wear white for the black lights"

- DJ will be J-Z Entertainment!
- There will be dance prizes on the floor, glow-in-the-dark face painting, and photobooth.
- Tickets and food sales available through **Sentinel Cash Online**.

Regular price tickets, \$15: March 5th - March 13th (noon)

All Sentinel dances are supported on-site by teacher volunteers and a professional security company.

4. Lost & Found Items Donated

Please ensure your students' check lost & found BEFORE Spring Break and claim any items that belong to them as we will be donating the remainder (ALL clothes, water bottles etc.) to the Salvation Army. The lost & found is to the right of the cafeteria doors.

5. Grad 2024 Information

Scholarships 2024

Scholarship presentations are underway by Mr. Finch and the counselling team. All completed scholarship, bursary and award applications must be submitted to the office BEFORE Friday, April 26th by 3pm. Handouts given to students are also available on the website [HERE](#).

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 10s to 12s to add it to their google calendar. [Post-Secondary Events Calendar](#)

6. 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/>

7. Athletics

Grade 8 and 9 Boys Volleyball

Tryouts for the Grade 8 and 9 boys volleyball team will take place on March 7th and 8th at 3pm in the main gym. Anyone interested in playing on the team this year should attend these practices.

Sentinel BADMINTON Extra-Curricular Teams:

For those who have children interested in playing on either the Sentinel JR or SR Badminton Teams this year, please be aware:

Sign-up sheets will be posted March 1st outside Room 254 for each team

If you have questions – email Ms. Lara Winstone at lwinstone@wvschools.ca or your child(ren) can see her mornings in Rm 254

Badminton Tryouts will be:

- JR Tryouts – Mon March 11th – Main Gym, 3pm start
- SR Tryouts – Tues March 12th – Main Gym, 3pm start

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.

8. Ministry of Education 2024 Student Learning Survey - Gr 10 & 12

Parents

The **Student Learning Survey 2024** is to be completed by May 3rd, 2024. The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. It will be administered to students in Grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. The surveys contain standard questions for the

province. It is simple, secure, and can be accessed by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school.

Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:

- District: the name of your child's district - #45
- School: the name of your child's school – Ecole Sentinel Secondary
- Language: the language of your choice

Thank you for your time in completing this survey!

9. 2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00am. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY

A. Families are advised to check immunization records before spring break travel

With measles outbreaks being reported internationally and spring break on the horizon, the provincial health officer, BC Centre for Disease Control and public health officials are reminding people in British Columbia to check their vaccination records before travelling to ensure they are protected. **More information can be found [here](#) with the local West Vancouver immunization clinic [here](#)**

B. Kay Meek Presents: Percussiano 3

Percussiano 3 is a veritable pageant for the eye and ear featuring the two hands of percussionist **Rod Thomas Squance and the four hands of Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann**. This exciting performance features works from Bernstein's West Side Story and Gustav Holst's The Planets.

Featuring over **30 percussion instruments and two Steinway grand pianos**, Percussiano 3 delivers all the excitement of a percussion ensemble with a classical touch, presenting great masterpieces and unique transcriptions for percussion and piano. The Kay Meek Theatre is offering **\$10 tickets for West Vancouver Schools' students on March 10 at 3pm. Tickets** can be booked [online](#) or by calling our box office at 604-981-6335, using the promo code **PERC10**

C. Camp Ignite Mentorship Program for girls in Grades 11 &12 only. Runs from August 8-11.

Application deadline is May 1st. See Flyer [HERE](#)

D. Upcoming Workshops & Presentations:

- **West Vancouver Schools DPAC event.** An evening with Diana Divecha PHD. We are all connected: How Families can Support Children's K-12 Peer Relationships. **See flyer [HERE](#).**
- **Parent as Education & Career Coaches (Online presentation) Weds, March 13th** EducationPlannerBC and SD 45 West Vancouver invite parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual workshop: **Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC) on Wednesday March 13, 2024, from 6:30pm to 8pm. See Flyer [HERE](#).** Hosted on MS Teams webinar. Registration is required. Register using [the link here](#). For more information: support@educationplannerbc.ca Contact: LAlldred@wvschools.ca

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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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