



Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

CALENDAR UPCOMING

May 5 th – 16 th	AP Exams
May 15 th	PAC AGM at 9am
May 16 th	Professional Development Day (no school)
May 19 th	Victoria Day (no school)
May 22 nd & 23 rd	Grad Banquet Table Selection in office
May 29 th	Collaboration Day (9:30am start)
May 30 th	Grad Carnival
June 14 th	Grad Commencement
June 21 st	Grad Banquet

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1. 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.**

2. AP Exams May 5th – May 16th

Sentinel students enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses are due to write AP exams between Monday, May 5th – Friday, May 16th. 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
Reminder to parents that that ALL AP Exam fees are overdue and can be paid on SchoolCashOnline (see below).

3. Grad 2025 Info: Countdown to Grad!

Important upcoming dates:

- **Tuesday, May 20th** - Grad Write-up Due
- **Thursday May 22nd & 23rd** – Grad Banquet Table Selection in the office
- **Friday, May 30th** - Grad Carnival & BBQ lunch
- **Friday, June 6th** – Grad Cap & Gowns (as well as purchased Guest Commencement Tickets and 2 free TransLink passes) available in counselling suite
- **Friday, June 13th** – Commencement Dress Rehearsal in the gym (mandatory)
- **Saturday, June 14th** – Grad Commencement
- **Week of June 16th** - Grad Parade
- **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](#)**

4. 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 22nd & 23rd in the office) for the Graduation Banquet June 21st.** 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>

5. 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 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. <https://livedifferent.com/programs/builds/parents/>

Student information meeting TOMORROW at lunch, Friday, in Rm 208. Approximate dates are May 14 - 23, 2026. More information to follow.

6. Sentinel PAC News

PAC Annual General Meeting Thursday, May 15th 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 View the tracked changes [HERE](#) of our proposed Bylaws to bring them up to date with current technology and best practices.

PAC Position volunteers for 2025/2026 school year:

Executive:

CHAIR: Nora Gambioli
VICE-CHAIR: Tonia Liao
TREASURER: Chen Tan
SECRETARY: **Need Volunteer**
DPAC REP: Joy Zhou

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

Directors:

EVENTS: Gem Chu
WISHLIST: Tonia Liao

As you can see, we are eager to find a volunteer parent to take on the position of Secretary!

If you would like to volunteer for a position above, or help any Team in any way, please let us know: sepac@wvschools.ca If there is more than one volunteer for a position prior to voting next week, our bylaws require a secret ballot vote.

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](#)

PAC Auction & Spartan Games Night: A huge THANK-YOU to all the volunteers and Parent attendees of the **Spartan Games Social Event**. We raised over \$21,000, which we plan to donate towards upgrades to the school gymnasium! 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](#)

7. 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, please have your student return it to the office - 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.

8. 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

May 8th – Sentinel Zone Band Night @ 6:00PM (new time)

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 13th – Jazz B Band Elementary School Tours @ 8:30am

Visiting feeder elementary schools and sharing our music

Trip to Chartwell elementary school

May 20th – Orchestra Night @ 7:00PM

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

Kay Meek Theatre – free admission

June 7th – West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival @ Time TBD

Grade 8 Band, Jazz A Band, RnB Band

Ambleside Park, more information to come

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

9. Helpful info & Contacts

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 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 Huskison (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](#)

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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