



Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Calendar Upcoming

September 20<sup>th</sup> - PD Day (no school)

September 24<sup>th</sup> - Grade 12 Parent Night (6:30pm at Sentinel)

September 25<sup>th</sup> – “Meet the Teacher” night

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Collab Day (9:30am start for all students)

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Truth & Reconciliation Observance (No school)

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Photo Re-takes

October 10<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting (9am start)

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## [1. Calendar & Block Rotation](#)

View the **2024-2025 Calendar “At-a-Glance”** [HERE](#)

For the Day 1 & Day 2 rotations - **See the current Block Rotation Schedule** [HERE](#) (The latest version will always be posted outside the office and on the homepage of our website.)

## [2. Policies and Procedures – Action Required](#)

**Please be aware that a new P+P form MUST be completed for each student, every school year.** Without a completed form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. This form requires a Parent login and Password.

If you have previously created an account to complete the form last year, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. After you have logged in, you have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

**Please find the link here:** <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

## [3. Meet the Teacher Night](#)

We look forward to seeing you on the evening of **September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (The Welcome reception from 5:30pm-6:30pm is brought to you by PAC). Our “Meet the Teacher” Walk through your Student’s Timetable is from 6:30pm – 8:22pm** This is an opportunity for you to meet your student’s teachers and to learn more about the courses they teach. All students will receive their individual Timetables to share with parents before this event with information on class rotation details and teacher classrooms. See a sample of the “Meet the Teacher” timing schedule [HERE](#)

## [4. Terry Fox Run – Please donate!](#)

Today all grades participated in the Terry Fox Run. This annual charity event is held around the world to raise money for cancer research in commemoration of Canadian cancer activist Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope. After the run, students had a hotdog BBQ by donation in the courtyard - all proceeds will go to The Terry Fox Foundation. Our school hasn’t quite reached its goal of 2000\$ - it’s not too late to donate!! Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Donate here: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/78575> Thank you, Sentinel, for your participation and your support for this great cause!

## [5. 2024/2025 Yearbooks](#)

Exciting News! The **2024/2025 Yearbooks** are now available for purchase through School Cash Online. Don't miss out on capturing this year's memories - [click here](#) to secure your copy!

## [6. Music Program](#)

Being part of the Sentinel Music Program is a rich learning experience, full of vibrant classroom and performance opportunities. Our upcoming performances are:

- September 15th - Concert Band at *Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies* at Sentinel in periods 2 and 3
- October 6th - Jazz A and Jazz B bands at *West Vancouver Pumpkin Fest* at the Community Center (time TBD)
- October 17th - Jazz A, Jazz B, and RnB bands perform at *Jazz Cafe, Vol. 1* at the Sentinel Library at 7:00PM

Helpful links:

- [Most up-to-date performance calendar for all groups](#)
- [Performance Attire Expectations for all groups](#)
- [Sign-Up for Parent Volunteer Opportunities](#)

For any questions about the Sentinel Music Program, please contact Mr. Virag at [zvirag@wvschools.ca](mailto:zvirag@wvschools.ca).

## **7. French Immersion Support Block**

Help for all Grades in French Immersion – there will be a support block for students needing extra support in French Immersion. Go to Room 306 Mondays and Wednesday: 8:00am -8:25am or Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:00pm - 4:00pm. Students can get help with:

- Revision of a concept, rule, lesson, etc.
- Projects (individual or group)
- Preparation for tests, quizzes, dictations
- Personal organization, planning

## **8. Theatre Company**

All Grade 8s interested in the Theatre Company: **Apprenticeship 8 Program**. Grade 8 students interested in getting more information on this year's production of *The Little Mermaid* please come and see Mrs. McGuinness-Gill in the Theatre (Room 249) or email her at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca) by Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

## **9. Math Contests**

We are pleased to offer a series of Math contests again this year. Interested students should join our Math contest Google classroom with the code: sjdrxzr

The first contest open for registration are the AMC 10, and AMC 12 Math contests, taking place on Wednesday, November 6th in the library. These contests are challenging but strong results could be an asset on post-secondary applications. Students can register with Mr. Ma in room 257. The cost for registration is \$5 and space will be limited. The deadline for registration is Thursday, September 19th. Late entries will not be allowed. More information about the contest can be found here: <https://maa.org/student-programs/amc/>

## **10. School Photos – Retakes October 3rd!**

Re-takes for individual school photos for ALL grades will take place Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you already had your photo taken this year, please bring your current Artona ID photo with QR code card to the session. For all photo inquiries and to order photos please go to Artona's website: <https://artona.com/contact-us>

## **11. PAC News**

### **PAC Meeting**

**Join us for our next PAC meeting at 9:00am on Thursday, October 10th, 2024.** We had a great turnout for our September meeting and look forward to having a high level of parent involvement this year!

**Grade 8 Parent Social:** Your Parent Advisory Council is hosting a SOCIAL evening, just for Grade 8 parents! Join with fellow parents who are also navigating the teen years, make connections, and raise funds for Legacy Projects:

- When: Wednesday, 2nd October, 6:30pm - 9pm
- Where: Milestones Restaurant, Park Royal
- Cost: \$20 per person; includes appetizers

Purchase your tickets here: [Grade 8 Parent Social \(google.com\)](#)

Also, to keep connected with other Grade 8 Parents please join the [Grade 8 WhatsApp](#)

For further information, please contact Amy ([amy-ccc@163.com](mailto:amy-ccc@163.com)) or Michelle ([Ellemorgan@gmail.com](mailto:Ellemorgan@gmail.com))

### **Message From PAC Regarding Traffic**

Your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes you! Among our many activities, we are trying hard to stop the daily traffic congestion at the school entrance. Please support your teen to walk, cycle, scooter or use public transit to get to and from school each day. This provides exercise and an opportunity to meet other students! If you must drive a vehicle, please park at one of the **26 safe GREEN drop-off spots** in the neighborhood, so that your teen can **walk onto the school grounds:**

[School Drop Off Map](#)

Let's create a safe, sustainable, and pollution-free school!

**Nora Gambioli, Chair**

Sentinel Parent Advisory Council, 2024-2025

[sepac@wvschools.ca](mailto:sepac@wvschools.ca)

## **12. Sentinel's Counselling Department**

Welcome Back! 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. We are excited to welcome back Ms. Britten to our team!

**Lisa Ulinder (last names A-F)** [lulinder@wvschools.ca](mailto:lulinder@wvschools.ca)

**Rebecca Britten (last names G-LIT)** [rbritten@wvschools.ca](mailto:rbritten@wvschools.ca)

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

For more information from our counselling team please visit

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/counselling/>

## **13. Grads of 2025 Info**

We will be keeping you informed of the latest updates here...please click on link to see the latest Grad 2025 bulletin with important information sent out yesterday: [Sentinel Grad 2025 September Bulletin](#)

### **Upcoming University Fairs:**

- **UK University Fair – Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at SFU Campus Harbour Centre.**  
**More information here: [Study in the UK](#)**
- **US College Fair on the Northshore: Please see [FLYER](#)**

## **14. Annual Student Parking Pass**

For those students parking at the school, please purchase a student's parking pass (\$25, *for extra car registered* +\$10) using School Cash Online and bring the receipt to the Accounting Office beginning Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am-3:00pm Monday to Friday. If you need assistance with [SchoolCash Online](#) please email our Accountant, Allison Carruthers at [acarruthers@wvschools.ca](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca)

## **15. Sentinel Athletics**

The Sr Girls' Field Hockey team battled hard against Seycove on Wednesday suffering a very close 1st game loss but showing incredible sportsmanship and teamwork. A great start to the season! The Jr boys Soccer team came roaring out of the gates yesterday as well. The talent on the team is incredible and although it was a 1-0 loss, the team had possession of the ball for most of the game and just missed getting the lucky break they needed. Well-done boys!

If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please email: [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca).

## **16. Optional Accident Insurance for Families**

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **A. Memorial Library News**

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, Storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently have French Storytime running on Saturdays!)

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

**Please contact us via email:**

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**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](#)**

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