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Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

CALENDAR UPCOMING

April 7 th	Summer Learning Registration opens 8am
April 7 th - 11 th	Grad Assessments – Numeracy 10
April 16 th	PAC Online Auction & Spartan Games Night
April 18 th – 21 st	Easter Weekend – School closed
May 2 nd	Scholarship applications DUE by 3pm
May 5 th – 16 th	AP Exams

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1. 2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens NEXT Monday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m. 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.

The School Cash Online link is: https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.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 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 is you have any questions 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 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 to be added to our Google Classroom.

6. Grad 2025 Updated Info

*SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 2ND.

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

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

LEGAL NAMES FOR GRAD 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 later this month! More event detail in our 2025 June Grad Event Newsletter.

7. Sentinel PAC News

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

Get ready for exciting fundraising activities to support Sentinel's Gym Enhancement Project! Our Online Auction opens today!! It runs through the Spartan Games & Social Night on Wednesday April 16th evening. Parents and community members are invited to explore and bid on over 100 items of something fun, practical, or a little luxurious! Your participation directly supports the installation of gym upgrades to go with the brand-new gym floor this summer—an upgrade that will benefit all! Follow Sentinel PAC on Instagram and Facebook (@wvsentinelpac) for auction previews, school updates, and more PAC news. Let's come together to support our students and school community!

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 <u>26 safe GREEN drop-off spots</u> in the neighborhood, so that your teen can <u>walk onto the school grounds: UPDATED School Drop</u> Off Map Let's create a safe, sustainable, and pollution-free school!

8. Summer Learning Job posting

WVS International Programs is seeking senior students Grade 10 & 11 who wish to provide leadership to assist our incoming International students. More information can be found <u>HERE</u>

9. Sentinel Athletics

<u>Player Registration Page on the website:</u> 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: <u>REGISTRATION PAGE</u>

If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please email: sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca.

10. Support your 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: Fee Details, attending our next Jazz Cafe in June, or following @sentinelmusicprogram on Instagram for updates! Every contribution keeps music alive at our school!

11. 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 <u>WITHDRAWAL FORM</u> save it and send it back to us at <u>sentinel@wvschools.ca</u>

Calendar & Block Rotation

View the 2024-2025 Calendar "At-a-Glance" HERE

For the Day 1 & Day 2 rotations - NEW Block Rotation Calendar March 1st - May 9th 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

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://westvancouverschools.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 <u>HERE</u>

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

Rick Hansen Accessibility Awards - Nominate a Difference Maker! Nominations close April 6th

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 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & X.

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