



April 11th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

April 16th – Grade 9 Parent Social 6:30-9pm

April 19th – Final Grade 9 Immunization Clinic at Sentinel

April 15th-19th – Grad Assessments

April 25th – Collab Day 9:30am start

April 26th – Grad Scholarship submission deadline

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

OUR SCHOOL

1. Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
2. Spartan Spring Debate Invitational
3. PAC News & Events
4. Grad 2024 Info – **Scholarship Applications Due April 26th**
5. Sentinel's Counselling Department
6. Final Grade 9 Immunization Clinic at Sentinel
7. Athletics
8. WVS 2024 Summer Learning
9. Ministry of Education 2024 Learning Survey

In the Community

A. Youth Climate Change Action Forum at Kiwanis Great Hall April 15th 7-9pm See Poster [HERE](#)

B. NACAC International University Fair. April 27th 1pm-4pm. Register [HERE](#)

****TRAFFIC UPDATES**** The south EXIT leaving our school grounds is currently closed until April 19th. For further Cross Creek traffic updates see the West Vancouver city website <https://westvancouver.ca/services/transportation/traffic-updates>

1. Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment

All Grade 10 Sentinel students will be writing the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment this April at our school. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Students have been provided their date and time for the assessment. Date: **April 15th-19th**

Students should prepare for this exam. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found [HERE](#). All Grade 10 students should try the sample exams (printed or online) and review the scoring guide. Developing a familiarity with the types of exam questions and computer interface will support students to be successful in this exam.

[2. Spartan Spring Debate Invitational](#)

On Monday, April 15th from 3:30pm-9pm Sentinel will host a beginner friendly debate tournament. FREE pizza will be provided for dinner and \$80 worth of GIFT CARDS will be awarded. This is an amazing opportunity to gain debate experience and interact with debaters outside of Sentinel. This is an impromptu tournament in CNDF with 30-minute prep time. No additional preparation is required. To compete, we require a \$5 registration fee on the day of competition. For more information and to register see below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13f462zymJmvCYPPBxpRkTJgVayqdUvFUWjj2KEpoXGU/edit>

If you're interested in competing but don't have a partner, email: debatesentinel@gmail.com

[3. 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, May 9th at 9am**. This will be our AGM for the school year. We will be electing new executive members and members at large.

The Multi-Cultural Lunch RAISED OVER \$13,000!

The MCL was a huge success last month, raising more profit than ever!

These funds will be used for student scholarships and other PAC priorities to benefit our students and school. Thank you to all volunteer parents and donors for an amazing event and cultural experience!!

GRADE 9 PARENT SOCIAL - Join with fellow parents of Grade 9 students who are also navigating the teen years, make connections, and raise funds for Legacy Projects!

- **When: Tuesday, 16th April, 6:30pm - 9pm**
- **Where: Milestones Restaurant, Park Royal**
- **Cost: \$20 per person; includes appetizers**

Register and purchase your tickets here:

[Grade 9 Parent Social \(google.com\)](#)

Upcoming Workshops on Parenting Teens [FLYER:](#)

April 23rd at 7pm online with Microsoft Teams: "Teens and Anxiety" This workshop explores a practical approach and tools that can be applied to areas ranging from daily interactions and problem solving/planning to program development. We will also touch on related boundary-setting and burnout-proofing techniques. **(link to join below)**

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 228 938 491 313

Passcode: yU55ap

May 28th at 7pm: Developing Resilience in Teens

Previous PARENT WORKSHOP:

On March 6th, DPAC hosted a virtual presentation with Dr. Diana Divecha, a Developmental Psychologist from Yale University, on the topic of **"How Families Can Support Peer**

Relationships." If you would like access to her slides please [click here](#). If you were unable to attend the presentation, we have a live recording [linked here](#). Many parents submitted questions in advance, though not all of them were answered, so Dr. Divecha kindly followed up with us later in the month relating to all school ages and [answered all of them here](#).

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

Volunteer for PAC!

We always need new PAC volunteers, and we need parents who will help next year too! Please contact Nora Gambioli at sepac@wvschools.ca

4. Grad 2024 Information

Grad Banquet and Commencement ticket sales will be postponed until later this month. Stay tuned for further details in next weeks bulletin.

Upcoming University Fairs: Two of our largest international fairs are coming up. The NACAC will include Canadian universities, US, UK, NCAA representatives.

UK University Fair

Thursday April 25th 4-8pm

Harbour Centre (SFU)

[Register here](#)

NACAC International Fair

Saturday April 27th 1-4pm

Vancouver Convention Centre

[Register here](#)

Scholarships 2024

All completed scholarship, bursary and award applications must be submitted to Ms. Janda in 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](#)

5. 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/>

6. Final Grade 9 Immunization Clinic at Sentinel

If you are new to Sentinel or in case your child missed the immunization clinic we had last year in October **Vancouver Coastal Health is holding a FINAL Grade 9 Immunization Clinic at Sentinel on Friday, April 19th**. If your child is required to receive an immunization, you would have received a paper notice with clinic and specific immunization information. This notice was sent home in the mail. More information [HERE](#).

7. Athletics

- The Sentinel Spartans Senior Ultimate Team defeated Windsor Secondary yesterday in their first match of the season. Looks like we have an incredible team this year!!
- Congratulations to our tennis team for their first win of the season against Rockridge! Go Spartans!!

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](#) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

8. 2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Summer Learning registration is now open. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

9. 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!

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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