



**Thursday, April 10th, 2025**

### CALENDAR UPCOMING

<b>April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PAC Online Auction &amp; Spartan Games Night</b>
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Weekend – School closed</b>
<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Collaboration Day 9:30am start</b>
<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Scholarship applications DUE by 3pm</b>
<b>May 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AP Exams</b>

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### **1. 2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools**

**Summer Learning registration is NOW open.** Be on the lookout for a google form to be released by the Counselling team where you can let them know you have registered. This will give you the opportunity to update your course requests for the 2025-26 school year! For more information about Summer Learning see flyer ([secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

## **2. 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>

## **3. 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](http://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. Please reach out to Ms. Tanfara if you have any questions [ctanfara@wvschools.ca](mailto:ctanfara@wvschools.ca)

**4. Visit the Northwest Territories!** Mr. Elliot is planning an exchange with a partner high school in Yellowknife, NWT next spring. The trip, if it goes ahead, would be open to a limited number of students in grades 10, 11, and 12. If you are interested, or would like more information please see Mr. Elliot in person, or email him at [celliot@wvschools.ca](mailto:celliot@wvschools.ca) An information session will be held for students and parents in the coming weeks.

**5. London UK Trip** Are you interested in travelling to LONDON, ENGLAND next Spring Break? - That's Spring Break 2026. If so, please come to an informational meeting with your parent/guardian on **TUESDAY, APRIL 15th @ 6:00pm in the THEATRE**. This trip is open to Performing Arts students in Grades 9-12 next year (currently 8-11) and students in Grades 11 & 12 who may not be in a performing arts course but are interested in the trip... If you're interested in touring in and around one of the world's great cities, come to the theatre and find out more information. If you are unavailable for the meeting but are interested in the trip, please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill directly at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca) to be added to our Google Classroom.

## **6. Upcoming Math Contest**

The Math department is opening registration for the Gauss Math contest for grade 8 students. This contest is excellent for those interested in getting their first experiences with a University of Waterloo Math competition. The cost for registration is \$5 and closes Thursday, April 17th. Late registrations may not be accepted. Interested students can see Mr. Ma in room 257 to be registered.

**7. International History Olympiad Regional Champions** Congratulations to Sentinel students Emmanuel Gelinas, Blair Zhong, Yington Yu, Emma Huang, and Hsing Tan, who went undefeated in the team competition at the IHBB International History Olympiad this past weekend, claiming the title of Vancouver Regional Champions. In Addition to the team success, Hsing Tan finished 2nd in the Individual category and Blair Zhong finished 4th in a competitive field. A big thanks to the Sentinel PAC for their support of the team. With this victory they have qualified for the National Championships held May 4th at UBC. Good Luck Spartans!

## 8. Grad 2025 Current Info

### \*SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Open to Grade 12 students only – Grads are encouraged to review and complete application forms this month. Don't wait until the last minute! Forms can ONLY be submitted by paper to the office (not emailed). You can pick up forms in the office or find them [HERE](#) on the Sentinel website. The link is also in the Grade 12 Google Classroom. If you have any questions, see Ms. Janda [kjanda@wvschools.ca](mailto:kjanda@wvschools.ca)

**Completed applications must be submitted no later than Friday, May 2nd at 3 pm  
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### 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 Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - More Grad event details in our 2025 Grad Event Newsletter.**

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## 9. Sentinel PAC News

### \*PAC Online Auction and Spartan Games & Social Night: April 16th


We're thrilled to share that over **40 brand-new items** have just been added to our Online Auction! Since we launched last week, we've already seen over 100 bids on the 70 original items – thank you to everyone who has participated so far! There are still **plenty of great bargains** to be had, and now with even more exciting options available, it's the perfect time to place your bids and support our school. 🏠 [ONLINE AUCTION](#)

#### **Spartan Games & Social Night – Wednesday, April 16th**

Tickets are now on sale for our upcoming Parent Social Night, and we highly encourage you to purchase early – this is a night you won't want to miss!

#### **Tickets: \$25**

Includes: Entry to the event, game/drink chips, and delicious appetisers/hors d'oeuvres.

 **Live music** will be provided by our talented Sentinel students, creating the perfect atmosphere for a fun and memorable evening.

The night will feature professional casino tables and skill-based games hosted by the Sentinel Sports Department. Whether you're a games enthusiast or just there to socialize, connect with other families, and support the school, this evening promises something for everyone.

#### 🏠 [PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

#### **Auction Finale – Exclusive Night-Only Items!**

The event will also mark the grand finale of our online auction, with a few exclusive live auction items available only on the night – including:

- A reserved parking spot in the Principal's Parking Space
- Dinner with the West Vancouver Mayor

Every dollar raised will go directly towards the Sentinel Gym Enhancement Project, supporting the exciting upgrades happening this summer alongside the installation of our brand-new gym floor.

Let's come together to celebrate our amazing community and invest in something that will benefit all Sentinel students for years to come.

If you're unable to attend or there isn't something of interest on the auction but still want to support the fundraising effort, you can donate directly

👉 [DONATE DIRECTLY](#)

Thank you for your continued support – we hope to see you next Wednesday!

### **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](mailto: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: [UPDATED School Drop Off Map](#)** Let's create a safe, sustainable, and pollution-free school!

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

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## **11. Sentinel Music Program – \*Upcoming Performances!**

### **May 8th – Sentinel Zone Band Night @ 7:00PM**

Featuring Concert Band, Grade 8 Band and Sentinel feeder elementary school bands  
Kay Meek Theatre – free admission

### **May 9th – Jazz B Band Elementary School Tours all day**

Visiting feeder elementary schools and sharing our music  
Trip to Pauline Johnson, Westcot and Cedardale elementary schools

**May 20th – Orchestra Night @ 7:00PM**

Collaboration with Handsworth Strings, WVSS Orchestra and Sentinel for an evening of symphonic music. Featuring guest soloists.

Kay Meek Theatre – free admission

**June 11th – Year End Concert @ 7:00PM**

Celebration of a year of music with Band 8, Concert Band, Jazz B Band, Jazz A Band, RnB Band, Orchestra

Sentinel Gymnasium – admission by donation

**June 19th – Jazz Café, Vol. 3 @ 7:00PM**

Final café-style concert with Jazz B Band, Jazz A Band and RnB Band with refreshments and dancing!

Sentinel Library – admission by donation

Follow us on  Instagram: [@sentinelmusicprogram](https://www.instagram.com/sentinelmusicprogram)

**Support the Sentinel Music Program**

Help us maintain our instruments and equipment! We urgently need funding to repair amplifiers, restore brass instruments, and replace worn-out equipment. Your generous donations last year helped us purchase several new instruments through events like Jazz Cafe and seasonal concerts. Support us today by donating through [SchoolCashOnline.com](https://www.schoolcashonline.com): [Fee Details](#), attending our next Jazz Cafe in June, or following [@sentinelmusicprogram on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/sentinelmusicprogram) for updates! Every contribution keeps music alive at our school!

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**12. Helpful info & Contacts****Not Returning to Sentinel Next Year?**

If your student is NOT returning to Sentinel for the 2025-2026 school year commencing September 2025, please let us know at your earliest. Please complete this [WITHDRAWAL FORM](#) save it and send it back to us at [sentinel@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinel@wvschools.ca)

**Calendar & Block Rotation**

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

For the Day 1 & Day 2 rotations - **NEW Block Rotation Calendar March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>** [HERE](#)

**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/>

**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](#)

### **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](#)

**Northshore Youth Police Academy Info & Application**

### **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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