



Friday, January 10th, 2025

CALENDAR UPCOMING

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

Upcoming Events/Items

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

Ongoing Helpful Info

1. School Fees Due
2. Calendar & NEW Block Rotation Schedule Jan 6th – Feb 28th
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
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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 13th 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.

2. West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15th, 2025

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens 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 15th, 2025 @ 9:00AM. More bookings may be made on January 20th at 9:00am if space is available.

Bookings will close January 24st at 3:00pm. Reminder that ALL students will be released at 12:00pm, Wednesday, January 29th 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

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 21st.

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 Contest – February 18

We are pleased to open registration for the CNML 8 Math contest taking place on Tuesday, February 18th during period 2-3. The CNML 8 is a short contest that's great for students looking to get entry level experience with Math contests. The cost for registration is \$2. Please see Mr. Ma in room 257 to register. The last day for registration was Friday, December 20th. Late registrations may not be accepted.

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 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.schoolcashonline.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/>



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.

The School Cash Online link is: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.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 6th – Feb 28th](#)** (The latest version will always be posted outside the office and on the homepage of our website.)

3. Sentinel PAC News

Holiday Luncheon

Grade 8 & 10 parents donated AND set up our Holiday Luncheon for staff December 17th and it looked (and smelled) amazing!

As well, donations totalling over \$2500 allowed us to purchase \$25 gift cards for each staff member.

Principal Finch said: *"On behalf of the Sentinel Staff I want to pass on our sincere thanks to our amazing PAC!! Today's lunch, array of treats and generous gift were most appreciated. There is no question the Sentinel Staff feel appreciated by our parent community. The PAC goes above and beyond in demonstrating their thanks throughout the year. Today was another such occasion. Please pass on to the Sentinel parent community of heartfelt thanks for today's lovely event."*

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

PAC Meeting Jan 16th

Join us for our next PAC meeting Thursday, January 16th, library Mezzanine Level.

Coffee and goodies and conversation 8:30, meeting 9am-11am.

FREE Student & Parent Online Workshop Series: Looking to strengthen the bond between parents and teens? Join our FREE online workshop series designed for both students and parents! 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!

1. Understanding & Supporting Teen Mental Health: February 4, 7 PM

2. Mindfulness & Burnout Prevention: April 29, 7PM

3. Healthy Relationships & Communication: May 27, 7PM

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 To join the workshops, please click [HERE](#)

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!

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

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.

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

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/>

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

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!

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

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

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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