



## Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Calendar Upcoming**

May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup> – “Use Your Power” week (PAC Initiative)

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Grad Carnival

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Coaching 2024/25 Info Event (7pm in Library)

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Grad gown pick up (3pm in Cafeteria)

June 13<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Grad 2024 Commencement (1pm-4pm)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grad 2024 Banquet (5pm-10:30pm)

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of formal classes

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Final Learning Update posted to MyEd

### **OUR SCHOOL**

- 1. Grad 2024 Info – Countdown to Grad!**
- 2. Grad Art Show**
- 3. Sentinel Music Calendar**
- 4. Theatre Company Auditions for 2025**
- 5. Sentinel’s Counselling Department**
- 6. Conversation about ADHD (support info)**
- 7. PAC News & Events – Use “YOUR Power” week**
- 8. 2025 Spring Break Trip Spain/Portugal**
- 9. 2025 Spring Break Trip Britain**
- 10. 2025 May Service Trip to the Dominican Republic**
- 11. Athletics – 2024/2025 Coach Information Event**
- 12. Summer Help with #butterflyway/native plant garden**
- 13. Homestay Families Needed**
- 14. WVS 2024 Summer Learning**

### **In the Community** – *see bottom for more details*

- **IMPORTANT NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC UPDATES** - For all local traffic updates see the West Vancouver city website:  
<https://westvancouver.ca/services/transportation/traffic-updates>
- **2024 Northshore Coed Junior Golf Tournaments**

- **West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps**
- **Lion's Gate Hospital would like your feedback**
- **First Annual Forum on Physical, Mental, Spiritual Health - May 28th and June 1st and 2nd.** Events on Sunday, June 2nd will be hosted at Sentinel Secondary. All events are free, but pre-registration is required. Volunteer Info [HERE](#)

## **1. Grad Information: Countdown to Grad!**

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

### **Grad Carnival:**

**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** - All Grads are invited for a BBQ lunch and activities from 12:55pm-3pm at Sentinel. Make sure to join in on the fun at this relaxed & casual event with your fellow Grads. *We are seeking Grad 12 parent volunteers to help with lunch. Please sign up here:* [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

### **Grad Cap & Gown Pick-up**

**Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm in the cafeteria (student Commencement tickets AND 2 complimentary TransLink Compass Cards will be distributed at this time).

### **Commencement Dress Rehearsal**

**Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** during lunch all Grads will do a run through of what to expect at Commencement.

### **Grad 2024 Commencement**

**DATE: Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**COST:** Guest tickets are 20\$ each (Grads N/C), 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:55pm - 1:40pm.

**Commencement and Banquet tickets are available for purchase on SCO**

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

**Purchase your Banquet and Commencement tickets through**

**SCO <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> . Students do not need to purchase**

**Commencement Tickets, guests only.**

**Final day to purchase tickets or receive a refund for the Grad Banquet is Thursday, June 6th by 3pm.**

## **2. Grad Art Show 2024**

From May 9<sup>th</sup> until June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ferry Building 1414 Argyle Ave., West Vancouver. The Ferry Building will be hosting an exhibition by West Vancouver's graduating secondary students. This event provides a platform for the talented youth of the community to showcase their artistic creations and share their unique perspectives with the public. From paintings to sculptures and photographs to mixed media installations, visitors can expect to encounter a rich tapestry of creativity that reflects the vibrancy and diversity of West Vancouver's emerging artistic talent. Please come and celebrate with us!

## **3. Sentinel Music Calendar**

We have numerous celebratory showcase concerts for all music students coming up this May and June! See complete Sentinel Music Calendar [HERE](#). The Sounds of Spring concert; The West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival; and our Year-End Concert at Sentinel are not to be missed! We wrap up the performance season with our Jazz Café, Vol. 3 with our small ensembles. Should you have any questions about any of the performances please contact Mr. Virag at [zvirag@sd45.bc.ca](mailto:zvirag@sd45.bc.ca). We look forward to seeing you there!

## **4. Theatre Company Auditions for The Little Mermaid 2025**

All students who have signed up for Theatre Company 9-12 next year must attend a MANDATORY class on Tuesday, June 4th from 3:30-5pm in the theatre. We will be talking about next year's production as well as the GENERAL AUDITIONS which will be happening in JUNE!!

## **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](mailto:lulinder@wvschools.ca)

**Jennifer Murray (last names G-LIT)** [jmurray@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmurray@wvschools.ca)

**Stefan Huskilson (last names LIU-SAM)** [shuskilson@wvschools.ca](mailto:shuskilson@wvschools.ca)

**Alex Thureau (last names SAN-Z)** [athureau@wvschools.ca](mailto:athureau@wvschools.ca)

## **6. Conversation about ADHD - Resources**

**Teens + ADHD, presented by** [Kate Drew Counselling](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us at last week's Teens + ADHD presentation. As promised, here are some additional resources to support you and your amazing teen. If you missed the presentation, this is a great opportunity to learn more about ADHD! [ADHD Resources](#)

## **7. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News & Events**

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

### **Use Your POWER**

The "[Use YOUR Power](#)" initiative, is now underway until June 7th! For two weeks, we're focusing on reducing traffic around our school by promoting biking, walking, and using alternative drop-off spots instead of the school grounds during the busy morning hours.

**We need parent and student volunteers every morning to help distribute raffle tickets at the alternative drop-off spots.** Each ticket gives our students a chance to win a \$15 gift card daily. Student volunteers will receive one volunteer hour for each volunteer session, and parent volunteers will receive a chance to put their child's name in the raffle.

**Let's Use OUR Power for good!**

**[Sign up for Volunteering](#)**

<https://chouseisan.com/s?h=fdfe66870a2f4b0ca5ec80e36ba24ef9>

**[MAP for Volunteers HERE](#)**

**If you do get approached by a student or parent volunteer at morning drop off, please remember to BE KIND! This is a PAC led initiative for the betterment of our school community!!**

**[Legacy Fund:](#)**

**\$17,000 from Legacy fundraising!**

Thanks to our generous parent community and especially the four grade "Socials" that were held in March, April, and May. PAC is donating \$17,000 to the school to begin the indoor and outdoor student spaces project! Thanks to all parent donors, and our legacy team!

**PAC COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

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

**Korean Community:** Diane Shoar [frauen@naver.com](mailto:frauen@naver.com)

**Chinese Community:** Melanie Miao [melaniemiao99@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemiao99@gmail.com)

**Persian Community:** Farzaneh Bamani [farzaneh.bm@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sepac@wvschools.ca)

**[Student Trips for 2025](#)**

**[8. 2025 Spring Break Trip in Spain & Portugal!](#)**

Sentinel is planning an amazing trip to one of the most beautiful and historic places in the world. Tour gorgeous villages, eat amazing food, see stunning architecture, and relax on some of the finest beaches on earth! Space is limited on this trip to one of the world's most desirable holiday destinations. Priority goes to the Class of 2025. For information and updates join the **Google classroom: 5226yne**

**[9. 2025 Spring Break Trip: Keep Calm & Come to Britain!](#)**

The Performing Arts Department is planning a trip to Britain for Spring Break 2025! Spend time with Harry Potter, at Downton Abbey, and, of course, see a few of London's spectacular West End shows! **Parent Meeting for mor information in on Thursday, June 6th @ 6pm in the Theatre.** Please email Mrs. Mcguinness-Gill at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca) for details. *NB. Priority will be given to current & returning performing arts students in next year's Grades 9-12 classes.*

**10. May 2025 - The Dominican Republic Service Trip is back!** Travel that changes lives! Discover your world, and the power you have to make a difference. This is what our Dominican Republic Service trip is about. Meeting this Friday, the 24th at lunch in room 208 for more information. See Ms. Page-Newman for details.

### **11. Athletics – Coaching Information Event**

Calling out all potential coaches (and Assistant coaches)! We are seeking coaches for our 2024/2025 Sentinel Teams. Interested in finding out more? **Please come to our coaching information evening on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Sentinel Library.** We will provide light snacks and beverages at this event. More details here: [Coach Information Event](#)

If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please reach out to Todd McGowan or Brooks McNiven, our Sentinel Athletic Directors [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca)  
Follow [@sentinelathletics](#) on Instagram for up-to-date information and other exciting Athletics content.

### **12. Summer Help with #butterflyway/native plant garden**

The Sentinel community #butterflyway/native plant gardens continue to expand and continue to grow over the summer despite no students. We are looking for volunteers to help weed and water the garden over the summer months. Please contact [ahiggs@wvschools.ca](mailto:ahiggs@wvschools.ca) if you can help. Thank you.

### **13. 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](mailto:homestay@wvschools.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on our website at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

### **14. 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](#).

## **In the Community**

- A. **West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps:** WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at WVSS and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. Many camps sold out last summer so don't wait too long to sign up. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to [www.wvbc.ca](http://www.wvbc.ca)

- B. **2024 Northshore Coed Junior Golf Tournaments** – Visit [www.activewestvanrec.ca](http://www.activewestvanrec.ca) to register. Questions? Email Greg at [northshorejuniorgolf@gmail.com](mailto:northshorejuniorgolf@gmail.com)
- C. **Lions Gate Hospital** would like your feedback on evolving health care needs in your community. Please consider filling out the survey: [Health Vision Lions Gate Hospital – Survey](#)
- D. **First Annual Forum on Physical, Mental, Spiritual Health - May 28th and June 1st and 2nd.**
  - **“Walk with your Doc”** at Park Royal June 1<sup>st</sup> - for info and registration click [HERE](#)
  - **“Getting Youth Active in a Digital World”** at Sentinel June 2<sup>nd</sup> – for info and registration click [HERE](#).

**Please contact us via email:**

**General inquiries:** [sentinel@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinel@wvschools.ca)

**Attendance related:** [sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca)

**MyEducation help:** [sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

**Teachers & Staff:** please see our website for a complete staff list: [Staff Emails](#)

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