



## Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### CALENDAR UPCOMING

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scholarship applications DUE by 3pm
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vancouver International University Fair
May 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	AP Exams
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	PAC AGM at 9am
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day (no school)
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day (no school)
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Collaboration Day (9:30am start)

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#### 1. AP Exams May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>

Sentinel students enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses are due to write AP exams between Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. AP exams are administered by the College Board in the US and Canada. AP courses are offered in a variety of subjects, including English, math, sciences, social studies, fine and performing arts, languages, and computer science. AP Scaling system is from 1-5 and Grade reports are available online to students, schools, and colleges in July. Please see a list of the 2025 AP Exams and scheduled exam times [HERE](#). Please note:

Students will be automatically given an authorized absence for their exam times, however, if they miss blocks outside of their AP exam times please let us know at [sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca)

**Reminder to parents that that ALL AP Exam fees are overdue and can be paid on SchoolCashOnline (see below).**

## **2. School Fees OVERDUE**

School fees are now due and must be paid online through School Cash Online. **Grade 12 parents please be aware that all the graduates outstanding fees must be paid before any member of their party may book a table (May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> in the office) for the Graduation Banquet June 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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.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](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. School Trips 2026**

**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.

### **London UK Trip**

Are you interested in travelling to LONDON, ENGLAND next Spring Break? - That's Spring Break 2026. If so, please see Mrs. McGuinness-Gill in the theatre for more information. 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. Please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill directly at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca) to be added to our Google Classroom & for more information. **REMINDER: Preliminary Interest forms are to be handed in to Mrs. McGuinness-Gill, Ms. Torrie, or Mr. Elliot on or before Friday, May 9th at 3:00pm.**

### **Dominican Republic May 2026**

LEADERSHIP, CONNECTIONS and CULTURE in the Dominican Republic. A life-changing experience awaits your teen, if she/he wants to "change the world"! Sentinel is offering an opportunity for students to help build homes for families in need in the Dominican Republic through the **LiveDifferent** charity initiative. Students will receive (many) volunteer hours while having an unforgettable time and transforming lives. <https://livedifferent.com/programs/builds/parents/> Parent information meeting soon to be determined. Approximate dates are May 14 - 23, 2026. More information to follow.

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## **5. September School Start for the 2025-2026 School Year**

- **Tuesday, Sept 2nd** – This is the first day of school for all grades. Students will return in a staggered start and go to their Homeroom classes to meet teachers. We have a Grad 2026 BBQ planned in the courtyard. More details to come.
- **Wednesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>** - First day of formal block rotation Day 1-2314
- **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Artona Photo Day for ALL Students. These are important school photos for school ID Cards and photos for the 2026 yearbook

### **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)

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## **6. 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

See all the event details in the [2025 Grad Event Newsletter](#).  
[Grad Banquet Table Request form 2025](#)

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## **7. Sentinel PAC News**

### **PAC Annual General Meeting Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

Our regular meeting and AGM will be held in two weeks. We will have reports from the Chair and Team Leads, a proposed budget for next year AND proposed updates to our Bylaws, as well as elections of all members of the PAC for next year. Please join us! If you would like to volunteer to be part of our PAC Team for next year, please contact our Chair: [sepac@wvschools.ca](mailto:sepac@wvschools.ca)  
View the tracked changes [HERE](#) of our proposed Bylaws to bring them up to date with current technology and best practices.

## **Upcoming Workshops:**

### **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 huge THANK-YOU to all the volunteers and Parent attendees of the **Spartan Games Social Event** last night. See a few photos from the event [HERE](#)

### **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

### **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!

### **CARPOOLING:**

PAC is trying to reduce the number of cars which enter the school grounds every day. If you ever drive your teen to or from school, please answer these two questions to help us decide if we should try organized carpooling as a solution:

[Carpooling Document](#)

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## **8. Sentinel Athletics**

**Help Us Recover Missing Sentinel Team Gear:** We've had a significant amount of gear go missing over the year, and unfortunately, we don't have the budget to replace all of these items. If you happen to come across any Sentinel jerseys, shorts, or other team equipment like basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, frisbees, etc. around your house, we would greatly appreciate it if you could send it back with your child or drop the items off at the main office. Please know that there will be absolutely no consequences for students who return any missing items—no questions asked. Our goal is simply to recover as much equipment as possible so that we can continue supporting our student-athletes. Thank you for your support of 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).

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

### **May 8th – Sentinel Zone Band Night @ 6:00PM**

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**

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## **10. Helpful info & Contacts**

### **Vancouver International University Fair**

Don't miss the NACAC International University Fair at the **Vancouver Convention Centre on May 3rd from 1pm-4:00pm**. See below links to the registration page, list of information sessions happening concurrently and institutions participating. This is a great opportunity for grade 10 and 11 students.

- [Student Registration Link](#)
- [NACAC VIUF 2025](#)
- [Information Sessions](#)
- [Institutions Participating](#)

### **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](#).

### **Calendar & Block Rotation**

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

For the Day 1 & Day 2 rotations - **NEW Block Rotation Calendar [May 12<sup>th</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>](#)**

## **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 [LINK](#)**

## **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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