



Thursday, December 5th, 2024

Calendar Upcoming

December 10th	School Lockdown Drill
December 12th	PAC Meeting (9am start)
December 4th – 15th	Jazz A Band performs at Presentation house
December 18th	Winter Concert at 7pm
December 20th	Early Dismissal at Noon
December 23rd to January 5th	Winter Break
January 6th	School re-opens
January 7th	Info Night for incoming Grade 8 students
January 13th to 24th	Graduation Assessments – Literacy 12

OUR SCHOOL

- 1. Calendar & NEW Block Rotation Schedule Jan 6th – Feb 28th**
- 2. Learning Report #1 Posted**
- 3. 14th Annual Pajama Drive**
- 4. The Harvest Project Club**
- 5. Sentinel Band Performances & Winter Concert**
- 6. Dominican Republic Service Trip**
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Winter Weather

With the temps dropping and possible winter conditions upon us - Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

Roadworks on Chartwell Dr

Current 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.

1. Calendar & Block Rotation

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

For the Day 1 & Day 2 rotations - **See the NEW Block Rotation Calendar Jan 6th – Feb 28th** (The latest version will always be posted outside the office and on the homepage of our website.)

2. MyEd Learning Report #1 are now posted

Student’s Learning Report #1 are now posted. Please take this opportunity to login and save the report. General Information to support with Family Portal

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

3. The 14th Annual Pajama Drive

The 14th Annual Pajama Drive for Admiral Seymour is now raising fund until Dec 13th. We are raising money to provide a new pair of PJs for each of the 144 students at Sir Admiral Seymour Elementary, an inner-city school on the edge of Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside. Let’s show these kids we care! Donations by cash or cheque (made out to Sentinel) can be made in participating classes or at the office. You can also donate via School Cash Online. Thank-you to those who have already donated! Please contact Ms. Takahashi jtakahashi@wvschools.ca for more information.

4. The Harvest Project Club

The Harvest Project Club is now collecting non-perishable food donations. Items such as cereals, canned goods, chips, and cookies or even soaps and shampoos are accepted. Drop off items in boxes in the hallway opposite the MAIN office and inside your classrooms. Please donate if you can – it helps those in need in our community!

5. Sentinel Band Performances & Annual Winter Concert:

- **Sentinel Jazz A Band performs for “A Christmas Carol” at the *Presentation House* – Dec. 4th -15th**
Delight in the timeless story of Ebenezer Scrooge brought to life in this unique atmospheric and scenic reading of a beloved Christmas classic. Experience the transformative journey of Scrooge, as the ghost of his former business partner and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Future guide him to reflect on his life. Performed by Leslie Dos Remedios, along with recorded voices from our North Shore community, *featuring live music performed by the Jazz A Band from Sentinel Secondary*. Tickets and showtimes: [Presentation House](#)
- **Winter Concert at Sentinel Dec. 18th @ 7:00PM**
Featuring all performing music ensembles: Band 8, Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz B, Jazz A, and RnB Bands. Sentinel Gymnasium, Admission by Donation. You may access the 2024-25 Music Program performance calendar here: [Performance Calendar](#)

6. Dominican Republic Service Trip Group – We will have a parent meeting on Monday, December 16th at 6:30pm at Sentinel. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please contact Ms. Page-Newman if you are not able to make it. NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca

7. School Fees Due

School fees are now due and must be paid online through School Cash Online. If you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fee payments, please contact our Accountant, Ms. Allison Carruthers, at acarruthers@wvschools.ca.

The School Cash Online link is: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com>

8. Graduation Assessments – Literacy 12 & Evaluation de Litteratie

From January 13-24th, ALL grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment. Grade 12 French Immersion students will also write the “Evaluation de Litteratie de la 12e annee” on January 13th -14th and be scheduled to do the oral component from Jan 13-24. All Grade 12 Students will receive information via Google classroom, and they will be emailed individual memos indicating the date and time of their assessment. Please note that this Graduation Assessments is required for graduation purposes. Students should prepare for this Literacy 12 assessment and attempt the sample assessments. Sample assessment and more information on Graduation Assessments can be found [HERE](#). If students have questions, they can see Ms. Tanfara in the office or email at ctanfara@wvschools.ca.

9. Information Night for Incoming Grade 8 Students & Parents

Do you have a student currently in Grade 7? Join us for an Information Night for incoming Grade 8 students interested in attending Sentinel. Event scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. No registration required. All are welcome.

10. Sentinel PAC News

A. Thank you for attending the **PARENT EDUCATION EVENT: SUPPORTING OUR BOYS** on Dec 3rd at 7pm. The event, with its impressive turnout, was a great success and clearly demonstrated the strong interest in this topic. We value your input and would love to hear your feedback or suggestions. We are also excited to announce more virtual parent education workshops in the coming months—stay tuned for upcoming events designed to support you in your parenting journey. Please send your feedback to Diane Shoar at frauen@naver.com

B. Grade 8 & 10 Parents & Guardians

It is a tradition in December to show our appreciation to the more than 100 Sentinel staff by offering them a Holiday Luncheon from parents - in gratitude for all the support and energy they give our kids! **This year’s Holiday luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 17th.** Please sign up below to donate food, beverages or funds Thank you in advance for all your support! <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=HTMH1399>

C. 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, PAC Chair 2024-2025 sepac@wvschools.ca

D. PAC Meeting

Join us for our next PAC meeting at 9:00am on Thursday, December 12th, 2024.

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.

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. 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. Grade 12 Parent Night Presentation:

[G12 Parent Info Session](#)

D. UBC Information Session

[pre-recorded](#)

13. Sentinel Clubs 2024-2025

Sentinel has 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

A huge shoutout to our Sr. Girls Volleyball Team for their incredible effort and sportsmanship at the Sentinel hosted, BC Provincial Volleyball Championships this past weekend. While the 4th place finish wasn't the result they were hoping for, the team displayed tremendous maturity in hosting the event and ensured a fantastic experience for all involved. The weekend was filled with exciting volleyball, displaying dedication and resilience of athletes from around the province. Well-done team! You've made Sentinel proud! Also, a huge thank you to the parents, sponsors, student volunteers and everyone that stepped up to help with the event. Reports keep coming in from other schools that it was the BEST Provincial Championship event they have been to!

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.

18. Lost & Found

A reminder to all students to collect your personal items from the Lost & Found next to the cafeteria entrance. Any items not collected before Winter Break may be taken to the Salvation Army for donation.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Connections & Events [Click HERE](#)

The **Public Health Agency of Canada** (PHAC) is accepting applications for the **School Health Grant for Youth**. Youth aged 16 to 19 who are enrolled in secondary school can apply for a \$1,000 micro-grant to lead a short-term initiative promoting youth health at their school. Applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis, until all funds are allocated or until December 20, 2024, at 11:59 am EST. Recipients will publicly share their project on social media to encourage community discussion and enable other Canadian youth to find, share and draw inspiration.

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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