



**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**CALENDAR UPCOMING**

<b>January 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Graduation Assessments – Literacy 12</b>
<b>January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AP Information Night 6pm</b>
<b>January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PAC Meeting - 8:30 Coffee; 9-11 Meeting</b>
<b>January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pro D Day (No School)</b>
<b>January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 1pm-3pm, 3:30pm-5pm</b>
<b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Collab Day 9:30am start</b>

**Upcoming Events/Items**

- 1. Graduation Assessments – Literacy 12 & Evaluation de Litteratie**
- 2. West Van Schools Registration opens Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**
- 3. Parent/Teacher Conferences – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- 4. Advanced Placement Information Night**
- 5. Course Planning Information Night**
- 6. Senior Winter Formal – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- 7. 2025 Sentinel IRON CHEF Competition**
- 8. Upcoming Math Contests**
- 9. Sentinel Stage presents “ The Little Mermaid” & Requests for items**
- 10. Pink Shirt Day T-Shirt Order – Due January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- 11. Canadian Computing Competition – Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>**
- 12. 2025/2026 District Program Information**

**Ongoing Helpful Info**

- 1. School Fees Due**
- 2. Calendar & NEW Block Rotation Schedule Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**
- 3. Sentinel PAC News (see Upcoming Workshop Series)**
- 4. Sentinel Athletics**
- 5. Sentinel’s Counselling Department**
- 6. Grad 2025 & Post Secondary Info**
- 7. Sentinel Clubs 2024-2025**
- 8. Personal Digital Device Expectations**
- 9. 2024/2025 Yearbooks**
- 10. Annual Student Parking Pass**
- 11. Change of Address etc.**
- 12. Winter Weather**
- 13. In the Community Link [HERE](#)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/ITEMS**

### **1. Graduation Assessments: Literacy 12: January 13 – 24, 2025**

From January 13-16, 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 13<sup>th</sup> and be scheduled to do the oral component from Jan 21 - 24. Grade 12 Students will receive information via Google classroom and have been emailed individual memos indicating the date and time of their assessment. Please note that Literacy 12 is required for graduation purposes. Students should prepare for this Graduation Assessment. 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 her at [ctanfara@wvschools.ca](mailto:ctanfara@wvschools.ca).

### **2. West Vancouver Schools Registration Open!**

**K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opened on January 15!** If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date. West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student. To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)  
We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

### **3. Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences**

**PT Conferences will be held Wednesday, January 29th 1:00PM – 3:00PM & 3:30PM – 5:00PM**

Please find instructions [HERE](#). Bookings open for 2 appointments on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 9:00AM. More bookings may be made on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am if space is available.

Bookings will close January 24<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm. Reminder that ALL students will be released at 12:00pm, Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to accommodate these conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences will be “Virtual” this year using Google Meet. You must be signed into a Google account for virtual conferences. To register for conference times please go to School Appointments Online: <https://sentinel.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

NOTE: A new account must be registered every year with School Appointments.

To find out your student’s teachers please ask your student or find Student Schedules under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

### **4. Advanced Placement (AP) Info Night – Tonight!**

Interested in knowing more about Sentinel’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program? You are invited to attend a presentation on Sentinel’s AP Program on Thursday, January 16 at 6:00PM in Sentinel’s library. Universities worldwide recognize AP when making admission decisions. In fact, AP can be used in admissions in more than 60 countries as success on AP Exams shows readiness for university-level coursework.

## **5. COURSE PLANNING INFO NIGHT for PARENTS - JANUARY 21, 2025**

Course planning sessions will be presented by the counselling team, these will be the same presentations your child will receive in the upcoming months. The presentations will also be posted on the Sentinel Website after January 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Parent Sessions:

6:15pm-Grade 8 Course Planning (Cafeteria)

6:15pm-Grade 9 Course Planning (Library)

7pm-Grade 10 Course Planning (Cafeteria)

7pm-Grade 11 Course Planning (Library)

## **6. SAVE THE DATE! SENIOR WINTER FORMAL (GRADES 11 & 12's)**

FEBRUARY 6, 2025 6:30PM-9:45PM @ SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

-includes DJ, dancing, photobooth, mock casino, drinks, pizza and other snacks

Tickets will be on School Cash Online next week!

## **7. 2025 Sentinel IRON CHEF Competition - January 21, 2025**

Will you and your friends win the **2025 Sentinel IRON CHEF** competition? On Tuesday January 21st from 3pm -5:45pm, come test your culinary skills and cook with your friends in this challenging competition for grades 9-12.

- Team application forms will be available in January in the Foods Room (255).
- There will be only 6 teams of 3 or 4 people, \$5 entry fee per term.
- Prizes are generously sponsored by the Sentinel PAC.
- This competition usually sells out very quickly
- See Ms. Malone in January for more details!

## **8. Upcoming Math Contests**

The Math department is opening registration for the Pascal (grade 9), Cayley (grade 10), and Fermat (grade 11) Math contests. These contests offered by the University of Waterloo are follow up contests for the popular Gauss contest offered during grade 7 and 8, and perspective University of Waterloo students are encouraged to participate. The cost for registration is \$5 and closes Friday, February 7th. Late registrations may not be accepted. Interested students can see Mr. Ma in room 257 to be registered.

## **9. The Little Mermaid Tickets on Sale & Requests for items**

The wait is finally over! You can now purchase tickets for Sentinel Stage's production of The Little Mermaid. Not to be missed!! Tickets are now on sale online at [www.sentinelstage.ca](http://www.sentinelstage.ca) or through any cast, crew, or orchestra member. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door... That's 25% off if you buy them in advance!

**Also, Set & Props items request. Our Theatre company is looking for the following items:**

- Foam – both memory and Styrofoam
- Lots of plastic bottles - 0.5 litre and bottle caps
- Lots of plastic cutlery - white

- Little bell (to ring for service or help)
- Silver serving dome and plates
- Green string or yarn (any shade of green)
- Cork (any shape or size)
- Small trinkets and antiques
- Salt & Pepper shakers (large)
- Recyclable materials – preferably washed out if needed (Eg. Egg cartons; toilet/paper towel rolls; milk jugs (4L); bottle caps (plastic))
- Fabric – blue (any shade)
- Spyglass
- Tuna & Salmon cans – empty & washed

## **10. Pink Shirt Day T-Shirt Order – Due January 20 @ 3:00PM**

Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday Feb 26th. If you would like to order a t-shirt or t-shirts for your child(ren), please use the following School Cash Online (SCO) link:

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/31941/105/False/True>

- This year the cost per t-shirt = \$12.85
- All sizes on SCO are ADULT sizes
- Order deadline is Monday January 20th by 3 pm
- #LetKindessGrow
- For more info see: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>



## **11. Canadian Computing Competition – Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Do you know a **current Sentinel student** who is interested in programming in a text-based language like C, C++, Python or Java? Are they looking for a challenge?

If so, they should consider writing the Canadian Computer Competition (CCC) on **Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon starting at 12 noon and in Periods 1 and 4 (and lunch). The cost of the CCC is **\$10**; exact cash or a cheque for \$10 payable to “Sentinel Secondary” can be brought to Ms. Winstone in Room 254 any morning before 12:55 pm. Deadline for registration for the CCC is Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> (by paying \$10 to Ms. Winstone), and it is first come, first served so get registered!

For more info go to: <https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/ccc>

As well, if interested, students should follow the steps in the attached PDF or go online for more info, to get a CCC online grader account:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GT2SweqkG675SYD4NAfz0JyToIPFaVSS/view?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions about the CCC PDF above, please email Ms. Lara Winstone at [lwinstone@wvschools.ca](mailto:lwinstone@wvschools.ca)

## **12. 2025/2026 District Program Information**

### **2025-2026 Outdoor Recreation Program**

Ready to take your Physical and Health Education experience to the next level? The district is offering a PHE Outdoor Recreation program for grades 10-12, with grade 9 students eligible by PHE teacher recommendations. Students in the program will experience many outdoor adventures such as kayaking, sailing, snowshoeing, and skiing, and will participate in multi-day backpacking and kayaking trips. Throughout the year, students will work towards certifications such as Avalanche Safety, Remote First Aid, Belaying, and Paddle Canada (Kayaking). When we're not out on exciting trips, we stay local, honing our skills like knot tying, shelter building, teamwork, and compass reading, or playing games. This course is about learning how to recreate responsibly while having fun as you encounter new challenges and explore the natural world. And the best part? No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and a desire to be outside. If you're ready to get outside, try new things, and make unforgettable memories, check out the program on the West Vancouver Schools website for more details and application information: West Vancouver Schools Outdoor Recreation Program.

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/outdoor-recreation>

### **Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence**

**Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence** is a hands-on project based course offered to students in Grades 11 and 12 who are attending Rockridge, Sentinel or West Van Secondary. Students learn the theory and apply it to practical projects in the fields of Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence. Students have an opportunity to prepare for external certifications in Cybersecurity, Networking, Internet of Things, Programming, CompTIA, and Data Science from Cisco Networking Academy.

Students can also participate in international competitions such as [CyberPatriot](#), [Desmos Math Art Contest](#), and others. The course aims at helping students prepare a portfolio they can use for university applications.

More details about the course are at <https://cybersecurityand.ai/> and students can sign up at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/cybersecurity-ai/>.

Please email Dr. Mahesh Chugani ([mchugani@wvschools.ca](mailto:mchugani@wvschools.ca)) with any questions or for more information.

### **Yoga Teacher Training Information Session – Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. West Vancouver Secondary School Library**

The district's 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training course is an 8-credit course (4 PE credits and 4 Yoga credits) that will provide students in grades 9 to 12 with the skills needed to effectively and safely teach yoga to all levels of students. The total cost for the program is \$100 for the year. The course follows the guidelines set out by Yoga Alliance and students receive certification as Yoga Alliance 200-hour Yoga Teachers. For more information or to register visit

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/200-hour-yoga-teacher-training> or email Todd Randall [trandall@wvschools.ca](mailto:trandall@wvschools.ca)

## **YELL APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!**

YELL brings engaging entrepreneurs, community shapers and innovative companies together through unforgettable learning experiences that will inspire students and prepare them for the real world.

Hosted at West Vancouver Secondary School, the YELL program is offered to students entering Grades 11 and 12 from all three high schools in the district. The course is taught by WVSS teacher, Jo-Anne McKee and runs outside the regular timetable with weekly 2.5 hour classes. Throughout the program, students learn core concepts of lean entrepreneurship with topics covering design thinking, resiliency training, marketing, financial projections and more! A diverse selection of inspiring entrepreneurs and business leaders will join the class to share their stories and advice to our students. YELL emphasizes the importance of networking, teamwork and mentorship and students will form teams to come up with a business idea that they will need to validate. They will get matched with mentors from the community and work towards the year-end YELL Venture Challenge, where they will present their business idea and learnings. For more information on the YELL program and the advantages for students, please contact Jo-Anne McKee at [jmckee@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmckee@wvschools.ca) or visit [www.yellcanada.org/students](http://www.yellcanada.org/students)

## **ONGOING HELPFUL INFO:**

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

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

### **2. 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 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>](#)** (The latest version will always be posted outside the office and on the homepage of our website.)

### **3. Sentinel PAC News**

#### **LEARNING:**

- **Understanding & Supporting Teen Mental Health: February 4, 7pm**
- **Mindfulness & Burnout Prevention: April 29, 7pm**
- **Healthy Relationships & Communication: May 27, 7pm**

Online Workshops designed for learning and connecting with your teen - you can both participate! Explore powerful strategies to improve connection, manage stress, and create a positive, supportive environment at home.

Each session is packed with practical tools, engaging activities, and real-life skills you can apply right away. Don't miss out—mark your calendar!

The workshop series is led by Kristy Ambrose, M.C., RCC, at Westcoast Family Centres.

For any inquiries, please reach out to Diane Shoar at [frauen@naver.com](mailto:frauen@naver.com) To join the workshops, please click [HERE](#)

### **MULTI-CULTURAL LUNCH - March 6th!**

Our most famous PAC event of the year will showcase food from around the world, so we need parents from every culture to volunteer!

In past years we have had Persian, Chinese, Korean, Indian, French, Japanese and more!

If you want to be a Table Coordinator, create a new Culture/food table or join a table, contact Anna Chin at [qinyancn@hotmail.com](mailto:qinyancn@hotmail.com)

### **Join WhatsApp parent Chat**

If you are not already on it, contact "your" grade Rep parent to join your Grade Group Chat:

Grade 8 parents = Amy Chen - 604-880-6986

Grade 9 parents = Farzaneh Bamani - 604-340-9995

Grade 10 parents = Chen Tan - 778-317-9617

Grade 11 parents = Echo Wu - 604-363-6889

Grade 12 parents = Gem Chu - 778-251-9139

### **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!

## **4. Sentinel Athletics**

**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).

## **5. 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](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/>

## **6. 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](#)

## **7. 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](#)

## **8. Personal Digital Device Expectations**

West Vancouver Schools and Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff on implementing these expectations. We've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. Please see [HERE](#) for more information.

## **9. 2024/2025 Yearbooks**

Don't miss out—**this is your last chance to [order](#) the 2024/2025 YEARBOOK!** Sales close at the end of January, so secure your copy today. Yearbooks will be distributed in June, ensuring your child can take home a keepsake filled with cherished memories from the year, before heading into summer.

[Order your copy of the 2025 YEARBOOK here through School Cash Online.](#)

## **10. 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)

## **11. 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.

## **12. 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.



## **13. In the Community**

Community Connections & Events [HERE](#)

### **Our Contacts**

**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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