

# Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin



## ÉCOLE SENTINEL SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Calendar Upcoming

| Date                       | Day | Event                      | Notes              |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|--------------------|
| September 24 <sup>th</sup> | Thu | Collaboration Day          | Dismissal @ 2:55pm |
| September 25 <sup>th</sup> | Fri | Pro-Day                    | No School          |
| September 29 <sup>th</sup> | Tue | Orange Shirt Day           | Wear orange shirt  |
| September 30 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | Truth & Reconciliation Day | No School          |
| October 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Thu | Photo Retake Day           | Field house        |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Mon | Thanksgiving Day           | No School          |
| October 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Thu | PAC Meeting                | Library            |
| October 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Thu | Grade 12 Semi Formal       | Pinnacle Hotel     |
| October 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Fri | Pro-Day                    | No School          |
| October 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Thu | Collaboration Day          | Dismissal @ 2:55pm |

[2026–2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

### New This Week

#### Inside Sentinel

- Sentinel Yearbook is on Sale now!
- Grade 12 Parents Night – Slides Updated!
- Grade 12 Semi Formal- Coming Up!
- Spirit Wear- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September is the last day to order!

#### Clubs and Activities

- Applies, Applies Apples- Dominican Republic trip fundraising
- Music Department- Upcoming Performance Update
- Dominican Republic Service Trip
- Sentinel Athletes – Up Coming Games of Sentinel Team!

#### PAC News

- PAC next Meeting and Teams Updates
- DPAC All Candidate Meeting

## Important Information-Action Required

### Annual Policies and Procedures Form – Action Required!!

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

This form is in addition to the paper forms you have completed. Without a completed online P+P form, students will not be permitted to access their Google Classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook, etc.

The form requires a parent login and password. If you created an account to complete the form last year, you could use the same account. If you have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login page to reset it.

Once logged in, you may either update the P+P form from last year or start a new one. ONE entry is required!!

**Complete the P+P Form: [2026–2027 Online Policies & Procedures Form](#)**

### Student Information Verification Form (paper copy)

As part of our annual records update, please review, complete, sign, and return the Student Information Verification Form (paper copy) that was sent home with your child. Any updates or changes to the information on the form should be written directly on the form.

It is important that we have current and accurate student and emergency contact information on file.

If you have not received the form, please ask your child to report to the office, and we will be happy to print a new copy for them.

### Withdrawals and School Confirmation & Enrolment for 2026-2027!

If your child is NO longer planning to attend Sentinel for the 2026-2027 year, we ask that parents email the school to let us know as soon as possible. If you are withdrawing your child, please complete [Withdraw Form](#) and email to [sentinel@wvschool.ca](mailto:sentinel@wvschool.ca).

## Inside Sentinel

### Sentinel Yearbooks 2026-2027 is on Sale now!!

Yearbooks are now available on School Cash Online! Only selling until Winter Break, so make sure to get yours before we finalize numbers!

### Grade 12 Parents Night- Thank you!

A big thank you to all of our Grade 12 parents and guardians who joined us for Grade 12 Parents Night! It was wonderful to connect with families as we begin this important and exciting final year of high school. We appreciate your time, support, and continued partnership as we work together to support our Grade 12 students throughout the year.

For those who were unable to attend, or would like to review the information again, please see the Grade 12 Parents Night presentation slides [HERE](#).

### Grade 12 Semi Formal is coming up!

Our semi formal is booked for **Thursday, October 22nd!** (pro-D on the Friday)

It will be at the Pinnacle Hotel in North Vancouver from 6:30pm-10pm.

Tickets are on school cash \$110

There will be food, drinks, DJ, and photobooth.

If students want to bring a guest that is not a grade 12 student at Sentinel please see Ms. Ulinder for a guest permission form.

### Sentinel Spirit Wear Order- Closing on Tomorrow 25<sup>th</sup> September!!!

**SENTINEL SECONDARY FALL SPIRIT WEAR 2026**

**3 EASY STEPS TO ORDER**

1. SCAN OR VISIT SITE
2. SELECT & ADD ITEMS
3. SECURE CHECKOUT

**SENTINEL HOODIE**  
23" Hooded Pullover  
12 Colors  
\$23.00

**SENTINEL CREWNECK**  
Hooded Pullover  
12 Colors  
\$22.00

**SENTINEL TEE**  
Hooded Pullover  
12 Colors  
\$12.00

**SENTINEL SWEATPANTS**  
23" Hooded Pullover  
12 Colors  
\$40.00

**IMPORTANT!**  
**ORDER DEADLINE:**  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25th, 2026**  
(11:59pm CDT)

**GET STARTED**  
OR VISIT:  
<https://sentinelsports.com/pages/contact>

**QUESTIONS?**  
• Contact: Dawn Gessalbo  
• Phone: 1-855-725-6627  
• Email: info@sentinelsports.com  
• Web: <https://sentinelsports.com/pages/contact>

We will be offering Spirit Wear for sale again for 2026-2027 school year. Please make sure you place your order before **September 25th**. Orders will be packaged and delivered to the school where they will be distributed to students. Order link: [Sentinel School Spirit Clothing Store](#)

## Clubs and Activities

### 🌐 May 2027 Dominican Republic Service Trip – Travel That Changes Lives! 🌐

Imagine a journey that goes beyond sightseeing—a trip that inspires, challenges, and transforms. Our **May 2027 Dominican Republic Service Trip with Live Different** offers students the opportunity to discover the world, connect with a new culture, and experience the power they have to make a difference in the lives of others.

This is more than a trip—it's an unforgettable experience of service, personal growth, and global citizenship.

### Interested in learning more?



**Information Meeting: Monday, September 28th**



**Time: 7:00 PM**



**Location: Room 208**

Parents and students are welcome to attend. Come find out how this incredible opportunity can change lives—including your own!

Join us and discover the difference you can make!

## APPLES, APPLES, APPLES

Sale ends Oct. 6th!



Apples sourced directly from the farm allow you to buy them for 30% less than you would in the grocery store, and get delicious award winning quality! The Dominican Republic trip is fundraising with Sun-Oka Fruit Farms, a century-old family farm in Summerland, BC. Honeycrisp and Ambrosia apples with flavour that will have you wanting more. Click on the link to order your boxes of 18 - 20 apples and you'll be able to pick them up at Sentinel October 21st. Buy for yourself, or sign up as a seller, and work toward getting your own apples at a discount.

[https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller\\_1/091010726/org-campaign/sentinel-dominican-trip-harvest-2026](https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/091010726/org-campaign/sentinel-dominican-trip-harvest-2026)

## Music Department: Upcoming Performances

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming school and community performances! Evening and Jazz Café concerts are by donation, with proceeds going to the Music Program to maintain our instruments and equipment. Concerts during the day at school are for the student population, with evening concerts being open to all friends and family.

- **September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Concert Band at *Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies* (Sentinel Gym, AM)
- **October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Jazz B Band and Jazz A Band at *Pumpkin Fest* (WV Community Center, 11:2AM and 11:45AM)
- **October 29<sup>th</sup>:** Jazz B Band, Jazz A Band, RnB Band at *Jazz Café, Vol. 1* (Sentinel Library, 7:00PM)
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Concert Band at *Remembrance Day Assemblies* (Sentinel Gym, AM)
- **December 9-10<sup>th</sup>:** all performing groups – Grade 8 Band, Jazz A Band, Jazz B Band, Orchestra, Concert Band, RnB Band – at *Winter Concert* (Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> AM for school juniors; Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM for friends and family; Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> AM for school seniors)

Should you wish to volunteer for the Music Program, please [indicate your preference and availability via this form](#). Parent volunteers are essential in ensuring the quality and longevity of the student performance opportunities. Thank you for your support!

## Sentinel Athletes

### Upcoming Games



Please mark your calendars for the following Sentinel matches:

- ✓ Junior boys soccer: First game of the season at Sutherland Wednesday September 23rd.
- ✓ Senior boys soccer: September 28th at 3:45 PM at West Vancouver Secondary School VS WVS
- ✓ Junior girls field hockey: September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Griffin at 3:33 VS Collingwood.

## Gym Schedule and Field Schedule

Please refer to the Gym Schedule and Field Schedule for current bookings, practices, games, and other scheduled activities. Students are encouraged to check the schedules regularly for the most up-to-date information and availability.

- Gym Schedule: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xacCwGvYiFm\\_6upTT3v-cC6f9hzFXDrYG62Wjn9lj4/edit?gid=396142044#gid=396142044](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xacCwGvYiFm_6upTT3v-cC6f9hzFXDrYG62Wjn9lj4/edit?gid=396142044#gid=396142044)
- Field Schedule:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v\\_ftyOCOJBvH4naQBq65mmNf0lQ2em9TIHqmP9nGSE4/edit?gid=1531593499#gid=1531593499](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v_ftyOCOJBvH4naQBq65mmNf0lQ2em9TIHqmP9nGSE4/edit?gid=1531593499#gid=1531593499)

Stay tuned for more information and make sure to check school announcements for updates!

## Math Contests

We are pleased to offer a series of Math contests again this year. Interested students should join our Math contest Google classroom with the code sjdrxrzr

The first contest open for registration are the AMC 10, and AMC 12 Math contests, taking place on Wednesday, November 13th in the library. Students can register with Mr. Ma in room 257. The cost for registration is \$5 and space may be limited. The deadline for registration is Thursday, September 24th. Late entries will not be allowed.

## Sentinel Stage

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 8'S INTERESTED IN THE THEATRE COMPANY: APPRENTICESHIP 8 PROGRAM -

Any Grade 8 student interested in getting more information on this year's Theatre Company production please come to class this Tuesday, September 15th at 3:30pm in the theatre. Alternatively, please see Mrs. McGuinness-Gill in the Theatre (Room 249) or email her at [mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca](mailto:mmcguinnessgill@wvschools.ca) by **Today** Thursday, September 17, 2026.

## PAC News

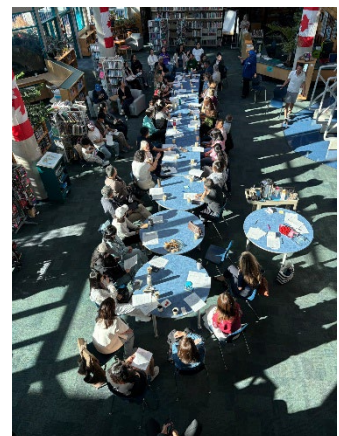
### 🌸 A Wonderful Start to the Year!

Our first PAC meeting of the year was a wonderful success, with more than 60 parents attending and lots of great connections made! Couldn't join us this time? No worries! Join a PAC Team and WhatsApp Group to stay up to date on the latest news, opportunities, and ways to get involved.

### 🕒 Next PAC Meeting: October 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us at 8:30 AM for Coffee & Connecting on the Mezzanine Level of the school library.

We look forward to seeing many of you again at our next meeting!



## Teams & Grade Groups



Not already in your Grade Parent WhatsApp Group?

**Scan the QR code and** select **your kid's grade** to join your grade's group and stay connected and involved in the Sentinel community.

Can't make the PAC meeting but would still like to get involved? Join one of our PAC teams!

### WISHLIST TEAM

Help decide priorities for distributing the **\$24,000 provincial gaming grant**.

Contact: **Linda Sun** [sunlindalin@gmail.com](mailto:sunlindalin@gmail.com) or **Tonia Liao** [tonia.liao@gmail.com](mailto:tonia.liao@gmail.com)

### EVENTS TEAM

Help organize and host events such as staff luncheons and the Multicultural Lunch.

Contact : **Joyce Chang** [chjoyce@gmail.com](mailto:chjoyce@gmail.com) **Gem Chu** [gemchuchu@gmail.com](mailto:gemchuchu@gmail.com)

### LEGACY TEAM

Help plan school legacy projects and fundraising activities.

Contact : **Yvonne Lau** [yvonnecylau@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecylau@gmail.com)

### PARENT Ed TEAM

Help choose topics, speakers, and events to support parent learning about emerging issues.

Contact: **Jenny Cha** [familyfunzonecanada@gmail.com](mailto:familyfunzonecanada@gmail.com) or **Amy Pressman** [amy@cyna.com](mailto:amy@cyna.com)

### GRAD TEAM

Help plan and implement activities for Grade 12 students and parents.

Contact: **Diane Shoar** [frauen@naver.com](mailto:frauen@naver.com)

## School Traffic

Let's build healthy habits together!

Parents, please encourage your teens to **walk, cycle, scooter, or use public transit** to get to and from school whenever possible, starting this coming Tuesday.

If you must drive, please use one of the **26 designated drop-off spots near the school** so your teen can walk the remaining distance. This helps make arrival and departure safer and healthier for everyone.

### **School Map:**



Using the Bus?

Please see the document below for the [Bus Schedule](#) to and from Sentinel Secondary.

### **E-Transport Requirement**

Please see the [POSTER](#) from the Police Department.



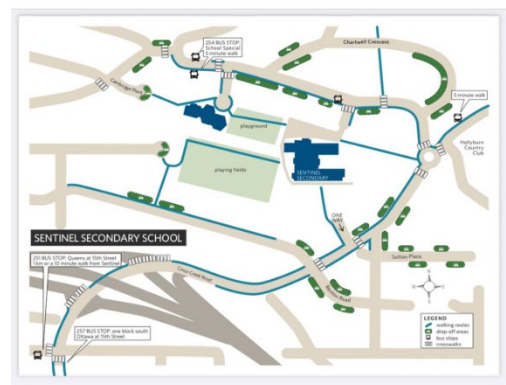
### **Carpool Opportunities**

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>



## DPAC News

All Candidates Meeting will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please check the details [HERE](#).

### Zahra Ahmadi, Chair

Sentinel Parent Advisory Council, 2026-2027

[sepac@wvschools.ca](mailto:sepac@wvschools.ca)

## Inside West Vancouver Schools

### Canadian University Event (CUE) – October 1

There is a Canadian University Event (CUE) taking place at West Vancouver Secondary on Thursday October 1st from 6-8pm. Many Canadian Universities will be in attendance and it is a great way to learn more about the different universities. Please see the [POSTER](#) for details.

## Student Resources

### Calendar & Block Rotation

Our **2026–2027 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](#) (Sep 7<sup>th</sup> - Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
- ❖ **Flexible Instruction Time** on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:05 am - 11:50 am.
- ❖ **Staff Collaboration** is the last Thursday of the month from 8:30am - 9:25am. Classes start at 9:25am. Dismissal time will be 2:55pm.

### 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.

**Jennifer Murray (last names A-GL)** [jmurray@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmurray@wvschools.ca)

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

**Jamal Ahmelich (last names LIN-SAM)** [jahmelich@wvschools.ca](mailto:jahmelich@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://westvancouver.schools.ca/counselling/>

### 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](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)

## **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/Vq5sj5HqU5dCeZsq8>

## **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.

## **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](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

## Our Leadership Team & Contact Details



### ADMINISTRATION

- **MR. MIKE FINCH – PRINCIPAL (GRADE 12)**  
 [MFINCH@WVSCHOOLS.CA](mailto:MFINCH@WVSCHOOLS.CA)
- **MS. LISA ULINDER – VICE PRINCIPAL (GRADES 9 & 11)**  
 [LULINDER@WVSCHOOLS.CA](mailto:LULINDER@WVSCHOOLS.CA)
- **MR. SHAWN ANDERSON – VICE PRINCIPAL (GRADES 8 & 10)**  
 [SANDERSON@WVSCHOOLS.CA](mailto:SANDERSON@WVSCHOOLS.CA)



### STAY CONNECTED

-  INSTAGRAM: [@SENTINEL\\_SD45](https://www.instagram.com/SENTINEL_SD45)
-  X (TWITTER): [@SENTINEL\\_SD45](https://twitter.com/SENTINEL_SD45)
-  WEBSITE: [SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL](https://www.sentinelsecondaryschool.ca)



### 2026–2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- [VIEW CALENDAR](#)



### CONTACT US

-  GENERAL INQUIRIES: [SENTINEL@WVSCHOOLS.CA](mailto:SENTINEL@WVSCHOOLS.CA)
-  ATTENDANCE: