



Thursday, October 4th, 2024

## Calendar Upcoming

- October 6<sup>th</sup> - Jazz Café Noon at WVCC
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Clubs Day
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – PAC Grade 9 Parent Social
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting (9am start)
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Happy Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – Jazz Café 7pm in Library
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – PD Day (no school)
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Collab Day (9:30 am school start)

## OUR SCHOOL

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- A. West Van Schools Kindergarten Info Session TONIGHT! [FLYER](#)
- B. Game of Apps (Season 8)

## 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. Sentinel Clubs 2024-2025**

**Clubs Day is next Monday, October 7 at lunch in the Gym.** Club Leaders who have submitted proposals will receive an email from Ms. Britten regarding their application by the end of the day on Thursday, October 3rd. 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, 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 with Ms. Britten ([rbritten@wvschools.ca](mailto:rbritten@wvschools.ca)) in the counselling suite.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Dominican Republic Trip May 2025**

There is still availability in the Dominican Republic Trip in May 2025. Email or speak to Sra. Page-Newman for more information. Room 208 [NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca](mailto:NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca)  
Students who have made their deposits will be receiving a Google Classroom code soon.

## **6. 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](mailto:dgriffiths@wvschools.ca)

## **7. 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!

## **8. 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** - Sentinel Jazz Bands at *West Vancouver Pumpkin Fest* at the WV Community Center @ 12:00PM for Jazz B, and 12:25PM for Jazz A
- **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).

## **9. 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 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](mailto:tenzinkhangsar@gmail.com) , Yvonne [yvonnecylau@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecylau@gmail.com) or Farzaneh [farzaneh.bm@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **C. 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](mailto:frauen@naver.com)

### **D. 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)

## **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. 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)

**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)

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. 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.

### **B. Post Secondary Google Calendar:**

[PSI Events Calendar](#)

### **C. BC Post Secondary**

[BC Post Secondary Calendar](#)

### **D. Grade 12 Parent Night Presentation:**

[G12 Parent Info Session](#)

### **E. UBC Information Session**

[pre-recorded](#)

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

### **F. Upcoming University Fairs:**

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

## **12. 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](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca)

## **13. Sentinel Athletics**

### **Golf Anyone?**

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! If you couldn't attend the Golf meeting this week, please email Ms. Winstone [lwinstone@wvschools.ca](mailto:lwinstone@wvschools.ca) for further information.

**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](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca).

### **IN THE COMMUNITY:**

#### **CALLING ALL KINDERGARTEN 2025-26 FAMILIES!**

You are invited to an important information evening Thursday, October 3rd (6:30-7:30 pm) at the Kay Meek Studio Theater, 1700 Mathers Avenue. Join the West Vancouver School District early learning team to learn about kindergarten and how to prepare your child for an excellent educational experience in our schools. For more info: [FLYER](#)

#### **GAME OF APPS (Season 8)**

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; however, 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](mailto:roland@gameofapps.org)

#### **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](#)

[Sentinel Website & Calendar](#)

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