



Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

CALENDAR UPCOMING

May 22 nd & 23 rd	Grad Banquet Table Selection in office
May 29 th	Collaboration Day (9:30am start)
May 30 th	Grad Carnival & BBQ lunch
June 14 th	Grad Commencement Event
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1. School Fees and AP Exam Fees are now OVERDUE

School fees and AP Exam fees are now overdue and must be paid online through School Cash Online. **Grade 12 parents please be aware that all outstanding fees for your Grad must be paid before any member of their party may book a table (May 22nd & 23rd in the office) for the**

Graduation Banquet June 21st. If you have any questions regarding SCO 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>

2. Grad 2025 Info: Countdown to Grad!

Important upcoming dates:

- **Tuesday, May 20th** - Grad Write-ups now OVERDUE
- **Thursday May 22nd & 23rd** – Grad Banquet Table Selection in the office – fillable form [HERE](#) (bring this completed form with you for Table Selection)
- **Friday, May 30th** - Grad Picnic (Games, music & BBQ lunch)
- **Thursday, June 5th** – Last day to purchase a Banquet Ticket
- **Friday, June 6th** – Pick up Grad Cap & Gowns (as well as your purchased Guest Commencement Tickets and 2 free TransLink passes) available in counselling suite
- **Friday, June 13th** – Commencement Dress Rehearsal at lunch in the gym (mandatory)
- **Saturday, June 14th** – Grad Commencement
- **Thursday, June 19th** - Grad Parade (During FIT)
- **Saturday, June 21st** – Grad Banquet

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](#)**

3. 2024-2025 Yearbooks are coming!

Make sure to collect your Yearbook during the following distribution times:

Grade 12s – Wednesday, June 11th, in the Library during lunch

Grade 8s-11s – Thursday, June 12th in the Library during FIT

4. Summer Learning – Course Change request

If your child has registered to take a course in person or online over the summer, please have them fill out the following google form to let their counsellor know and to request changes to their course requests for the 2025-2026 school year: <https://forms.gle/vRYbooPVwk71M3hs5>

Please note that these changes are requests and are not guaranteed.

5. Sentinel's Speech and Debate Club is hosting a beginner-friendly public speaking tournament on June 4th in the school library. Participants will deliver a pre-written speech in two rounds and deliver two impromptu speeches. There will be free pizza at the tournament and awards for the most outstanding public speakers. Register before June 1st! For more information: [Speech & Debate club](#)

6. 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 3rd** - First day of formal block rotation Day 1-2314
- **Friday, September 5th** – 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 **All students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 4th by 3:00 pm to confirm their place at Sentinel.**

7. Grad Class of 2026!

Students attended a meeting yesterday to receive information about their CLC 12B capstone projects and tips on how to get ahead this summer on university applications and scholarships. See: [SLIDE SHOW](#) Students also received their diploma verification report to double check their graduation requirements and credits. Student DVR's may have notes from their counsellor if Grad requirements are missing.

8. Sentinel Design & Photography

Please congratulate the following students whose work has been chosen to be showcased in this years' Chester Fields exhibition at the Polygon gallery. The show will be up from May 24th until June 29th. The Opening Celebration will be held on May 31st at 1:00 pm at the Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver and you are encouraged to RSVP by following the attached link below.
<https://thepolygon.ca/exhibition/chester-fields-2025-shadow-play/>

Chester Fields is a professionally juried photography exhibition for high school students. Initiated in 2009 and named for The Polygon Gallery's former home at 333 Chesterfield Avenue, the programme proposes a theme for artists to respond to through an original work of photographic art.

In 2025, the theme of Shadow Play was shaped in the context of the forthcoming exhibition Star Witnesses, on view at The Polygon Gallery this summer. Students have been invited to consider what happens when the shadows take center stage, how sensors in camera technology render – or fail to render – darkness, and how the resulting images compare to human vision.

LONGLISTED — Longlisted students will have their artworks & descriptions showcased on the Chesterfields website.

Nichole Dong
Huxley Frazee
Derek Wu

Jacob Holmes
Emmett Limoges
Evan Tang

SHORTLISTED — In addition to being showcased on the Chester Fields website, shortlisted students will have their artworks and descriptions professionally printed and displayed as part of The Polygon Gallery's ***Chester Fields 2025: Shadow Play*** exhibition.

Camellia Fazlali
Natalia Concepcion

Ivan Samosseiko
Amelie Basco

9. 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 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... Please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill directly at mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca to be added to our Google Classroom.

REMINDER: Preliminary Interest forms are to be handed in to Mrs. McGuinness-Gill, Ms. Torrie, or Mr. Elliot on or before Thursday, May 22nd 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. <https://livedifferent.com/programs/builds/parents/> Approximate dates are May 14 - 23, 2026. More information to follow.

10. Sentinel PAC News

PAC Position volunteers for 2025/2026 school year:

Executive:

CHAIR: Nora Gambioli
VICE-CHAIR: Tonia Liao
TREASURER: Chen Tan
SECRETARY: Zahra Ahmadi
DPAC REP: Joy Zhou

Directors:

EVENTS: Gem Chu
WISHLIST: Tonia Liao
LEGACY: Sam Ridgway

PARENT EDUCATION: Diane Shoar
GRAD: Kerry Fahardi & Dana Renaud
GRADE 12 REP: Echo Wu
GRADE 11 REP: Maryam Morshedi
GRADE 10 REP: Farzaneh Bamani
GRADE 9 REP: Amy Chen
GRADE 8 REP: Chen Tan
COMMUNICATIONS: Sophie Li

Our last PAC meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, June 12th in which we will plan for next year and confirm proposed updates to our bylaws. View the tracked changes [HERE](#) of our proposed Bylaws to bring them up to date with current technology and best practices.

If you would like to help any Team in any way, please let us know: sepac@wvschools.ca

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 To join the workshops, please click [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!

11. Sentinel Athletics

Sentinel Team updates:

Sentinel Tennis Heads to Provincials! Congratulations the members of the Senior Boys and Senior Girls Tennis Team that are heading to the Provincial Championships! Their hard work, dedication and strong performances have earned them a spot among BC's best.

Another Shout out to our **Sentinel Track and Field Athletes** that have qualified for the Zone Championships! Speed, strength and determination have led them to this next stage of competition. Good luck at the zones Spartans!

Our **Sentinel Senior Girls Rugby 7's** had some huge victories during our 7's Zones tournament last week emerging as Zone Champions! Well done team! They are now heading to the Provincial Championships to battle against the best teams in the province. B

BOTH our senior BOYS' and GIRLS' **Badminton Teams** qualified for PROVINCIALS at the Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone Championships last night! And now the work truly begins – as if we thought zones were “next level”, provincials will be even harder – please wish them good luck as they head to Richmond end of the month.

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, please have your student return it to the office - no questions asked.

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.

12. Sentinel Music – *Upcoming Performances!

Sentinel Music – Announcements

Would you like to **audition as a vocalist for RnB Band** for the 2025-26 School Year? If yes, please send in your audition materials to Mr. Virag @ zvirag@wvschools.ca by Friday, May 30th. More information can be found on the [Sentinel Music RnB Website](#).

Sentinel Music – Upcoming Performances

June 7th – West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival – various performances

2:40PM: RnB Band

3:20PM: Grade 8 Band

4:00PM: Jazz A Band

Ambleside Park, West Vancouver Schools Stage

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

13. Helpful info & Contacts

Digital Citizenship

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents & caregivers on popular social media platforms.

First up: **Snapchat**

Check out the [Snapchat Info Link](#) to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Summer Learning registration is NOW open. 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 12th – June 27th](#)**

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 Huskilton (last names LIU-SAM) shuskilton@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](#)

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

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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