



Thursday, June 13th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

June 15th – Grad 2024 Commencement (1pm-4pm)
June 20th – Sentinel Athletic Awards (1:40pm-3pm)
June 22nd – Grad 2024 Banquet (5pm-10:30pm)
June 24th – Last Day of formal classes
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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](#)

[Sentinel Website & Calendar](#)

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1. Important Year End Information

Sentinel Cafeteria's last day will be Friday June 21st. Please make alternate arrangements for your snacks and lunch starting Monday, June 24th.

Grade 12s: School District Email, Google Accounts & Google Drive

Just a reminder that graduating students' school email, Google accounts and Google Drive will no longer be accessible sometime during the summer. Please download ANY information you want to keep and transfer to personal accounts.

All Grades checklist for end of year:

- **Return all Library books and devices:** All library books and school devices are due this Friday, June 14th. If you have any questions, contact our librarian jbond@wvschools.ca
- **Return all textbooks & school resources** by Friday, June 21st
- **Locker cleanout:** Friday, June 21st – more details to come!
- **Collect ALL Lost & Found Items** - Any items left in the school after June 28th will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Outstanding School Fees and School Resources

Please ensure you have paid all school fees owing through School Cash Online <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> If you have any questions regarding school fee payments, please contact our Accountant Ms. Allison Carruthers. acarruthers@wvschools.ca.

Deadline for school fee payments and school textbook and resource return is Friday June 21st.

2. Grade 8-11 Honour Roll

Students who achieved the Honour roll this year will be receiving an Honour roll Certificate via email the week of July 1st. Please print and keep this certificate for your records. We no longer print certificates in the office.

3. Grad 2024 Information: Countdown to Grad!

Please find a detailed Grad 2024 Newsletter for the below Grad Events [HERE](#):
Grads are to pick up their Cap & Gown this week from their counsellor in the counselling suite. All Commencement tickets AND 2 complimentary TransLink Compass Cards will also be distributed at this time. PLEASE PICK UP BEFORE FRIDAY JUNE 14TH AT LUNCH in time for the dress rehearsal!

Commencement Dress Rehearsal

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

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: Guest tickets are 20\$ each (Grads N/C), free seating.

Purchase your Commencement tickets through

SCO <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> . Students do not need to purchase Commencement Tickets, guests only.

Grad 2024 Banquet

DATE: Saturday, June 22nd

WHEN: 5pm-10:30pm

WHERE: The Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Place.

Banquet ticket sales and refunds are now CLOSED.

4. Undergraduate Summer Study Awards 2024

Available to Sentinel Undergraduate Students - (Grades 8 – 11) - Several summer enrichment study awards are available for students currently registered in Grades 8 – 11 who will be returning to Sentinel for the next school year. Study can be in the form of camps, clinics or workshops and can be related to:

- Enrichment experiences related to a Sentinel subject such as science, drama, art, music, writing, languages, math, and computers
- Leadership and social responsibility
- Athletic skills

More information and an application form is available in the office. In addition, students will need to attach print material describing the summer study program.

5. Sentinel's Inclusion and Belong (SIB) Club is looking for student members!

Here at Sentinel, we are very excited to continue our work on inclusion and belonging with the Sentinel's Inclusion and Belonging (SIB) group. This means we are looking for new student members to join a SIB club to work with Sentinel staff to plan events throughout the 24-25 school year to increase everyone's feelings of belonging.

If you have a child or children currently in Gr 8-11 (not graduating) who would be interested in joining the SIB club, they can email Ms. Lara Winstone directly (lwinstone@wvschools.ca) or come and speak to her in Rm 254 any morning before 12:30 pm to ask questions or get more details.

Go Spartans Go!

6. 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

7. 2024 Yearbooks

The yearbooks are now available for pick up. If you still haven't picked up your yearbook, please see Ms. Tabone in Room 202. Currently we are waitlisted for additional purchases. Please email atabone@wvschools.ca for more information.

8. 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

9. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News & Events

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

Sentinel Staff Appreciation Lunch

It is a tradition to show our appreciation to all teachers and staff with our year-end Staff Appreciation Lunch.

Lunch this year is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th – please sign up via Perfect Potluck link now to share your favourite dishes with staff! We also need volunteers for decorating, set up and cleanup.

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=GLTH7456&v=21232f297a>

If you are planning on an early holiday, we are happy to accept monetary donations towards small "THANK YOU" gift-cards for all Sentinel staff for their hard work and support for our kids.

You may contribute via:

1) E-transfer to sentinelPAC@gmail.com or

2) Cash or cheque payable to Sentinel PAC (please sealed in an envelope and mark "Staff Luncheon"). Please ask your child to drop off the envelope at the school office.

Thank you in advance for all your support and donations!!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Gem Chu at 778-251-9139, gemchuchu@gmail.com, or Melanie Miao at 778-322-9677.

Thank-you! – Use your Power

A BIG Thank-you to all for participating in our recent Use Your Power initiative!! Over the past two weeks, we've focused on promoting alternative transportation methods and utilizing off-site drop-off locations, resulting in noticeable improvements in traffic flow around the school. We encourage you to continue using alternative transport and off-site drop-offs to help maintain this positive change. Driving into school grounds is discouraged, except for permitted staff, students,

and those requiring mobility assistance. **We'll run this initiative again from September 3rd-13th with the support of WVPD and Bylaws. Thanks for your continued cooperation!**

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

10. 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! **Join Google classroom code: 7op57nu.** Please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill at mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca for details. *NB. Priority will be given to current & returning performing arts students in next year's Grades 9-12 classes.*

11. May 2025 - The Dominican Republic Service Trip is back!

May 2025 Dominican Republic: Travel that changes lives! Discover your world, and the power you have to make a difference. This is what our DR Service trip is about. Pay attention to updates and daily announcements for information and see (Mrs.) Sra. Page-Newman in room 208.

12. Athletics

Sentinel Athletic Awards Presentations

Please join us in celebrating our successes and wins and outstanding athletes of the 2023/24 season at our annual Athletic Awards Presentations:

Thursday, June 20th in the Main Gym from 1:40pm – 3pm

All students and parents/guardians invited!

Uniform Return

Attention all Sentinel Athletes! If you participated in a team sport this year and have not returned your uniform to Mr. McGowan or Mr. McNiven, you need to do so immediately! Failure to return your uniform by the end of the school year will not only have a financial cost to you and your parents but will hinder your ability to play sports at Sentinel next year. Thank you to all of you that have already returned them.

If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please reach out to Todd McGowan or Brooks McNiven, our Sentinel Athletic Directors sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

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. 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. IMPORTANT NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC UPDATES** - For all local traffic updates see the West Vancouver city website: <https://westvancouver.ca/services/transportation/traffic-updates>
- B. Northshore Youth Police Academy** – Calling all Northshore students in Grades 10-12! Youth Academy hosted by the WVPD: Monday, August 19th – Thursday August 22nd 8am-4pm. NorthVan RCMP Detachment: Monday, August 12th – Thursday August 15th 8am-4pm.
- C. 2024 Northshore Coed Junior Golf Tournaments** – Visit www.activewestvanrec.ca to register. Questions? Email Greg at northshorejuniorgolf@gmail.com

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