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### Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### Calendar Upcoming

Date	Day	Event	Notes	
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Winter Concert-Juniors	Day 2-3, Evening Concert@7pm	
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Winter Concert-Seniors	Day1-2	
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Last day of Term1	Early Dismissal@12pm	
December 22 <sup>nd</sup> -January 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Winter Break – School is closed		
January 5th	Monday	School Opens for 2026		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	New to Grade 8 (Sept 2026) info evening	6:30pm-8:30pm	
January 12 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>		Grade 12 Literacy Assessments	Sentinel	
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Advanced Placement Info night	6:00pm	
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	G8-11 Course Planning Evening	6:00pm G8/9; 7:00pm G10/11	
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Parents Teacher Conferences	1:00-3:00pm/ 3:30-5:00pm	
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Collaboration Day	School stars 9:30am, early dismissal at 2:45pm	
		Senior Casino & Dance Night	6:30pm – 10:00pm	
January 30th	Friday	Pro-D Day	No School	

#### [2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



## From Mr. Finch

Dear Sentinel Families:

It has been a busy first term at Sentinel this fall. Students and staff have been hard at work in and out of the classroom. We are very proud of the many achievements, both curricular and extra-curricular, of all the members of our school and community.

The school year started with great excitement as students tested out our spectacular new gym floor. September also hosts a number of back to school events with a highlight being our student lead Truth and Reconciliation Week. Activities including making Bannock, weaving, Indigenous sports, assemblies with keynote speakers Pamela Baker and Amanda May Thisdelle, and much more.

Our Athletic teams have had very successful fall seasons. Highlighted results include the Sr. Girls Field Hockey (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Swim (multiple individual medals) and Sr. Boy's Volleyball teams that competed at the Zone and Provincial Championships. Congratulations to all of our teams. We want to thank our many teacher and community coaches that give so much of their time providing Sentinel students with outstanding opportunities for success.

Several Sentinel students have had their artwork showcased throughout the Lower Mainland. It is always impressive to see the many talents that are nurtured under the guidance of our outstanding Fine Arts department. Additionally, students and staff from the Art Dept. are creating a mural to display on the walls of the main 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway. The designs are currently being finalized. The group hopes to begin painting the 15 panels in the New Year. The final mural will be an impressive 4 feet high and 120 feet long.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, our students participated in a touching Remembrance Day Assembly. Members of the Student Council, students AP Art classes, Choir as well as the school Band all contributed to present an incredibly powerful and moving ceremony.

Students continue to excel academically, as is evident with the distribution of our Learning Update #1. Having reviewed all of the reports, Ms. Tanfara, Mr. Anderson and I are impressed with the commitment our students demonstrate to their studies. With the beginning of a new term comes the opportunity to reflect on and reassess the first terms progress and set new goals. It is strongly encouraged that students and their parents make time to review and celebrate accomplishments, while setting new goals progressing forward.

A big thank you to Sentinel PAC and parent community for all your support. Enhancements in the new gym, parent socials, wish list items and Winter Staff Appreciation list just a few of the many generous supports you have provided. Our students and staff appreciate all that you do for our students, staff and school.

As the Winter break is fast approaching, on behalf of the Sentinel Staff I would like to extend best wishes to our school community for a happy and safe holiday season.

Mike Finch  
Principal

## **New This Week**

### **Inside Sentinel**

- FAST (First Aid Swim Training) Program
- Grad Friendship Group Photo Sessions with Artona

### **Clubs and Actives**

- Sentinel RnB Band G11/12- Congratulations!
- Remembrance Day Poster Contest – Congratulations!
- Breakthrough Junior Science Challenge-Congratulations!
- Math Contest Results- Congratulations!
- Sentinel Stage Annual Production- The Dinning Room!

### **Inside West Vancouver Schools**

- School Emergency Text Alerts
- Cyber Security E-Bulletin
- Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices Updates

### **Student Resources**

- Block Rotation Schedule has been updated (Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - Feb 27<sup>th</sup> ,2026)

### **In the Community**

- Big & Lit Design Award

### **Last Day Block Rotation- Friday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Friday, Dec 19th</b>	
Block 2-2	8:30-9:15
Block 2-3	9:20-10:05
Break	10:05-10:25
Block 2-1	10:25-11:10
Block 2-4	11:15-12:00
Early Dismissal at 12:00pm	

## Inside Sentinel

### **FAST (First Aid Swim Training) Program**

#### **Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year Are Now Open!**

The First Aid Swim Training (FAST) Program is a unique opportunity for students to develop the essential skills and confidence to become successful lifeguards while also building leadership and resilience.

By the end of the program, students will earn key certifications that are prerequisites for the National Lifeguard Course, which they can take independently at age 15 or older. Completing the National Lifeguard Course qualifies students to work as lifeguards, opening doors to meaningful, in-demand employment.

Certifications earned in FAST include:

- Bronze Medallion
- Bronze Cross
- Standard First Aid & CPR-C

Program Highlights:

In addition to earning certifications, the FAST Program provides a practical foundation in:

- First Aid Training: Building strong emergency response skills
- Swimming and Stroke Development: Improving confidence and technique in the water
- Cardiovascular and Resistance Training: Developing fitness and endurance
- Leadership Development: Encouraging teamwork, communication, and responsibility

This program is ideal for students interested in aquatics, leadership, and gaining valuable job-ready skills.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY NOW!](#)

### **Grad Friendship Group Sessions**

#### **Booking Information:**

Graduating students can book group photo appointments or find more details by visiting:

👉 [artona.com/bookings](http://artona.com/bookings)

(Select Artona Grad Group Photos)

Photo Date: January 23, 2026

First Appointment: 4:30 p.m.

Location: School Cafeteria

### **Lost and Found Reminder**

Please check the Lost and Found box in front of the Cafeteria and collect any items that belong to you before December 19th. All unclaimed items after this date will be donated. Thank you!

### **Grade 7 into 8 Open House Information Night for Students & Parents**

Do you have a student currently in Grade 7? Join us for an Information Night for incoming Grade 8 students interested in attending Sentinel. Event scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 from

6:30pm – 8:30pm. No registration required. All are welcome. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Sentinel – New Student Lunch Account Program**

We're introducing an optional Student Lunch Account Program designed to make cafeteria purchases easier for families and faster for students. Parents can load funds online, and students pay using a secure QR code. Please see more details in the [PDF](#) poster.

Benefits for families:

- One-minute setup
- Easy reloads anytime
- Balance and purchase visibility
- No cash or cards needed
- Secure and privacy-protected

This program reduces lineups and keeps lunch payments simple and predictable.

Full instructions are in the PDF above. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email: [accounts@geminifoods.ca](mailto:accounts@geminifoods.ca).

If you would like to stay connect with us, please email [Tony@geminifoods.ca](mailto:Tony@geminifoods.ca) and [Geoff@geminifoods.ca](mailto:Geoff@geminifoods.ca)

### **Learning Update #1 is available to be downloaded**

Student Learning Updates #1 is posted on the MyEducation family portal and ready to be downloaded.

#### **Family Portal Important Notes:**

**Important!** Make sure to download and save the Learning Updates for future reference. The portal will close by July 2026, and you will not be able to access the reports after that period.

- ✓ My Education Family Portal Link: [www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen](http://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen)
- ✓ Login Guide: [Logging-In-Quick-Guide-Family.pdf](#)
- ✓ Username/Password/Recovery: – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your 'password recovery' function to allow you to reset your own password. [Log In/Password Recovery How to Video](#)
- ✓ MyEducation BC Family Portal Instructions: [Family Portal instructions webpage](#)
- ✓ If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at [sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:sentinelportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

### **2025/2026 Yearbooks**

The 2025/2026 Yearbooks are now available for purchase through School Cash Online. Don't miss out on capturing this year's memories - [click here](#) to secure your copy!

Please note, parents must complete the online Policy and Procedure forms above at Required Forms section so your child photos can be included in the yearbooks.

### **Graduation Assessments Updates**

All grade 12 students will be writing their Literacy 12 Assessment(s) in January. Students - please check your emails in the coming weeks for information on date and times. Grade 10 students will write their Numeracy 10 Assessment in April and their Literacy 10 assessment in June.

## 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	<b>Missed or re-writes:</b> Literacy 12 & Numeracy 10 Littératie 12 (June 8 or 9)	Gr. 10 and Gr.12 students

## Clubs and Activities

### Congratulations to the Sentinel RnB Band!



We are thrilled to announce that the Sentinel RnB Band (Grades 11/12) has been named a Top 10

Finalist in the Senior Contemporary Ensemble Category of the CBC Music Class Challenge – 2025 Fall edition. A special thanks to Jonathan He for his excellent video editing! You may view the students' [entry in this video](#).

The official list of finalists will be published on December 19th, but being named a Top 10 finalist is a wonderful achievement for our students.

Be sure to come out and hear the RnB Band perform at the Winter Concerts:

- Evening Performance: Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM
- Daytime Shows for Students: Wednesday, Periods 2-3 and Thursday, Periods 1-3

## Remembrance Day Poster Contest- Congratulations Sentinel Secondary School Art students!

Please give a big congratulations to our Sentinel Secondary School Art students for placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in District Legion Youth Remembrance Day 2025 poster contest.

Poster category:

### BLACK AND WHITE POSTER:

- 1st place =Emilia Oberti- Emilia's poster will move forward to the next level of the BC Yukon Division Contest
- 2nd place = Beatrice Burke
- 3rd place =Katelyn Clapa

### COLOUR POSTER:

- 1st Place = Jisoo Kim - Jisoo's poster will move forward to the next level of the BC Yukon Division Contest
- 2nd Place = Yehyeon Lee
- 3rd place = Yichen Dong



## Breakthrough Junior Science Challenge- Congratulations!

Grace Guo, a grade 11 student who participated in the Breakthrough Junior Science Challenge was the winner of the North American popular vote.

- Regional Winner: She was named the 2025 Popular Vote Regional Champion for North America.
- Scientific Focus: Her winning entry explored "The Gut-Brain Axis: Do We Have a Second Brain?"
- Global Recognition: As a regional champion, she was recognized alongside other top scorers from around the world, such as students from Nigeria, India, and Australia, for her ability to simplify advanced biological concepts for a general audience.

Please check out her video production [HERE!](#)

## Math Contests Results- Congratulations!

Mr. Ma would like to share some of our recent Math contest results as they are quite remarkable.

- As a school, **we ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the province on the CIMC and 7<sup>th</sup> on the CSMC contest.** These results placed us 15<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Canada respectively! These are both contests hosted by the University of Waterloo.
- Our school champion on the CIMC contest – Albert Jiang (grade 10) is now a back-to-back **national** champion on this contest. He won a cash prize from the University of Waterloo for his results.

- As a school, we have 19 students rank in the top 25% all contestants on the CIMC, and another 8 students rank in the top 25% on the CSMC.
- Our school champion on the AMC 12 contest – A Grade 10 student is **ranked in the top 1% of all contestants on the AMC 12 in Canada**. In addition, while the results are not final, he also scored 74/80 on the COMC contest. Which will very likely earn him top honours in BC and a good chance of being invited to the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad.
- We have 12 students rank in the top 25% of all contestants on the AMC 10 and another 7 rank in the top 25% of all contestants on the AMC 12 as well.

Congratulations, Spartans!

### **Sentinel Stage's Annual Production**

Sentinel Stage's annual production, **The Dining Room**, is once again in search of several prop items. If you have any of the following items and would be willing to loan them to our show that would be awesome! Alternatively, if you are no longer in need of these items and you would like them to go to a good home - Sentinel Stage is that home! Please email Mrs. McGuinness-Gill directly @ [mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca)

- Candles (taper) x2 – LED
- Trivets or hot pads x2
- Silver salt spoon
- Linen placemats x2
- Bell (small) x1
- Book of matches
- Wooden tray – rectangular, with handles
- 8 (silver) cutlery settings with knife, fork (salad & dinner), spoon (big & little)
- Felt silver holder with individual spaces
- Grease pencil – black
- Large metal serving tray (vintage look)
- 6 x dinner plates – ideally a 90's pattern
- Soup tureen (silver)
- Wine holder (silver)
- Tablecloth (off-white linen for a large wooden table)

Please check out the [posters](#) of our Annual Production!

### **Inside West Van Schools**

#### **School Emergency Text Alerts**

Thank you for your patience as we worked through the power outage on Monday morning. If you did not receive a text message (SMS) from the school district about the outage, and you would like to, please text a “Y” or “Yes” to 978338 to ensure you are on the list. These notifications are only used in the case of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts.

## Cyber Security E-Bulletin



Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing is a hands-on, project-based course offered to students in Grades 10-12 who are attending Rockridge, Sentinel or West Van Secondary. Students learn the theory and apply it to practical projects in the fields of Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing. They have an opportunity to prepare for external certifications in Cybersecurity, Networking, Internet of Things, Programming, CompTIA, and Data Science. Students also participate in international competitions such as CyberPatriot and others. The course aims at helping students prepare material they can use for university applications.

## AI Literacy Lessons

This school year, our district is introducing a series of AI literacy lessons to help students build essential knowledge and understanding of artificial intelligence. Approximately once a month, students will participate in short, age-appropriate lessons that explore key concepts and responsible use of AI. This month, primary students learned about what Artificial Intelligence is, intermediate students explored bias and effective prompting, and secondary students examined prompting, bias, and hallucinations. As AI becomes increasingly present in our everyday lives, these lessons are designed to provide our students with an understanding of the technology, as well as the skills to use it safely, ethically and responsibly.

## Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices Updates

Over the first term, students and staff have worked hard to follow the West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Classrooms are more focused, transitions are smoother, and students tell us they can concentrate better without the pull of their phones. Thank you to families for reinforcing these habits at home.

As we return to school after the winter break, please help us keep this momentum going by reminding your children of the digital device expectations while at school.

### What's expected at school:

- **Elementary (K-7):** Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.
- **Secondary (8-12):** Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

### How families can help:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support schools by demonstrating these expectations whenever possible. This includes limiting adult cell phone use in and around school and refraining from contacting your child during school hours.

For a one-page overview of expectations, [see our Parent & Guardian Infographic](#).

### **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:

- *January 27<sup>th</sup> - Parents of Grades 4 – 7 students*
- *March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 at 8:00am on Thursday, January 15th, 2026.**

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouverschools.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](mailto:MFinch@wvschools.ca) or to

[feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto: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.

### PAC News

#### Staff Holiday Luncheon – Thank you!

What a wonderful day at Sentinel Tuesday! ❤

Our Holiday Staff Appreciation Luncheon was our way of saying a BIG thank you to the teachers and staff who support our students every day.

Thanks to our parent's generosity, PAC provided an enormous and delicious homemade luncheon, as well as a \$25 gift card to each staff member as a token of our appreciation. The smiles and thanks from all the staff reminded us how meaningful these gestures can be.

From delicious homemade dishes to cheerful decorations and helping hands, this was truly a PAC community effort. THANK YOU to all parents who contributed time, food, and funds — we couldn't have done it without you. ❤

[SEE VIDEO HERE:](#)

Wishing everyone a joyful and relaxing holiday!



### 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. Scan the QR Code today!

Scan to link to our PAC website

## 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://westvancouverschools.ca/eco-le-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](#) (Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - Feb 27<sup>th</sup> ,2026)
- ❖ **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.

### 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](mailto:lulinder@wvschools.ca)

**Rebecca Britten (last names G-LIT)** [rbritten@wvschools.ca](mailto:rbritten@wvschools.ca)

**Stefan Huskilson (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://westvancouverschools.ca/counselling/>

### 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!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT — BIG&LIT DESIGN AWARD**

"InnoHub proudly presents the Big&Lit Award, a nationwide design competition inviting students ages 8 to 25 to design a new urban landscape bridge connecting two parts of the city across Highway1 in North Vancouver.

Entries will be judged in three categories: Elementary School, High School, and University. Projects will be evaluated on creativity, clarity of concept, and how effectively the design connects the two sides of the city.

In addition to being a strong portfolio piece, winners will receive scholarships, mentorship, and up to \$1,500 in prizes and an art pieces. Submission guidelines, jury information, and award descriptions are available at [bigandlit.com](http://bigandlit.com).

Submission Opens: December 15, 2025

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2026

Award Ceremony: May 8, 2026, at Polygon Gallery, where the Mayor of the City of North Vancouver will present the awards.

The Big&Lit Design Award is supported by the City of North Vancouver, UBC, and Polygon Gallery. Winning projects will also be published in Canadian Architect, ArchDaily, and Domus Magazine.

You may also subscribe to our mailing list on the website to receive all competition updates."

website: <https://www.bigandlit.com/>

## Our Leadership Team & Contact Details

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**2025–2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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