



Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday, June 5th, 2025

CALENDAR UPCOMING

June 6 th	Grad Cap & Gown pick up in counselling suite
June 9 th	FINAL Day to purchase Banquet tickets NOON DEADLINE
June 11 th	Sentinel Music End of Year Concert
June 12 th	PAC Meeting
June 14 th	Grad Commencement Event
June 17 th	Sentinel Athletic Awards
June 20 th	Sentinel Cafeteria's Last Day
June 20 th	Locker Cleanout & textbook/resource return deadline
June 21 st	Grad Banquet Event
June 23 rd	Last day of Formal Rotation
June 24 th	Staff Appreciation Luncheon
June 24 th & 25 th	Completion & Assessment
June 26 th	Final Learning Update Posted & Last Day of School

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1. Grad 2025 Info: Countdown to Grad!

Important upcoming dates:

- **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
- **Monday, June 9th at NOON – FINAL deadline to purchase a Banquet Ticket**
- **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](#)

2. 2024-2025 Yearbooks are coming!

If you ordered a 2025 Yearbook, it will be ready for pick-up on the following dates:

- Wednesday, **June 11th: Lunch distribution to Grads in the library**
- Thursday, **June 12th: FIT Block distribution to Grades 8 - 9 in the library**
- Thursday, **June 12th: Lunch Distribution to Grades 10 - 11 in the library**

Please mark this date in your calendar, as you don't want to miss picking up your treasured keepsake!

3. Important Year End Information

Sentinel Cafeteria's last day will be Friday, June 20th. 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
- **Return all textbooks & school resources** by Friday, June 20th
- **Locker cleanout:** Friday, June 20th – 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 27th 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.

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

4. 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 will be closed from June 3rd onwards. 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.

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 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.**

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.

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.

8. Sentinel PAC News

Staff Appreciation Luncheon June 24th – 2 ½ weeks away!!

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

PAC Position volunteers for NEXT year:

We have an "opening" for Legacy Team Lead, since Sam Ridgeway has had to bow out for next year.

If you are interested to help the Legacy Team or take the lead, please let Chair Nora Gambioli know:

sepac@wvschools.ca

Executive:

CHAIR: Nora Gambioli

VICE-CHAIR: Tonia Liao

TREASURER: Chen Tan

SECRETARY: Zahra Ahmadi

DPAC REP: Joy Zhou

GRAD: Kerry Fahardi & Dana Renaud

GRADE 12 REP: Echo Wu

GRADE 11 REP: (Soroush Loghamani)

Maryam Morshedi

GRADE 10 REP: Farzaneh Bamani

GRADE 9 REP: Amy Chen

GRADE 8 REP: Chen Tan

COMMUNICATIONS: Zoe Li

Directors:

EVENTS: Gem Chu

WISHLIST: Tonia Liao

LEGACY: ??

PARENT EDUCATION: Diane Shoar

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

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!

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.

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/> Parent information meeting at 6:00pm on June 10th in the Sentinel library or contact Ms. Page-Newman at: NPage-Newman@wvschools.ca Approximate dates are May 14 - 23, 2026 and the estimated cost is \$5600.00.

10. Sentinel Athletics

Athletics Awards

To be held in the Library on Tuesday, June 17th at 1:40pm the Athletics Awards will honor our MVP athletes and most sportsman-like players who have represented the Sentinel Teams this year. All are welcome to attend this event! *(Due to the start of the new Gym floor construction our event will be held in the library this year)*

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.

11. 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

12. Helpful info & Contacts

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 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 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://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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