



Thursday, February 13th, 2025

CALENDAR UPCOMING

February 14 th	District Reading Break – School Closed
February 17 th	BC Family Day – School Closed
February 27 th	Collaboration Day (9:30AM Start)
February 24 th – 28 th	Sentinel Stage Production at Kay Meek
March 6 th	PAC’s Multi-Cultural Lunch
March 7 th	Learning Update #2 posted to MyEd
March 15 th – 30 th	Spring Break – School Closed

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1. The Little Mermaid Tickets on sale!

Tickets for Sentinel Stage's production of The Little Mermaid are on sale NOW. The show runs from Feb 24th-28th at the Kay Meek Theatre on Mathers next to WVSS. 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 tix in advance!

2. 2025 Student Learning Survey (SLS)

Attention Parents of Grade 10s, 11s, & 12s: The 2025 Student Learning Survey is now available to complete online - Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm to

complete. No logon information is needed. For District, select “45 West Vancouver” and for School - select “Sentinel” The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. This survey provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are saved. Our grade 10,11 12 students will complete the survey in their English classes before March break. Please reach out to Ms. Tanfara if you have any questions ctanfara@wvschools.ca

3. 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>

4. Grad 2025 Updated Info

Please check here for upcoming “To Do’s” and the latest information for the Grad Class of 2025!

YEARBOOK GRAD QUOTES: Grad quotes are due THIS FRIDAY. Find the Google Form on your Grad Google Classroom. See or email Ms. Tabone if you have any questions. Grad quotes are mandatory, so if you don't choose one - one will be chosen for you! atabone@wvschools.ca

GRAD GOWNS must be ordered. Sign up time is NOW! Please check your Google classroom and complete the Graduation Gown Order ASAP! The gowns will be yours to keep and are required for Graduation ceremonies. Please use your legal First and Last name. Any Questions? See or email Ms. Tanfara ctanfara@wvschools.ca

LEGAL NAMES FOR CERTIFICATES: Please be advised that we will be using your Legal First & Last Name as it appears in MyEd for any Grad Certificates, Bilingual Diplomas etc. which you will receive at Commencement. This will match your name on your Diploma and Final BC Ministry Transcript. IF you want your Given Name used instead, please reach out to Ms. Janda kjanda@wvschools.ca

2025 GRAD EVENT DATES:

Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, June 14th, 2025
1pm - 4pm (approx. 3 hours)
The Centre/Westside Church
777 Homer Street, Vancouver

Graduation Banquet & Dance
Saturday, June 21st, 2025
5pm – 10:30pm
Vancouver Convention Centre
West Ballroom C & D
1055 Canada Place, Vancouver

Coming in April! More detailed info regarding the above events in our **2025 June Grad Event Newsletter**.

Family Services Northshore present “**The Grad Shop**” open in April at Capilano Mall. Please see details [HERE](#).

5. Sentinel PAC News

MULTI-CULTURAL LUNCH - March 6th!

Our infamous PAC event of the year will showcase food from around the world, and we need parents from every culture to volunteer! In past years we have had Persian, Chinese, Korean, Indian, French, Japanese and more! If you can be a Table Coordinator, create a new culture/food table or join an existing table team, contact Gem Chu to volunteer gemchuchu@gmail.com

To sign up to be part of the MCL please select the Perfect Potluck below.

[2025 Sentinel MCL-Event Helpers & Tickets Sales - Thurs, March 6](#)

[2025 Sentinel MCL-Baked Goods \(Desserts\) Table Donations - Thurs, March 6](#)

[2025 Sentinel MCL - Drinks Table Donations - Thurs, March 6](#)

Join a WhatsApp parent group

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

LEARNING: Mindfulness & Burnout Prevention: April 29th, 7pm; Healthy Relationships & Communication: May 27th, 7pm. The workshop series is led by Kristy Ambrose, M.C., RCC, at Westcoast Family Centers. For any inquiries, please reach out to Diane Shoar at frauen@naver.com To join the workshops, please click [HERE](#)

A Note on 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!

6. 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 here: [REGISTRATION PAGE](#)
If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please email: sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca.

WE NEED A TRACK & FIELD COACH!

Sentinel is in need of a parent who can coach our Track & Field Team.

Ideally, practices would start before spring break and continue with track meets in April & May, possibly into early June. Please contact Mr. McNiven at sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca

GOLF TEAM Sign-up & Info LUNCH Meeting will be on Thursday Feb 27th!

- Students interested in being on the Sentinel GOLF TEAM this Spring (2025) must attend this mandatory meeting at lunch!
- Starts at 1:00 pm in Rm 254 on Thursday Feb 27th, 2025
- If tryouts are necessary, there will be two opportunities:
 - Thurs March 6th – tee time will be arranged at Gleneagles by Ms. W (if necessary)
 - OR Wed March 12th – tee time will be arranged at Gleneagles by Ms. W
- Students who play on the Sentinel Golf Team must have their own clubs and will be expected to arrange their own rides to and from the courses (unless a ferry is involved)

If you have questions, prior to the meeting you can come see Coach Winstone in Rm 254 or send her an email to lwinstone@wvschools.ca

7. 2025/2026 District Program Information

- **2025-2026 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAM INFORMATION. Applications OPEN - due Friday March 14th, 2025**

Offered by West Vancouver Schools, this hands-on program is perfect for students passionate about learning practical skills in carpentry and construction. Whether you're exploring a future career or simply gaining a skill that lasts a lifetime, this program delivers. Learn from a Red Seal-certified instructor, earn 16 high school credits, achieve Level 1 Carpentry Training certification, and master essentials like blueprint reading and advanced tool use. Applications are OPEN until March 14, 2025. Learn more [here](#) and apply [here](#), or email pkashani@wvschools.ca!

- **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). Go to 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 attend Rockridge, Sentinel or WVSS. 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. 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@wvshools.ca) with any questions or for more information.

- **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 WVSS, 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. For more information on the YELL program and the advantages for students, please contact Jo-Anne McKee at jmckee@wvschools.ca or visit www.yellcanada.org/students

8. Helpful info & Contacts

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Assistant Certificate: Apply by March 7th

Offered by North Vancouver School District in partnership with Langara College, and open to West Vancouver School District students entering grade 11 or 12. This program is perfect for students passionate about working with young children and provides the opportunity to learn about child development and apply this knowledge to practical work placements in daycare and/or primary school settings. Applications are OPEN until March 7, 2025. Learn more and apply [here](#), or email jkinakin@sd44.ca. [Click here for the application package](#).

Substance Use Prevention, Part 2: Mental Health & Decision-Making Information Sessions

In partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from [Open Parachute](#), the ministry will host three, [free virtual sessions](#) for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health challenges. These sessions will build on a [previous presentation](#), which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The previous session is not a pre-requisite for this one.

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.)

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/>

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](#)

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.

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.

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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