



## Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday, June 19th, 2025

### CALENDAR UPCOMING

June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sentinel Cafeteria's Last Day
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Locker Cleanout & textbook/resource return deadline
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Grad Banquet Event
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Formal Class Rotation
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Luncheon
June 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Student Completion & Assessment
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### 1. 2024-2025 Yearbooks!

If you ordered a 2025 Yearbook, it is ready to pick up with Ms. Amanda Tabone in Room 202. If you are uncertain if you purchased a yearbook for your student, please reach out to Ms. Tabone [atabone@wvschools.ca](mailto:atabone@wvschools.ca) You don't want your student to miss out on this treasured keepsake!

## **2. Grad 2025 Info: Grad Banquet!**

### **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](#).

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## **3. Important Year End Information**

**Sentinel Cafeteria's last day will be tomorrow Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please make alternate arrangements for your snacks and lunch starting Monday, June 23rd.

### **Grade 12s: School District Email, Google Accounts & Google Drive**

Just a reminder that graduating students' school email, Google accounts and Google Drive will no longer be accessible sometime during the summer. Please download ANY information you want to keep and transfer to personal accounts.

### **All Grades checklist for end of year:**

- **Return all Library books and devices:** All library books and school devices are due NOW. If you have any questions, contact our librarian [jbond@wvschools.ca](mailto:jbond@wvschools.ca)
- **Return all textbooks & school resources** by Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Locker cleanout:** Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – students will be dismissed 10 minutes early to clean out their lockers and remove any items. Current Grade 8-11s please keep your lock for next year. If needed, you will be re-assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year. Make note of your combination!
- **Collect ALL Lost & Found Items** - Any items left in the school after June 27<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the Salvation Army.

### **Outstanding School Fees and School Resources**

Please ensure you have paid all school fees owing through School Cash Online

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> If you have any questions regarding school fee payments, please contact our Accountant Ms. Allison Carruthers. [acarruthers@wvschools.ca](mailto:acarruthers@wvschools.ca).

**Deadline for ALL school fee payments and school textbook and resource return is Friday June 20th.**

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## **4. 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) **All students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 4th by 3:00 pm to confirm their place at Sentinel.**

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### **5. Sentinel Main Gym Closure**

We are very excited that Sentinel is having a new gym floor installed over the summer! **To prepare for construction, the Main Gym is now CLOSED. We apologize in advance for any disruptions and inconveniences.** Our PE staff have worked hard, along with input from students, staff and parents, to design a new gym floor that will make our school proud. Additionally, Sentinel PAC has worked tirelessly raising funds to support additional gym enhancements. We are so appreciative of all our stakeholders in helping make this project happen.

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### **6. Grad Class of 2026 Info!**

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.

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### **7. Sentinel Design & Photography**

The **Chester Fields Exhibit is now open at the Polygon Gallery** in North Vancouver! Come celebrate the incredible photographic works selected for this year's exhibition. A special shoutout to Camellia Fazlali, whose piece was chosen as one of the three finalists from all the student submissions across the Lower Mainland.

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### **8. Sentinel PAC News**

#### **Staff Appreciation Luncheon NEXT Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>**

To thank all Sentinel staff for all their hard work and support of our teens this year, PAC will host our annual Year-End Luncheon on, Tuesday, June 24th, with a theme of "Oh Canada!"

We need parents to donate food, drinks, and volunteer to help on the day. We also need vegetarian and gluten-free food options! If you are not able to donate food or volunteer, please consider donating money towards staff gift-cards. Sign up here: [Staff Appreciation Lunch Volunteer](#) If you have any questions, please contact Gem Chu at 778-251-9139

#### **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!

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## **9. School Trips 2026**

### **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"! Approximate dates are May 14 - 23, 2026 and the estimated cost is \$5600.00. There will be a lot of fundraising to offset the cost, and a portion of the cost is tax refundable. Students also receive service hours. Contact Ms. Page-Newman at: [NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca](mailto:NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca)

**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... Please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill directly at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschool.ca) to be added to our Google Classroom.

## **10. Sentinel Athletics**

### **Athletics Awards**

Congratulations to all of the outstanding athletes who won awards this year and to all of the Sentinel team participants!


**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. If you have any questions regarding Athletics, please email: [sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca).

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

### **Sentinel Music – Upcoming Performances**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – 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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## **12. 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.

For a guide to Snap Chat, TikTok & Roblox click this [LINK](#)

### **West Vancouver – Help us Become the Most Active Community in Canada!**

The **ParticipACTION Community Challenge** is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the **most active** community in Canada. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>.

### **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 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 Huskison (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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