

Friday, August 29th, 2025

Welcome Back to School!

OUR SCHOOL

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1. Our Leadership Team & Administrator by Grade

Mr. Mike Finch – Principal (Grade 12) mfinch@wvschools.ca

Ms. Crystal Tanfara – Vice Principal (Grade 8 &10) ctanfara@wvschools.ca

Mr. Shawn Anderson – Vice Principal (Grades 9 &11) shawnanderson@wvschools.ca

2. Student Orientation Opening Day of School - Tuesday, September 2nd

- The students' first day of school on Tuesday will be a staggered start time based on Grade.
- All students will be receiving an email this Friday / weekend with their Homeroom class and teacher information. There will be lots of assistance Tuesday to make sure students know where to locate their Homeroom class.
- In their Homeroom class (1-1) students will receive their Student Verification form (to be reviewed by parents, signed and returned), Class Schedule, School Calendar, Agenda, and lock & locker. Only Grade 8s and new students are given a locker.
- Note: Grade 9-12 students have not been assigned a locker but may request a locker. See "Lockers" below for instructions.

- **3D School Map:** One of our Grade 12 students has created a 3D map of the school this summer to assist new students! While this is still being edited, it may be a valuable tool to find classrooms and become acquainted with the school. See link: [3D MAP](#)

Tuesday Sept 2: Schedule

- **Grade 8s:** 8:30 am – 10:00 am (Please go to Gym & then to Period 1 Class)
- **Grade 9s:** 9:00 am - 10:00 am (Please go to your Day 1 – Period 1 Class)
- **Grade 10s:** 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Please go to your Day 1 – Period 1 Class)
- **Grade 11s:** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Please go to your Day 1 – Period 1 Class)
- **Grade 12s:** 12:00 pm - (Please go direct to courtyard for the Grad 2026 BBQ)
- **Grade 12s:** 1:00 pm - (Please go to your Day 1 – Period 1 Class)
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3. Withdrawals and School Confirmation & Enrolment for 2025-2026

If your child is **no** longer planning to attend Sentinel this school year, we ask that parents email sentinel@wvschool.ca as soon as possible. You can also indicate that you are withdrawing your child by completing [THIS FORM](#) and emailing it to sentinel@wvschool.ca. In addition, to confirm your child's spot at Sentinel, we require that **all students attend their classes no later than Thursday, September 5th**. If there are extenuating circumstances whereby your child will not be in attendance the first week of school, we ask that a parent reach out by email to sentinel@wvschool.ca at your earliest indicating the expected date of return.

4. Policies and Procedures (P + P) Form – Action Required ASAP!!

Please be aware that a new P+P form **MUST** be completed for each student, every school year. It is **ESSENTIAL** that parents complete this form as soon as possible and ideally **PRIOR** to **September 2, 2025**.

- Without a completed form, students will **not** be permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook, attend field trips, etc.
- This form requires a parent login and password.
- If you previously created an account, the account login/ password is the same.
- If you have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the link to reset it.
- After you have logged in, you may either update last year's P+P form or start a new one.

Please go here: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

5. Calendar & Block Rotation (see Important Links!)

Please see a picture of Sentinel's 2025-26 September Calendar below. Each student will receive a copy of the complete [School Calendar](#) and Agenda in their welcome packages next Tuesday. For the Day 1 & Day 2 rotations - See the current [Block Rotation Schedule HERE](#). The latest version will always be posted outside the office and on the homepage of our website.


FIT: We have 50 mins of [Flexible Instruction Time](#) **Mondays and Thursdays, 11:00 am - 11:50am**.

Please note that Lunch and Period 4 will begin at the same time each day.

Staff collaboration days take place on the last Thursday of the month from 8:30am - 9:25am. Classes start at 9:30am. Four classes will follow with lunch and period 4 beginning at the usual time. See our Bell Schedule [HERE](#)

Summary of Useful Calendar, Map and Schedule Links:

- Student School 2025-2026 Calendar [HERE](#)
- 2025-2026 Calendar "At-a-Glance" [HERE](#)
- Sentinel Bell Schedule [HERE](#)
- Block Rotation Schedule [HERE](#)
- 3D School Map: [HERE](#)
- [Flexible Instruction Time](#)

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6. Locks & Lockers

Grade 8

All grade 8s have been assigned a locker and will receive a lock and their assigned locker in their 1-1 class. Students MUST use the lock and locker assigned to them. Students may not use personal locks. Students are to keep their lock for their entire high school experience.

Grade 9-12

Students in grades 9-12 have not been assigned a locker but may request a locker at the link below. Locker assignments will be assigned in the week of September 8th ONLY if the student has filled out the request form. The assigned locker number will be emailed to the student during the second week of school. Students MAY NOT use an unassigned locker. Any student who uses an unassigned locker will have their items removed. Students are to use the lock the school has given them in a previous year. If a student needs a lock, please go to the accounting office.

LINK FOR GRADES 9-12 FOR LOCKER REQUEST: <https://tinyurl.com/locker2026>

7. School Photos – Friday September 5th

School photos will take place NEXT Friday, September 5th. There is an opportunity for retakes Thursday, October 2nd. Our photo provider is Artona. For all photo inquiries and to order photos please see their website: <https://artona.com/contact-us> More photo info coming soon!

8. Absent Student Notification & Excused Absences

Please email ALL Attendance related matters to: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

If a student is away/ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform our office by sending an email to sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca. Please include your student's full legal name and grade, time of absence and reason for absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify their attendance to indicate a late vs an absence. If your student is going to miss more than 5 school days, please complete this fillable [Long Term Absence Form](#) and return to us.

9. Sentinel's Counselling Department & Course Change Procedures

Welcome Back! Counsellors are here to assist students with academic planning as well as mental health support and so much more! 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

Course Change Requests: Important information regarding **Course Change/Request procedures** can be found here: [Counsellor Info](#) For more information from our counselling team please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/counselling/>

10 PAC News

Join us for our first Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting of the year at 9:00am on Thursday, September 11th....8:45 am for "coffee and connecting" on the mezzanine level in the school library.

Welcome Grade 8 Parents!

We look forward to meeting you and having you involved in all kinds of parent activities this coming year! For faster communication and updates, please join the **Grade 8 Parents WhatsApp Group** using this QR code as soon as possible!



Message From PAC Regarding Traffic

Among our many PAC activities, we are trying hard to stop the daily traffic congestion at the school entrance! Please support your teen to walk, cycle, scooter or use public transit to get to and from school each day. This provides exercise and an opportunity to meet other students!

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: [School Drop Off Map](#)
Let's create a safe, sustainable, and pollution-free school!

Nora Gambioli, Chair

Sentinel Parent Advisory Council, 2025-2026

sepac@wvschools.ca

11. Sentinel Spirit Wear

A group of senior students designed a line of school spirit clothing. It was a huge success, and we will be offering it for sale again from **August 28th to September 19th**. Orders will be packaged and delivered to the school where it will be distributed to students. See: [Sentinel School Spirit Clothing Store](#)







Sentinel Secondary Winter Spirit Wear 2025

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://sentinelsecondary2025.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Friday September 19th, 2025 (11:59pm PDT)**

Russell Athletic Dri-Power® Fleece Hoodie  2 Colors \$60.00	Russell Men's Fleece Crew Neck Sweatshirt  2 Colors \$55.00	Russell Athletic Men's Essential Tee  2 Colors \$20.00	Russell Athletic Dri-Power® Closed Bottom Pocket Sweatpant  2 Colors \$38.00
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Questions?
Dom Gesualdo
1-866-942-6605
ots@oneteamsports.com
<https://oneteamsports.com/pages/contact>

12. Grads of 2026: BBQ Tuesday at 12:00!

Please find attached and read a very important [Grade Activity Letter](#) from our Principal, Mr. Finch. On Tuesday, September 2nd, Grade 12's please go direct to the courtyard for the **Grad 2026 BBQ** at 12:00pm to kick off the new school year!

Below is a list of our typical grad events in the past and their estimated costs:

- Theme days - one per month (minimal costs for costumes)
- Grad wear (optional) - purchased in the fall and includes t-shirts, hoodies, and sweats
- Semi Formal (The Pinnacle, @Nov. 1st) - historically costs \$110 - (*Grads and dates only*)
- Winter Formal (at Sentinel) - in January and costs ~\$50 (Grades 11s and 12s can attend)
- Grad photos (Artona)-in the fall \$60 sitting fee for all students, photo packages are \$200-\$250
- Grad Carnival-in the spring, PAC has historically helped fund this to keep cost to ~\$10-15
- Banquet (Vancouver Convention Centre) - in June and costs approx. \$150 per grad/guest-grads/dates and parents can attend.
- Commencement (at the Westside Church) - in June and approx. \$20- \$25 per person-no limit (**free to grads**)

13. Annual Student Parking Pass

For those students parking at the school, please purchase a student's parking pass using School Cash Online and bring the receipt to the Accounting Office beginning Monday, September 16th between 10:00am-3:00pm Monday to Friday. If you need assistance with [SchoolCash Online](#) please email our Accountant, Allison Carruthers at acarruthers@wvschools.ca

14. Sentinel Athletics

Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to another great year of Sports at Sentinel. If you are considering coaching this year, please send an email to sentinelathletics@wvschools.ca. We are always in need of help on the coaching front. Go Spartans!

15. Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.



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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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