



Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

May 6th – May 17th – AP Exams
May 7th - Grade 11 Parent Social (6:30pm-9pm)
May 17th – PD Day (no school)
May 20th – Victoria Day (no school)
May 30th – Collab Day (9:30am start)
June 15th – Grad 2024 Commencement (1pm-4pm)
June 22nd – Grad 2024 Banquet (5pm-10:30pm)

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

OUR SCHOOL

- 1. Ministry of Education 2024 Learning Survey**
- 2. Grad 2024 Info – June events**
- 3. Course Verification update**
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- 5. PAC News & Events incl. upcoming Parent Socials**
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- 7. WVS 2024 Summer Learning**
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In the Community

- Please join us for a discussion with author, educator, Olympian, and advocate Valerie Jerome. Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm Kay Meek Theatre. Your complimentary tickets can be reserved here <https://kaymeek.com/events/valerie-0522>
- BC Youth Week is a celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun, interaction, and celebration intended to build a strong connection between young people and their communities and to profile the accomplishments and diversity of youth. Please go to www.westvancouver.ca/youthweek for more details.
- TRAFFIC UPDATES - For all local traffic updates see the West Vancouver city website: <https://westvancouver.ca/services/transportation/traffic-updates>

1. Ministry of Education 2024 Student Learning Survey – Grade 10 & 12 Parents – Please take a few minutes to complete

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!

2. Grad 2024 Information

June Graduation Events

Please find a detailed Grad 2024 Newsletter for the below Grad Events [HERE](#):

Grad 2024 Commencement

DATE: Saturday, June 15th

WHEN: 1pm-4pm (Grads to arrive at noon)

WHERE: The Centre/West Side Church, 777 Homer St.

COST: Tickets are 20\$ each, free seating.

Grad 2024 Banquet

DATE: Saturday, June 22nd

WHEN: 5pm-10:30pm

WHERE: The Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Place.

COST: Ticket cost \$135 (2024 Sentinel Grads) \$155 (Guests)

Banquet dinner - 10 guests per table (pick up a Guest Form in Office). Purchase tickets in advance of Table selection. Table selection is in the Main Office Thursday May 23rd & Friday, May 24th from 12:55pm - 1:40pm.

Commencement and Banquet tickets are available for purchase on SCO

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

Scholarships 2024

All completed scholarship applications must now be submitted. Once the applications are reviewed and recipients are chosen, the scholarships, bursaries & awards will be presented to the selected students at Commencement on June 15th.

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](#)

[3. Course Verification Update](#)

Students can meet with their counsellors to review their course requests. A Google form is available on the Grad Google classrooms to make any changes. The deadline for submission has been extended to Friday, May 9th.

[4. 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

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

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

Grade 11 Parent Social – Tuesday, May 7th from 6:30pm-9pm at Milestones at Park Royal. See poster for details and to sign up [HERE](#). We have had huge success with the Grade 8, 9 & 10 Parent Socials, and raised over \$10,000 for our "Indoor & Outdoor Social Spaces" projects so far!

PAC AGM – Join us next **Thursday, May 9th** for coffee, goodies, updates from the Principal and our Annual General Meeting! We will be electing new executive members and members at large. Your involvement can positively impact your teen's education and the overall school community. Meeting starts at 9am in the library, mezzanine level. Draft agenda [HERE](#). We always need new PAC volunteers, and we need parents who will help next year too! Please contact Nora Gambioli at sepac@wvschools.ca

Upcoming Workshops on Parenting Teens FLYER: Teens & Anxiety - our online workshop with West Coast Family Services last week was very enlightening and practical; next workshop May 28th – Developing Resilience in Teens

Sentinel Traffic!! Help us improve traffic around the school:

It's springtime, please encourage your teenager(s) to walk, ride, roll or take the bus to school! If you must drive, *don't drop off at the front of the school*; use one of the safe locations indicated on this [MAP](#)

Use **YOUR Power - May 27-June 7** - students and PAC will work to increase the number of students who get to school using their own "power"!

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

[7. 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](#).

8. Vaping Information

Vaping has continued to decline in our schools, and we are committed to ensuring school environments are tobacco and vape free. However, we know that vaping still occurs. In addition to ongoing student education, our schools regularly monitor and supervise all school spaces and post visuals in our schools reminding students that our facilities are vape free.

One of the ways we would like to support our families and youth in learning more about vaping is partnering with Foundry for an upcoming series entitled “Youth & Vaping – Information, Considerations & Impacts” on June 12th at Rockridge Secondary. Keynote speakers will lead this evening event: Lindsay MacDonald and Lauren Wilkinson, both of whom have extensive knowledge surrounding the world of youth and vaping. Topics to be discussed will include:

- Youth vaping rates
- Stats
- Products
- Industry influence
- Health impacts including addiction
- local supports for youth.

Registration for this event will come out in mid May.

9. Homestay Families Needed

Every year, the West Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live in West Vancouver to support each student’s integration into the school and wider community.

Share your home and your heart.

1. Full-service homestay team support
2. \$28,000* in reimbursements
3. Single placements and 5-month students available

*Based on two international student both hosted from September to June.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our Homestay Coordinators at homestay@wvschools.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on our website at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

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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