



## Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Calendar Upcoming**

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Sentinel Athletic Awards (1:40pm-3pm)  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grad 2024 Banquet (5pm-10:30pm)  
June 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of formal classes  
June 25<sup>th</sup> – End of year PAC Staff Luncheon  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – Final Learning Update posted to MyEd

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**\*In the Community – see bottom of Bulletin**

Please contact us via email:

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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](#)

[Sentinel Website & Calendar](#)

### **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 NOW. If you have any questions, contact our librarian [jbond@wvschools.ca](mailto:jbond@wvschools.ca)
- **Return all textbooks & school resources** by Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Locker cleanout:** Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – students will be dismissed 10 minutes early to clean out their lockers and remove any items. Current Grade 8-11s please keep your lock for next year. You will be re-assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year. Make note of your combination!
- **Collect ALL Lost & Found Items** - Any items left in the school after June 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca).

**Deadline for school fee payments and school textbook and resource return is Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## 2. Grad 2024 Information

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

### **Grad 2024 Banquet**

**DATE: Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**WHEN: 5pm-10:30pm**

**WHERE: The Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Place.**

**Banquet ticket sales and refunds are now CLOSED.**

***Congratulations to all our Grads!!  
Class of 2024 throw their caps in the air  
at the Commencement June 15<sup>th</sup>***



### **3. FINAL Student Learning Update posted to MyEd – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Parents will be able to access the final Student Learning Update on the MyEd family portal next Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the end of the school day. **Family Portal Important Notes:**

**Please be sure to logon before June 27<sup>th</sup>** to ensure your username and password are up to date. Family Portal Link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/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](mailto:sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

### **4. Grade 8-11 Honour Roll**

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

### **5. 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.

### **6. Sentinel’s Inclusion and Belong (SIB) Club is looking for student members for the 2024-2025 school year!**

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](mailto: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!

## **7. 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!

## **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](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)

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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](mailto: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](mailto:gemchuchu@gmail.com), or Melanie Miao at 778-322-9677.

### **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)

## 10. The Dominican Republic Service Trip 2025

Dominican Republic Service Trip: We are now accepting deposits for the May 2025 school trip to the Dominican Republic. You can pay your \$500 dollar deposit through cash online this FRIDAY 21st of June. Priority will be given to those who have expressed interest and have attended initial meetings. Currently we have spaces. Speak to Sra. Page-Newman or send her an email at [npage-newman@wvschools.ca](mailto:npage-newman@wvschools.ca)

11. Spain & Portugal Trip 2025: We are pleased to announce that the Sentinel Spring Break 2025 trip to Spain & Portugal is currently sold out. Students going on the trip should stay tuned for further announcement delivered to them online. Others interested in the trip may speak to Mr. Griffiths about getting their name on a waiting list.

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

## 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. **Announcing Camp Justice: A New Summer Experience for Students:** What's in Store:
- Hands-On Legal Exploration: Students will tackle contemporary justice issues and sharpen their advocacy skills through debate and mock trials.
  - Interactive Sessions: Real-life courtroom experiences designed to inspire and educate.

**Camp Dates:**

- Session 1: July 8-12 (9 am - 4pm)
- Session 2: August 12-16 (9 am - 4pm)

**How You Can Help:**

Spread the Word: Encourage your students to join this unique learning opportunity.

Nominate Students: Identify and recommend students who would thrive in this environment.

We have a limited number of free spots to ensure financial barriers don't hinder participation. These spots are awarded based on a short application.

Help us make a difference and inspire the next generation of advocates!

Please share the poster with students and parents. Thank you for your support!

Visit [www.lawlessons.ca/camp-justice](http://www.lawlessons.ca/camp-justice) for more details.

- C. **West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps:** The end of the school year is here which means the WVBC summer camps are just a few weeks away. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. Space is limited so best not to delay in signing up. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to [www.wvbc.ca](http://www.wvbc.ca)
- D. **Northshore Youth Police Academy** – Calling all Northshore students in Grades 10-12! Youth Academy hosted by the WVPD: Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am-4pm. NorthVan RCMP Detachment: Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm.
- E. **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)

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