

Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin



ÉCOLE SENTINEL SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

Thursday June 4th, 2026

Calendar Upcoming

Date	Day	Event	Notes
June 8 - 12		Commencement Tickets / Gowns to 12s	Counsellor Suite
June 8 th - 10 th		Grad Assessments – Literacy 10	Library
June 10 th	Wed	Year End Concert	Evening@7pm
June 11 th	Thu	PAC Meeting	Sentinel Library (Last Meeting)
June 13 th	Sat	Graduation Commencement	The Centre Westside Church
June 20 th	Sat	Graduation Banquet	Vancouver Convention Centre
June 22 nd	Mon	Last Day of Formal Classes	
June 23 – 25	Tu-Th	Completion Days	
June 25	Thu	Final Learning Summary Posted online	End of day
June 26 th - September 7 th		Summer Break	No School
September 8 th	Tue	First Day of 2026-2027 School Year	Welcome Back!

[2025–2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

New This Week

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- Year End Reminders

Clubs and Activities

- Sentinel Music Year-End Concert
- Social Justice Donation Drive for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
- Sentinel Athletics Awards Ceremony

PAC News

- Because of You" THANK YOU BARBECUE FOR PARENTS – Tonight!
- The last PAC meeting is on June 11th

In the Community

- Summer at WVML- Reading Club
- West Vancouver – Help us Become the Most Active Community in Canada!

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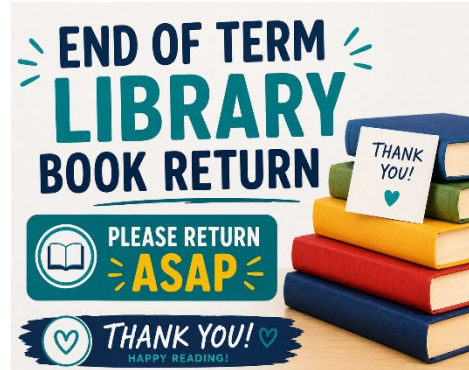
Year End Reminders:

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:**
Due to a library system change in June all books currently signed out must be returned ASAP. Please, ensure that your child has returned all their library books. If you have any questions, contact our librarian jbond@wvschools.ca
- **Return all textbooks & school resources by Friday, June 19th**
- **Locker cleanout:**
Friday, June 19th – 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 26th 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 19th**.

Graduation Assessment (Literacy 10) – June 8-10th

All Sentinel Grade 10 students will write the Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment June 8 – 10th. Any grade 12 student who missed a graduation assessment will also write at this time. Students and their parents have received an email with date and time of the assessment. Students should inform their counsellor or Ms. Tanfara (ctanfara@wvschools.ca) if they have a significant conflict and need to reschedule. Please note that Graduation Assessments are required for graduation purposes. Students should prepare for these assessments by attempting the sample assessments. Sample assessment and more information on Graduation Assessments can be found [HERE](#). Please see or email Ms. Tanfara (ctanfara@wvschools.ca) or your counsellor if you have any questions.

Grad 2026 Info: Countdown to Grad!

Important Links:

We are entering the final stretch of Grad 2026, with many important events and deadlines coming up. Please review the links below carefully and keep them handy over the next few weeks:

- [Grad E-Bulletin #4](#) – Important updates and reminders for upcoming grad events
- [Grad 2026 Newsletter](#) – Detailed information regarding Commencement, Grad Banquet, transportation, schedules, and more
- [Banquet Table Selection Form](#) – Table selection is now finished. If you miss it, please come to the main office for assistance.

Important upcoming dates:

- **Friday, June 5th** – Grad Commencement Tickets and Gowns distributed at Counsellor Suite
- **Friday, June 12th** – Mandatory Rehearsal for Commencement
- **Saturday, June 13th** – Graduation Commencement
- **Monday, June 15th** – Grad Parade
- **Saturday, June 20th** – Grad Banquet

September School Start for the 2026-2027 School Year

- **Tuesday, Sept 8th** – 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 2027 BBQ planned in the courtyard. More details to come.
- **Wednesday, Sept 9th** – First day of formal block rotation Day 2-1234
- **Friday, September 11th** – Artona Photo Day for ALL Students. These are important school photos for school ID Cards and photos for the 2027 yearbook

NOTE: All students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 10th to confirm their place at Sentinel for the 2026/2027 school year. If there is a concern with your child not being in attendance by this date, please reach out to sentinel@wvschools.ca as soon as possible.

Not Returning to Sentinel Next Year?

If your student is NOT returning to Sentinel for the 2026-2027 school year commencing September 2026, please let us know at your earliest convenience. Please complete this [WITHDRAWAL FORM](#)

save it and send it back to us at sentinel@wvschools.ca. In addition, informing your child's counsellor is always appreciated.

Clubs and Activities

Sentinel Music Year-End Concert



Celebrate the music and artistry of our dedicated Sentinel Music Students at the following final performances of the school year! **Sentinel Music Year-End Concert**, featuring:

Band 8, Jazz B, Jazz A, Concert Band, Orchestra, RnB Band

Wednesday, June 10th @ 7:00PM

Sentinel Gymnasium – Admission by Donation

Jazz Café, Vol. 3, featuring:

Jazz B, Jazz A, RnB Band

Thursday, June 18th @ 7:00PM

Sentinel Gymnasium – Admission by Donation

Social Justice Donation Drive for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

Our Social Justice students are collecting donations to support the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre and the women and families it serves. To boost participation, classes are competing within grade levels (with mixed-grade programs in a separate category) for a chance to win a class set of Jumbo Freezies!

We are seeking donations of **new, unopened, or gently used (clothing) items**, including:

- **Medical supplies:** Band-Aids, Polysporin, tensor bandages, medical tape, compresses
- **Personal care items:** Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, sunscreen, deodorant, hair brushes, makeup
- **Clothing:** Waterproof shoes, light jackets, hoodies, socks, underwear (new), bras (new)
- **Food items:** Trail mix, cereal bars, packaged snacks
- **Other essentials:** Water bottles, sleeping bags, pillows, umbrellas, kitchen towels

Every donation helps and gives students an opportunity to put social responsibility into action. Thank you for supporting this important initiative!

Sentinel Athletics Award Ceremony

We are excited to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our student-athletes at the **Sentinel Athletics Awards Ceremony**, taking place on **Thursday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sentinel Theatre**.

This special event recognizes the dedication, sportsmanship, leadership, and accomplishments of our athletes throughout the 2025–2026 school year. We look forward to celebrating another fantastic year of Spartan Athletics!”

Go Spartans!



Connect with PAC

PAC Monthly Meetings

Last PAC meeting of the school year will be June 11th!

Meetings start at 9am and are preceded by coffee and conversation if you can come earlier - meet us in the library, mezzanine level!



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!

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!

Carpool Opportunities

We are always trying to reduce traffic at the school, so here is a CARPOOL opportunity:

🚗 Looking forward to sharing school rides with Sentinel families near you? Click the* [Sentinel Carpool Program](#)* to find your zone, join a WhatsApp group, and hopefully share the driving! 🗣️

*This is a parent-led, self-organized initiative.

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

Inside West Van Schools

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.

In the Community

SUMMER AT WVML

Summer Reading Club registration has officially opened. WVML staff will be doing the rounds at all the elementary schools this month to promote the club. In addition to SRC, there is lots going on this summer including writing workshops, movies, and many technology and art programs.

[Kids & Families Newsletter: June/July 2026](#)

As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.

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. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts without having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/> Let's make movement matter!

Thank you for supporting our community! (Maybe we can encourage you to use your school postal code and pledge to be active, too? 😊)

Public Engagement Now Open to Gather Input on the Future of Child Care in B.C.

Since the launch of ChildCareBC in 2018, families have seen substantially lower fees, more spaces, and a bigger workforce in the sector with the newest social program in B.C. in a generation. The Province is continuing to build on this progress and is seeking input to guide the future of child care in B.C.

The provincial government has launched a survey to hear directly from families, early childhood educators and child care operators about their experiences.

The survey can be found at gov.bc.ca/childcaresurvey and is available from May 28-July 9, 2026.

Impact North Shore Update

Funds & Grants for children's recreation and sport – June 9, 10:00 – 11:30 am

A workshop for parents and guardians to learn about funding opportunities and grants available for children's sports programs on the North Shore. This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

SWEAP – Summer Work Experience Program

SWEAP is a youth employment program for ages 15–18 that combines paid work placements with training and development opportunities. No prior work experience is required. Applicants must reside in or attend school in West Vancouver, be legally eligible to work in Canada, and have a SIN and bank account by July 6.

Key Dates: Application deadline — June 3 (11:00 PM); Interviews — June 17–19; Acceptance notifications — June 23. Program orientation takes place July 7, with the full-time 6-week program running from July 13 – August 21.

If applications exceed capacity, priority will be given to first-time participants and applicants able to commit to the full program schedule, with remaining spaces filled through random selection.

<https://www.enhancewestvan.ca/summer-work-experience-and-adventure-program-sweap/>

West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest

Join us this June for West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest. This two-day festival brings people together through food, music, and culture. Join us as we celebrate the multicultural diversity of West Vancouver. Sentinel students will be performing musical pieces and their artwork will be on display!

Friday, June 5 | 4–9:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 6 | 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Ambleside Park

For more details: wvculturalfest.ca

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](#) (May 11th -Jun 26th, 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

Rebecca Britten (last names G-LIT) rbritten@wvschools.ca

Stefan Huskison (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/>

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 – 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 [HERE](#)

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. If you would like to stay connect with us, please email Tony@geminifoods.ca and Geoff@geminifoods.ca

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 – Parents 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

Our Leadership Team & Contact Details

ADMINISTRATION

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

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-  **INSTAGRAM:** [@SENTINEL_SD45](#)
-  **X (TWITTER):** [@SENTINEL_SD45](#)
-  **WEBSITE:** [SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL](#)

2025–2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- [VIEW CALENDAR](#)

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