



## Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Calendar Upcoming**

- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Coaching 2024/25 Info Event (7pm in Library)
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Grad gown pick up (June 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>)
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Grad 2024 Commencement (1pm-4pm)
- 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 27<sup>th</sup> – Final Learning Update posted to MyEd

### **OUR SCHOOL**

- 1. Grad 2024 Info – Countdown to Grad!**
- 2. Undergraduate Summer Study Awards 2024**
- 3. Yearbooks NOW available for pick-up**
- 4. Sentinel Music Calendar**
- 5. Sentinel’s Counselling Department**
- 6. PAC News & Events – Staff Appreciation Lunch**
- 7. 2025 Spring Break Trip Spain/Portugal**
- 8. 2025 Spring Break Trip Britain**
- 9. 2025 May Service Trip to the Dominican Republic**
- 10. Athletics – Coach Event; Athletic Awards; Uniform Return**
- 11. Homestay Families Needed**
- 12. 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>
- **Youth & Vaping – Information, Considerations, Impacts: District Parent Evening**
- **2024 Northshore Coed Junior Golf Tournaments**

## **1. Grad 2024 Information: Countdown to Grad!**

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

### **Grad Cap & Gown Pick-up has Changed!**

Grads are to pick up their Cap & Gown from their counsellor starting next Tuesday, June 11th until Friday June 14th. Please pick up before school, lunch, breaks, spares or right after school. Student 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 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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.

**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 TODAY, Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## **2. 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.

### **3. 2024 Yearbooks**

The yearbooks are now available for pick up and were distributed this week. 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](mailto:atabone@wvschools.ca) for more information.

### **4. 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!

### **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. 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.

#### **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**

### **7. 2025 Spring Break Trip in Spain & Portugal!**

People interested in the fantastic opportunity to visit Spain & Portugal during Spring Break 2025 are encouraged to join the Google Classroom. Stay tuned for notices of further meetings about the trip. The Google Classroom code for the Spain /Portugal Trip is **5226yne**

### **8. 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 TODAY, 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.*

### **9. 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.

## **10. 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)

### **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.

## 11. 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/>.

## 12. 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. **Youth & Vaping: Information, Considerations, Impacts** –The Northshore District Foundry & Vancouver Coastal Health present this free District Parent Evening, Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm at Rockridge. Please register [HERE](#)
- 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)

**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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