



Thursday, September 26th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

September 30th – Truth & Reconciliation Observance (No school)

October 3rd – Photo Re-takes

October 2nd – PAC Grade 8 Parent Social

October 7th – Clubs Day

October 9th – PAC Grade 9 Parent Social

October 10th – PAC Meeting (9am start)

October 14th – Happy Thanksgiving (no school)

OUR SCHOOL

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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 31st 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. Sentinel Clubs 2024-2025!

Clubs Day will take place on Monday, October 7th, at lunch in the gym. Please submit this form to request to form a club for the 2024-2025 school year: <https://forms.gle/S68QG2E8CpNu3z256> (required for all new and previously existing clubs). Deadline to submit is Friday, September 27th. One submission per club is permitted and late submissions will not be accepted. **Clubs will be approved by Thursday, October 3, and the club leader will be notified by email.** Approved clubs will be provided with a table in the gym for Clubs Day to advertise their club and are expected to bring their own promotional materials (e.g., poster displays, slideshow of photos/videos, etc.), and each club should have a Google Classroom (with the sponsor teacher as an administrator) with their code displayed for students to join and get more information about the club. If you have any questions, please email, or speak to Ms. Britten (rbritten@wvschools.ca) in the counselling suite.

4. 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!

5. 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:

- 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.

6. 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.

7. Math Contests

The Math department is looking for grade 11 or 12 volunteers for the Sentinel Math Team Captain position this year. Details can be found on our Math Contest **Google classroom. Code: sjdrxrzr** Students interested in Math contests are encouraged to join the contest Google classroom (same as above). Due to technical glitches, students who enrolled last year were removed from the classroom, so students are reminded to double check to ensure they have been enrolled for this year.

8. School Photos – Retakes October 3rd!

Re-takes for individual school photos for ALL grades will take place Thursday, October 3rd. 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>

9. Spain & Portugal Trip

Parents & guardians of students signed up for Sentinel's Spring Break 2025 Trip are reminded there is an information meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 pm at Sentinel in Mr. Griffiths Room 323. We hope to see you there!

10. PAC News

A. 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!

B. Grade 8 Parent Social:

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) or Michelle (Ellemorgan@gmail.com)

C. Grade 9 Parent Social

When: Wednesday, 9th October, 6:30pm - 9pm

Where: Milestones Restaurant, Park Royal

Cost: \$20 per person; includes appetizers

Purchase your tickets here: [Grade 9 Parent Social \(google.com\)](#)

Also, to keep connected with other Grade 9 Parents please join the [Grade 9 WhatsApp Group](#). For further information, please contact

Tenzin tenzinkhangsar@gmail.com, Yvonne yvonnecylau@gmail.com or Farzaneh farzaneh.bm@gmail.com (Grade 9 Rep)

More information coming soon for upcoming Parent Socials:

Grade 10 Parents: 6.30pm – 9pm, Wednesday, 16th October

Grade 11 Parents: 6.30pm – 9pm, Wednesday, 23rd October

D. Parent Education: Cellphones in Schools - Recording Now Available!

Thank you for participating in our recent Parent Education event! Your involvement is invaluable, and we appreciate your commitment to your student's education. If you missed the presentation or would like to review it, you can find the recording: [click here for recording](#)

For any inquiries, please contact Diane Shoar at frauen@naver.com

E. 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

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

Lisa Ulinder (last names A-F) lulinder@wvschools.ca

Rebecca Britten (last names G-LIT) rbritten@wvschools.ca

Stefan Huskilson (last names LIU-SAM) shuskilson@wvschools.ca

Alex Thureau (last names SAN-Z) athureau@wvschools.ca

For more information from our counselling team please visit

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

12. 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](#)

Post Secondary Google Calendar:

- **Calendar**

Grade 12 Parent Night Presentation:

- **G12 Parent Info Session**

Upcoming University Fairs:

- **US College Fair on the Northshore: Please see [FLYER](#)**

13. 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 Main Office. If you need assistance with [SchoolCash Online](#) please email our Accountant, Allison Carruthers at

acarruthers@wvschools.ca

14. Sentinel Athletics

Golf Anyone?

If your student is interested in golf and wants to get better, please have them come to an information meeting on Wed, October 2nd at 3 pm in Rm 254. Golf Coach and parent Abi Tur has arranged for opportunities for Sentinel students to practice golf before the Spring Golf Season begins in March of 2025! There is already a schedule and there IS a weekly cost for those who join; all this info will be shared at the meeting. Can't attend meeting? Please email Ms Winstone lwinstone@wvschools.ca and she'll forward you info after the meeting.

Player Registration Page on the website: To ensure your student's participation in their chosen sport, a parent/guardian must complete the Registration Form and submit the required sport fees via School Cash Online. Please note that only registered athletes will be eligible to join a team. Please find the Website registration page below:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/ecole-sentinel-secondary/player-registration/>

If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please email: sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

GAME OF APPS (Season 8)

If your student is interested in technology and app creation, then Game of Apps may be for them. Game of Apps is an after-school program that empowers students with practical, technical, and life skills to help them succeed in 21st century careers. If you are interested in your child(ren) joining, check out the following video: <https://youtu.be/EfeeXLBC8H4>

WHY JOIN?

Everyone is welcome! But as always, GoA organizers want everyone to know that they have a strong focus on including female students and non-tech-oriented individuals.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

This season, we continue offering the following year-long programs:

- Startup School, grades 10-12
- Intro to Programming, levels 1 & 2, grades 6-9

If interested please email the founder of GoA, Roland Tecson:
roland@gameofapps.org

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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