



Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

October 17th – Jazz Café 7pm in Library

October 22nd – PAC Grade 12 Parent social

October 23rd – PAC Grade 11 Parent social

October 25th – PD Day (no school)

October 29th to Nov 5th – Grad Assessments

October 31st – Collab Day (9:30 am school start)

November 1st – Grad 2025 Semi-Formal

November 6th – “Take Our Kids to Work Day” (Grade 9s)

November 11th – Remembrance Day (No School)

OUR SCHOOL

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Roadworks on Chartwell Dr

Re-Scheduled to start on Thursday, October 24th Road construction work on 1323-1298 Chartwell Drive 7:30am-5:30pm. For more info, please go to www.westvancouver.ca/traffic
Please use alternate drop off/ pick up points during this time.

Sentinel Handicap Parking Spots

A reminder to everyone that there are two designated Handicap Parking spots at the front of the school that members of our school community rely on. Please do not park in these spots, even temporarily, without the required handicapped pass. Thank you!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Connections & Events

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.

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

3. Sentinel Clubs 2024-2025

Clubs Day was a huge success with the formation of over 75 clubs from Aerial Photography to Yarn & Stitch Club. For a look at all the clubs, their meeting days & locations plus their Google Classroom Code to join please see the complete list [HERE](#)

4. Language Challenge Exams

Challenge exams are being offered for grade 11 and 12 Farsi, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, and Spanish. These exams will give course credit for post-secondary admissions (*please note that UBC will not use the grade as part of a student’s admission average). Exams will take place in Delta on February 1st & 2nd, 2025.

Students who would like to sign up to write a challenge exam should visit their google classroom for application instructions and all information related to the 2024/25 Language Challenge Exams can be found at this link: [Challenge Exams](#) Completed applications should be submitted to Mr. Huskison or Ms. Thureau in the counselling suite by **Thursday, October 24th at 3pm.**

5. Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment - October 29th - November 5th

All Sentinel Grade 10 students will write the Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment during the week of October 29th to November 5th. Any grade 11 or 12 student who missed the Literacy 10 Assessment will also write the assessment. Students have received an email indicating the date and time of their assessment. Please note that Graduation Assessments are required for graduation purposes. Students should prepare for these assessments by attempting the sample assessments. Sample assessment and more information on Graduation Assessments can be found [HERE](#).

6. Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

Sentinel will be hosting our annual Grade 9 Immunization clinic on Wednesday, November 13th. All Grade 9 families should receive a mailout from Vancouver Coastal Health with a consent form enclosed. Please complete the form, sign, and date it and have your student return it to the Sentinel Main Office ASAP. If you have any questions regarding this clinic, please reach out to our Community Health Nurse: Ms. Parisa Oqani parisa.oqani@vch.ca

7. Grade 9 Parents: “Take Our Kids to Work Day” – Nov 6th (Grade 9’s only)

Take Our Kids to Work™ is the Student’s Commission of Canada program involving more than 250,000 Grade 9 students annually. This year, on Wednesday, November 6th, Grade 9 students across Canada will spend a day in the workplace of a parent, relative, or friend. This is a mandatory program for all Grade 9 students and meets the curriculum outcomes of the Grade 9 Career Education course. **Please have your student bring this signed Parental consent FORM to the Main Office by Wednesday, October 30th.** Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please email your assigned teacher:

Jennifer Murray: jmurray@wvschools.ca

Jody Sparkes: jsparkes@wvschools.ca

8. Math Contests

The Math department is pleased to offer registration for the AMC 8 contest for grade 8s. This contest provides an excellent opportunity for grade 8s to test their Mathematical ability against challenging problems. The cost for registration is \$5 and can be paid to Mr. Ma in room 257. **The deadline for registration is Friday, October 25th. Late registrations may not be accepted.**

9. Attention Grade 8 Parents – Library Cards

To get a free West Vancouver Memorial Library card delivered right to Sentinel (& distributed through the school library), Grade 8s just need to fill out this form: <https://westvanlibrary.ca/school-library-card-project/> by **3pm on Tuesday, October 29**. This is an extremely beneficial card as it compliments resources provided by the Sentinel Library.

10. Dominican Republic Trip May 2025

There is still availability in the Dominican Republic Service Trip in May 2025. Discover your world, and the power you have to make a difference! Email or speak to Sra. Page-Newman for more information. Room 208 NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca Students who have made their deposits will be receiving a Google Classroom code soon.

11. Spain & Portugal Trip Spring Break 2025

Currently we are taking deposits from registered students. In the event of cancellations, we may be able to accommodate more students. This trip is most appropriate for Grade 11-12 students. For more information, please contact Mr. Griffiths dgriffiths@wvschools.ca

12. 2024/2025 Yearbooks

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!

13. PAC News

A. PAC Meeting

Join us for our next PAC meeting at 9:00am on Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

B. Parent Socials - Upcoming:

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

Grade 12 Parents: 6:30pm - 9pm, Tuesday, 22nd October

C. DPAC Event

Dr Alec Couros discusses AI and its implications for education. October 24th 7pm-8:30pm at Rockridge Secondary. [FLYER](#)

D. PAC Fundraiser – Reused Books and School Supplies Sale Campaign

PAC is organizing a Reused Books and School Supplies Sale Campaign. If you have any used or new books or school supplies, please consider donating. Please ask your students to drop their donations off in the black bins in the hall opposite the Main Office boxes by Nov. 15, 2024. PAC will be hosting a sale of these items from November 20th to 22nd, between 11:20 AM and 2:00 PM, in the foyer. All proceeds will go towards PAC funds benefiting students. Your support is highly appreciated! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rong at 1637567920@qq.com or 236-965-4649, or Anna at qinyancn@hotmail.com or 778-772-6961. Both phone numbers are available on WhatsApp. We look forward to hearing from you!

E. Message From PAC Regarding Traffic

Please support your teen to walk, cycle, scooter or use public transit to get to and from school each day. 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

14. 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

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/>

15. Grad 2025 & Post Secondary Info

We will be keeping you informed of the latest updates here in the Bulletin...please click on link to see Grad 2025 info: [Sentinel Grad 2025 September Bulletin](#)

A. Post Secondary Google Calendar:

[PSI Events Calendar](#)

B. BC Post Secondary

BC Post Secondary Calendar

C. Grad 2025 Masquerade Ball

Tickets for our first big grad event are now on through school cash online.

This is a super fun event, and we encourage everyone to join in!

When: Friday, November 1st

Location: The Pinnacle in North Vancouver (Lower Lonsdale)

Time: 6:45pm-10pm

Dress code: semi formal, masquerade masks encouraged

Ticket price: \$90

Includes: Taco Bar, Chips & Salsa, Sundae Bar, drinks, DJ, Photobooth and Security.

GUESTS-must be pre-approved by Mr. Finch

If grads would like to bring a guest, they will need to get forms filled out first and then a guest ticket will be added to their school cash online account for payment. Please see Ms. Ulinder for details. Deadline for guest forms is Thursday, October 24th.

D. Grade 12 Parent Night Presentation:

G12 Parent Info Session

E. UBC Information Session

[pre-recorded](#)

UBC-O Information Sessions-RSVP [here](#)

16. 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

17. Sentinel Athletics

We are hosting the Senior Girls BC Provincial Volleyball Championships starting November 27th, 2024. Does your family or company want to be a part of this great event? We are looking for event sponsors that can either sponsor financially from \$100 - \$5000 or products in kind that can be used for the event or gifted to athletes and coaches. For more information, please contact Athletic Directors (Todd and Brooks) at sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca and we will send our sponsorship package.

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:

[REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

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

18. West Vancouver Schools Admissions

2025/2026 admissions open on Tuesday, October 15th at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00am on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025.

For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

19. Homestay Families Needed

Each 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. \$28,000* in reimbursements
2. Full-service homestay team support
3. Single placements and 5-month students available

*Based on two international students 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/>.

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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