



Thursday, October 31st, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

- November 1st – Grad 2025 Semi-Formal
- November 6th – “Take Our Kids to Work Day” (Grade 9s)
- November 8th – Remembrance Day Assemblies
- November 11th – Remembrance Day (No School)
- November 12th – PD Day (No School)
- November 13th – Grade 9 Immunization clinic
- November 14th – PAC Meeting (9:00am start)
- November 29th – Learning Update 1 Posted

OUR SCHOOL

1. Calendar & Block rotation Schedule
2. Policies & Procedures – Action Required
3. Grade 9 Immunization Clinic – Action Required
4. Grade 9 “Take Our Kids to Work Day” – Action Required
5. Student Fall Interim Reports
6. Literacy 10 Graduation Assessments
7. Math Contests upcoming
8. Dominican Republic Trip 2025
9. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News
10. Sentinel’s Counselling Department
11. Grad 2025 & Post Secondary Info
12. US Universities visiting Sentinel in Nov.
13. Sentinel Clubs 2024-2025
14. Sentinel Athletics
15. 2024/2025 Yearbooks
16. Annual Student Parking Pass
17. Change of Address etc.

“Roadworks on Chartwell Dr”

Scheduled to start on Thursday, October 31st. 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.

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 Calendar Oct 28 - Dec 20](#)** (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. Grade 9 Immunization Clinic – Action Required

Sentinel will be hosting our annual Grade 9 Immunization clinic on Wednesday, November 13th. All Grade 9 families should have received a mailout from Vancouver Coastal Health with a consent form enclosed. This form must be completed and returned to the Main Office. If you DID NOT receive this mailout, please contact our Community Health Nurse: Ms. Parisa Oqani parisa.oqani@vch.ca

4. Grade 9 Parents: “Take Our Kids to Work Day” – Action Required 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 ASAP.** 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

5. Student Fall Interim Reports

Student Fall Interim reports are now on the MyEd Family Portal. This report is one of the two informal reports to parents meant to provide a summary of student progress with respect to course expectations and work habits at this point in the school year. No grades will appear on the report.

Learning Report #1 will be posted Friday, November 29th.

- **General Information to support with Family Portal**

- Family Portal Link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- Login Support: sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca

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

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](#).

7. Math Contests – upcoming

The Sentinel Math department is pleased to offer a workshop for the **AMC 10/12 contest during FIT block on Monday, November 4th in room 257**. This workshop is intended for students looking to learn about the format and rules for the contest, and to learn some tips for success from some of our experienced contest writers. We hope to see you there!

We are also pleased to open registration for the **CJMC Math contest taking place on Wednesday, November 13th**. This contest for grade 8s provides students an excellent opportunity to gain first time contest experience on a Canadian Math contest. The cost for registration is \$12. Please see Mr. Ma in room 257 to register. The last day for registration is Friday, November 8th. Late registrations may not be accepted.

8. 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.

9. Sentinel PAC News

A. PAC Meeting

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

- B. **Tree planting Nov 6th** - in a project with the District of West Vancouver, Sentinel students will be able to help plant new trees at the school next week! If you would like to watch/take photos, please join us behind the school at 1pm Nov. 6th.
- C. **Wish List Team** - Volunteers - Meet Nov. 5th - Our annual decisions for funding clubs and enhancements are underway! If you're interested in helping to decide where our \$30,000 in funding goes, please email please email sentinelwishlist@gmail.com to join our committee.
- D. **Volleyball Tournament Volunteers** - Nov. 28th, 29th & 30th Sentinel will host players and coaches from all over BC, and we need many volunteers for the concession, doors, and decorating!! Contact Anna Chin at ginyancn@hotmail.com to volunteer.
- E. **Parent Socials at Milestones** - In October, PAC hosted FIVE "parent social" evenings, one for each grade! In total, over 250 parents attended, and feedback was very positive. Thanks are due to our dedicated administrators, Mr. Finch, Mr. Anderson & Ms. Tanfara who joined us, answered questions and were very encouraging!
- F. **PAC Fundraiser – Reused Books and School Supplies Sale Campaign**
If you have any used or new books or school supplies, please consider donating. Please drop off to the black bins in the hall opposite the Main Office. 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 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 ginyancn@hotmail.com or 778-772-6961. Both phone numbers are available on WhatsApp. We look forward to hearing from you!

G. 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

10. 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/>

11. 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 (*No ticket sales at the door*)

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

GUESTS-must be pre-approved by Mr. Finch

D. Grade 12 Parent Night Presentation:

[G12 Parent Info Session](#)

E. UBC Information Session

[pre-recorded](#)

12. Upcoming: US Universities visiting Sentinel

Explore Degrees and Careers in the Arts

Join us to discover various degrees and career opportunities in the fields of the Arts, including:

- Industrial Design; Communication Design; Animation; Film; Architecture and much more...

Personalized Guidance:

- During each visit, advisors will spend one-on-one time with you, offering personalized insights and support. Additionally, you will have the opportunity for a portfolio review,

helping you to showcase your work and receive constructive feedback. Learn about the vibrant world of the Arts and how you can carve out your own path in these exciting degrees/careers!

OTIS College of Art and Design

<https://www.otis.edu/index.html>

November 14th at 2:00pm in room 151

Mica

Maryland Institute College of Art

<https://www.mica.edu/>

November 15th at 2:00pm in room 151

Art Center College of Design

<https://www.artcenter.edu/>

November 18th at 1:45pm in room 151

13. 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](#)

14. 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 who 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 our Athletic Directors (Todd and Brooks) at sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca and we will send our sponsorship package. If you would like to make a donation to this event and would like a tax receipt, you can click here [Sentinel Girls Volleyball Provincials Fund](#) or use this QR code. Thank you for your support of Sentinel Athletes.



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.

15. 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!

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. Change of Address?

If there are any changes to address, legal custody, or citizenship status, please upload documentation to support the changes using [this link](#). The changes will not be reflected until the documentation is submitted.

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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