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Dear Sentinel Families,

It has been a busy Spring and Sentinel students have continued to excel in all areas. Our Bands participated in the Con Brio Festival winning multiple gold medals along the way. They also entertained with a variety of school based and district concert performances. Advanced Placement students wrote their exams in May. AP Art students submitted personal Art Portfolios and showcased their work at The Ferry Building, The Culture Festival, The Library Art Gallery and the School Board Office. Our athletes competed hard all year bringing home a number of North Shore banners, including recent successes at Zone and Provincial Championships in Tennis (2nd), multiple Track and Field top 10 placements and Boy's and Girls rugby. These results complemented a very successful year of school sports.

Congratulations as well to Sentinel students Tianbo Shen and Saach Lertnamvongwan, members of our Stop the Traffic team, who earned third place in the West Vancouver Schools Traffic Safety Video Contest for their video, [*Advantages of Active Commute to Sentinel*](#). Their achievement reflects Sentinel's commitment to student leadership, community engagement, and promoting safe, active transportation.

Grade 10 students in our French Immersion program enjoyed an exchange experience with a group from Montreal. Another group of Sentinel students participated in a humanitarian, house building trip to the Dominican Republic. Both experiences were highlights for all those involved.

A group of Sentinel artists, under the guidance of Ms. Hambly and Ms. Evans, have spent the past year creating a mural. This art project is a series of 15 painted panels, each 4'x 8', and depicts 'a story of creation' based on legends shared from members of our local indigenous community. The 120 foot mural is more than half way complete, and the team looks forward to finishing the project during the 2026-27 school year.

The final Learning Update will be released on Thursday, June 25th. Students are encouraged to reach out to their teachers via email should they have any questions. We are also offering a few summer bursary's for students participating in learning opportunities over the summer. You can find out more about the bursary's and how to apply [HERE](#).

I would like to thank the Sentinel PAC for all their support during the past year. Our parent group has organized events such as parent education evenings, grade socials and the Multicultural Lunch. All were huge successes. As well, staff appreciation lunches

and the delivery of various holiday treats are always well received. Most significantly, however, are the major initiatives they have worked tirelessly raising funds for. Our students enjoyed the use of our amazingly renovated main gym, a host of new social spaces, a number of classroom enhancements and the creation of the Mural Project. Sentinel PAC fundraising efforts have made all of these developments come to fruition.

Please take a moment to view [the Sentinel PAC 2025–2026 Annual Report](#), which highlights the incredible contributions of our parent volunteers throughout the year. From building community connections to raising over \$80,000 in support of student learning, well-being, and school enhancements, the PAC has made a lasting impact on the Sentinel experience. On behalf of our school community, thank you to every volunteer and family whose generosity and commitment helped make these achievements possible!

We are saying goodbye to a number of Sentinel staff; Ms. Edette Sychrava, Ms. Nicole Brunette, Mr. Klaus Heck, Mr. Stefan Huskison, Mr. Todd McGowan, Ms. Julie Pla, and Ms. Crystal Tanfara. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well in their future pursuits.

As we break for summer I would like to thank our staff. Your dedication and commitment to student success help make Sentinel an outstanding place for learning. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

To our graduates, congratulations on your academic accolades, scholarships, the exceptional leadership you provided and the community spirit you demonstrated. On behalf of the staff we wish you continued success in your future pursuits. And remember, Once a Spartan, Always a Spartan!

Have a restful and happy summer!

Mike Finch
Principal