



Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday November 6th, 2025

Calendar Upcoming

Date	Day	Event	Notes
November 10 th	Mon	Remembrance Day Assemblies	GYM (9:45 and 10:35)
November 11 th	Tue	Remembrance Day	No School
November 13 th	Thu	PAC Meeting	9-11am at Library
November 24 th	Mon	PRO-D day	No School
November 27 th	Thu	Collaboration Day	9:30am start / Dismissal 2:45pm



[2025–2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

New This Week



Inside Sentinel

- Grade Assessment schedule update
- Remembrance Day Assemblies
- Field House/Youth Hub Schedule!
- School Photo - Grad Photo Booking update



Inside West Vancouver Schools

- Parents Literacy Workshop



Clubs and Actives

- Sentinel Athlete
 - ✓ Senior Boys Volleyball Team captured the North Shore Championship Banner
- Clubs Day- Checkout the most updated list!
- Dominican Republic Trip update
- Last day to get your Apples order



PAC News

- PAC Meeting November 13th



In the Community

- Virtual Presentation on Post Secondary Planning



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Remembrance Day

Required Forms

Online Policies and Procedures Form – **Action Required ASAP!!**

If you haven't submitted it yet, please complete the form as soon as possible.

- ❖ Without this form, students will not be able to access their Google Classrooms or have their photos included in the yearbook.
- ❖ We'll be reaching out to families who have not yet done so.
- ❖ Please find the link here: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

Please be aware that a new P+P form MUST be completed for each student, every school year.

Student Verification Form

Your child/children received their Student Verification Letter in September. Please review, make necessary changes, sign and return the form to the school office. Any changes to home address, parental responsibility, legal or medical alerts, or citizenship require supporting documentation.

These must be uploaded. For supporting documents see:

<https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/StudentDocuments>

Inside Sentinel

Graduation Assessment (Literacy 10) - Cancelled

Due to BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) strike action in the BC Public Service, the November 2025 Graduation Assessment Session will be cancelled for all grade 10 and 12 assessments. We will reschedule the Literacy 10 Assessments for June 2026/

Draft Graduation Assessments 2025-2026

DATES	ASSESSMENT	GRADE LEVEL
January 12-20, 2026	Literacy 12 (LTE12)	All Gr. 12 students
January 12 -13, 2026	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année (LTF12)**Written	All French immersion Gr.12 students
January 12-20, 2026	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année (LTF12)**Oral	All French immersion Gr.12 students
April 20-24, 2026	Numeracy 10	All Gr. 10 students
June 8-19, 2026	Literacy 10 (LTE10)	All Gr 10 students
June 8-19, 2026	Missed or re-writes: Literacy 12 & Numeracy 10 Littératie 12 (June 8 or 9)	Gr 10 and Gr.12 students

Remembrance Day Assembly– Monday, November 10

On Monday, November 10, Sentinel will hold Remembrance Day assemblies to honor those who have served Canada in times of war, conflict, and peace.

- Assembly 1 (Grades 8–10): 9:45 AM – 10:25 AM
- Assembly 2 (Grades 10–12): 10:35 -11:20AM

Note: Grade 10 students will be assigned to either Assembly 1 or Assembly 2

Students are encouraged to bring a donation for a poppy in period 2-1 Monday morning.

All proceeds go to the Royal Canadian Legion to support veterans and their families. Thank you for your support!

Field House/Youth Hub Schedule

Exciting news!

Our Youth Care Worker, Erin Bayou, is now based in the Field House!

Come by to connect, hang out, and have fun — there's always something happening!

👉 Snacks • Sports Equipment • Gym Space • Girls' Group • Movies & More

Day	FIT	Lunch
Monday	Open Gym for All Grades	Open Gym for Grade 8 & 9 Girls
Tuesday	—	Open Gym for All Grade 8 & 9 Girls' Group – <i>Tuesdays Together</i> (All girls welcome!)
Wednesday	—	Open Gym for Grade 8 & 9
Thursday	Open Gym for All Grades	Open Gym for Grade 8 & 9
Friday	—	Open Gym for Grade 8 Boys

School Photos

Book your Grad Photos!

Book Your Grad Photo Appointment [Here](#). Artona will be in their mobile studio in our school courtyard ready to take your Grad Photos from November 24th to December 1st. See Grade 12 Google Classroom for more details. Group photos in January can also be booked.

Photo Package Orders Pick Up Notice

Photo package orders placed with Artona between **September 19 – October 5** have been delivered to the school office instead of directly to homes due to the Canada Post strike. Parents may have their child come to the office and see Ms. Zhang to pick up their package.

Miss both Photo Day and Photo Retake Day?

Artona is hosting an In-Studio Retake Day for students who missed both photo day and retake day at their main studio in Vancouver on **November 15, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact Artona directly <https://artona.com/contact-us>

Inside West Van Schools

Parent Literacy Workshops

Join us for an engaging session on supporting your child's literacy and language development. Presented by West Vancouver Schools in partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library, these workshops will explore practical strategies to foster a love of reading, build foundational skills, and create strong home-school connections. Sessions will include insights from district educators and library staff, highlighting local resources that help every child thrive academically. Check more information on the poster [HERE](#)!

All sessions will take place in Welsh Hall at the West Vancouver Memorial Library. Session dates are as follows:

- November 18th – [Parents of Kindergarten – Grade 3 students](#) ([Register NOW!](#))
- January 27th - *Parents of Grades 4 – 7 students*
- March 3rd – *Parents of Grades 8 – 12 students*

Physical Activity and Physical Literacy

Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and participate in physical activities for life. Children and youth become physically literate through physical activity, which develops **movement skills** that **enable participation** in activities as they age. Getting active early increases the likelihood that participation and its benefits will continue into adulthood. West Vancouver School District aims to provide safe and varied opportunities for movement. Please click [HERE](#) to find out more resources.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions Timelines

Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year began on Wednesday October 15th at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students.

Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00am on Thursday, January 15th, 2026.

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process.

Parent Guide to Discord

Please review the most updated WVS Parent Guide to Discord [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Food Security Plan

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare Feeding Futures initiative, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to our principal, Mr. Mike Finch at MFinch@wvschools.ca or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

Clubs and Activities

Clubs Day – Discover the New Club list!

Check out the new and updated club list [HERE](#) from our Clubs Day! Whether you're looking to explore a hobby, try something different, or meet new friends, there's a club for everyone. Don't miss your chance to get involved, have fun, and make the most of your school year!

Sentinel Athletes



Congratulations to our Senior Boys Volleyball Team!

Our Spartans clinched the North Shore Championship Banner last night in a thrilling five-set match against Handsworth, sealing the victory with an exciting 18–16 finish in the final set. An incredible effort by the whole team—way to go, Spartans! 🏐👏

Grade 9 & 10 Girls Basketball Team

We are very much in need of coaches for our Grade 9 and 10 Girls Basketball teams and our Grade 10 Boys Basketball team. If there is any way you could find the time to coach one of the teams mentioned, please contact Brooks and Todd asap as the season is starting up –

BMcNiven@wvschools.ca and TMcGowan@wvschools.ca

Dominican Republic Trip

Dominican Republic - We are very happy to announce that the trip to the Dominican Republic for 2026 is running. We are still accepting other students. Please come speak to Sra. Page-Newman in room 208.

LAST DAYSTO BUY APPLES

Sale ends Nov. 9th!



Delicious, award winning quality! Buy some apples to support the Dominican Republic trip fundraiser. Sun-Oka Fruit Farms from Summerland, BC. supplies Honeycrisp and Ambrosia apples that are bigger and better than what you will get in stores around Vancouver. Click on the link to order your boxes of 18 - 20 apples and you'll be able to pick them up at Sentinel on November 18th.

Go to the link below to order.

https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/0916113921/org-campaign/sentinel-secondary-school-november-2025

PAC News

Grade 12 Parents: Social Event for You!

Thursday Nov 13 at 6:00pm, Milestones Restaurant, Park Royal (1096 Main Street)
Relax and socialise with other parents of grade 12 students - and maybe an administrator too - let's enjoy some time together and plan a wonderful year ahead for our kids!
\$20 per person includes appetizers - RSVP by e-transfer to sentinelpac@gmail.com
Questions? Contact Kerry Farhadi 778-927-2040

Grade 10 Parents: Social Event for You!

Thursday November 20th, 6:30-8:15pm, Milestones Restaurant, Park Royal (1096 Main Street)
Relax and socialise with other parents of grade 10 students - and maybe an administrator too - let's enjoy some time together and plan a wonderful year ahead for our kids!
You can by your own drinks and food!
Questions? Contact Yvonne Lau - 604-861-8745

Parent Education Event: An Evening with the West Vancouver Police-TONIGHT

Sentinel PAC invites all Sentinel families to an engaging session with the WVPD Community Services Team! Click [HERE](#) to see details.

- ✓ Learn safety tips for families and students
- ✓ Discover community resources and support
- ✓ Hear how WVPD partners with our school
- ✓ Ask your questions directly to our officers

Time: Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 PM

Location: Sentinel Library

Don't miss a chance to connect and learn! For questions, please contact Diane Shoar at frauen@naver.com

Grade 9 Parent Social Oct. 29th

Many Grade 9 parents (and Principal Finch & Vice-principals Anderson & Tanfara) joined together for fun activities and to meet each other at the school library - see photo [HERE](#)!

PAC meeting - Next Thursday morning

Nov 13th from 9-11am join us for decisions, input and updates from our PAC leaders and Principal Finch! Coffee and goodies from 8:30 - in the Library Mezzanine level.

Connect with PAC

Join our PAC meeting, volunteer with a [Team](#), or connect with your Grade Parents' [WhatsApp group](#) to stay involved in our school community.

School Traffic

Parents, 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 car, use one of the 26 drop-off spots near the school - see map - so that your teen can walk a few steps; it's safer and healthier for everyone!

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/ecole-sentinel-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2025/03/Sentinel-Secondary-School-Map-December-3.pdf>

Student Resources

Calendar & Block Rotation

Our **2025–2026 School Calendar** on the website is back up and running!

Please click [HERE](#) to subscribe. It includes all major school events and holidays.

- ❖ **Block Rotation Schedule** [HERE](#) (Oct 27th -Dec 19th ,2025)
- ❖ **Flexible Instruction Time** on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 am - 11:50 am.
- ❖ **Staff Collaboration** is the last Thursday of the month from 8:30am - 9:25am. Classes start at 9:30am. Dismissal time will be 2:45pm on Collaboration Day.

Sentinel's Counselling Department

Counsellors are here to assist students with academic planning as well as mental health support and so much more! Counsellors are assigned by 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/>

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. Students **MAY NOT** use an unassigned locker. If a student needs a lock, please go to the accounting office. Link for Locker Request: <https://forms.gle/9mTNzFLzptq3EySZ8>
Locker Assistance, please email Allison Carruthers at acarruthers@wvschools.ca

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. If you need assistance with [SchoolCash Online](#) please email our Accountant, Allison Carruthers at acarruthers@wvschools.ca

Absent or Excused?

Attendance Notifications – Parent Guide

We kindly ask parents and guardians to notify the school of any absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals. Please email all attendance-related matters to: sentinelattendance@wvschools.ca

When emailing, please include:

- ❖ Student's **full legal name and grade**
- ❖ **Time** of absence, late arrival, or early dismissal
- ❖ **Reason** for the absence

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please send emails **by 2:30pm on the day of the absence.**

If an email is not received by this time, an automatic attendance mark may be applied, and a phone call may be made to the parent/guardian by the end of the day.

Steps to Follow to Be Excused from Attendance

Absence / Illness

- Notify school via email

Late Arrival

- Students arriving late should go directly to class
- Parents/Guardians email school to notify

Early Dismissal

- Email school with dismissal the time
- Coaches will notify us for school spots early dismissal but feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Long-Term Absence (more than 5 school days)

Please complete the [fillable Long Term Absence Form](#) and return it to the office.

In the Community

Virtual Presentation on Post Secondary Planning

We invite your chapter to share this opportunity with your community: a virtual presentation on post-secondary planning, hosted by EducationPlannerBC in collaboration with Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon.

 Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025

 Time: 6:30–7:30 PM (PT)

 Location: Zoom (virtual session)

This session is designed for parents, families, and supporters of students in grades 10–12, helping them explore post-secondary programs, career paths, and resources to plan for the future.

Topics covered include:

- Searching thousands of programs, including trades, and exploring career paths
- Accessing financial aid, admission requirements, and FAQs
- Discovering opportunities available in French
- Creating an account to save programs and careers to My List
- Applying to post-secondary institutions in B.C.

The link to register to the presentation is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/3gnbrKFjRLO6he9sYwhx6w#/registration>

West Vancouver Memorial Library 75th Anniversary Fundraising Event

The West Vancouver Library is turning 75 years old! Please join us at the West Van Library Foundation's Fundraiser at the Library on November 7. It promises to be a fun night of entertainment and camaraderie! The guys from the Piano Heist will be regaling us with the library's early beginnings BEFORE the opening of the current building (20s, 30s, 40s) through music and song.

For those who would like to get started early on their Holiday Shopping, the Silent Auction, which includes some fabulous artwork, is now live online! You don't have to attend the Event to participate, but the Auction will be continuing in-person at the

Event: <https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/133035/auctions/189283>

The ticket price of \$75 also includes a free drink ticket, and is eligible for a tax receipt: <https://westvanlibrary.ca/foundation/events/#event>

And, last but not least, a big thanks to our Sponsors!



Our Leadership Team & Contact Details



ADMINISTRATION

- **MR. MIKE FINCH – PRINCIPAL (GRADE 12)**
 MFINCH@WVSCHOOLS.CA
- **MS. CRYSTAL TANFARA – VICE PRINCIPAL (GRADES 8 & 10)**
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- **MR. SHAWN ANDERSON – VICE PRINCIPAL (GRADES 9 & 11)**
 SHAWNANDERSON@WVSCHOOLS.CA



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-  X (TWITTER): [@SENTINEL_SD45](https://twitter.com/SENTINEL_SD45)
-  WEBSITE: [SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL](https://www.sentinelsecondaryschool.ca)



2025–2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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