# Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS | SENTINEL SECONDARY

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**Thursday October 29th, 2026**

### Calendar Upcoming

| Date | Day | Event | Notes |
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| October 30th | Fri | Interim Report Posted | After 3pm on Myedu BC |
| November 2-6th | | Grad Assessments (Literacy 10) | Library |
| November 2nd | Mon | New Rotation Begins | See "Student Resources" Below |
| November 4th | Wed | Grade 9-Take Your Kid to Work Day | TBD |
| November 10th | Tue | Remembrance Day Assemblies | GYM |
| November 11th | Wed | Remembrance Day | No School |
| November 12th | Thu | PAC Meeting | Library |
| November 26th | Thu | Collaboration Day | Dismissal @ 2:55pm |
| November 27th | Fri | Pro-Day | No School |

[2026–2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR]

## New This Week

### Inside Sentinel

- Interim Reports posted on Friday 30th Oct after 3pm
- Grad Photo Appointments and Grad Wear Order are Now Open!
- Remembrance Day Poppy Donations

### Athletics, Arts & Activities

- Harvest Project Fundraiser
- Another Chance to buy Apples! - Buy before Nov 7th
- Dominican Republic Service Trip – Q&A sections
- Math Contests Update

### Inside West Vancouver Schools

- Daylight Saving Time Update: Darker Mornings & School Travel Safety

### Student Resources

- New Rotation is Updated (Nov 2nd – Dec 18th ,2026)

# Inside Sentinel

## Interim Reports will be posted on 30th Oct after 3pm

Interim reports will be posted on the MyEducation BC Family Portal on Friday, October 30, after 3:00 PM.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to log in to the portal to review their child's academic progress.

Please download and save a copy of the report for your records, as it will only be available on the portal for 30 days after posting.

## Grad Photo Appointments and Grad Wear Order are Now Open!

### Photos are Nov 27th-Dec 4th at Sentinel.

Grads can now book their graduation photo appointments online. Click the link below to visit Artona's website, where you'll find all the details on how to sign up, what to wear, and other important information. Book Your Grad Photo Appointment Here

### Attention Grade 12 students and families!

Celebrate your graduating year in style! Sentinel Grad 2026 clothing is now available to order! Show your school spirit and get your Grad 2026 gear today! Orders close November 7, 2026.
Shop Grad 2026 Clothing Here

## Remembrance Day Poppy Donations

In honour of Remembrance Day, Sentinel is now accepting poppy donations. Students and families are welcome to stop by the main office to pick up a poppy and make a donation in support of the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign.

Thank you for your generosity as we honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Lest We Forget.

## Grade 9 Parents: "Take Our Kids to Work Day" – Action Required!

Nov 4th (Grade 9's only) Take Our Kids to Work™ is the Student's Commission of Canada program involving more than 250,000 Grade 9 students annually.




This year, on Wednesday, November 4th, Grade 9 students across Canada will spend a day in the workplace of a parent, relative, or friend. This is a mandatory program for all Grade 9 students and meets the curriculum outcomes of the Grade 9 Career Education course.

Please click on the **link** to complete the Parental Consent Form no later than WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please email;
Cecily Evans cevans@wvschools.ca

## Graduation Assessment (Literacy 10)

All Sentinel Grade 10 students will write the Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment during the week of **November 2nd to November 6th**. Any grade 11 or 12 student who missed the Literacy 10 Assessment will also write the assessment. Students received an email and handout indicating the date and time of their assessment. 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

## Language Challenge Exams – Tomorrow is the last Day to register

Challenge exams are being offered for grade 11 ASL and grade 11 and 12 Farsi, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (traditional or simplified), Punjabi, and Spanish. It is recommended that students be in at least grade 10 before writing a challenge exam. These exams will give course credit for post-secondary admissions, however, UBC will not use the grade as part of your entrance average. Exams will take place in Delta on January 30 and 31, 2027. Note: ASL 11 exam dates will be arranged with each student individually.

If you would like to sign up to write a challenge exam, please complete the following:
1. Download the attached PDF. Fill in pages 7-10. **Page 9 of the application must be typed electronically.**
2. Once you have typed the information in on page 9, print the application form, attach a passport/school photo (must be an official photo, not printed from a computer - see details on website below) and get your parent/guardian to sign on pages 8 and10.
3. Enclose a $50.00 refundable cheque or, if you are an international student, a $220.00 non-refundable exam fee payment*

*Payment by cheque is the preferred method of payment and cheques should be made out to the Delta School District. Credit card payment options can be found on the website linked below; please note, a surcharge fee may apply. If using the credit card option, **you must print and attach the credit card receipt to the application.**

Details of the package can be found HERE. Completed packages are due to Ms. Britten in the counselling suite by October 30th at 3pm.

## Scholarship Information Webinar, Monday, Nov. 02, 6:00 - 7:15PM

Don't miss this very informative **Key to Scholarships Session** offered virtually on Nov. 02 at 6:00PM. Students in all grades and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is never too early to get started. This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Through this seminar, we will debunk common scholarship myths and break down the complex process into a manageable form. Please see the link provided above to join this session. No preregistration is required. This session will not be recorded.

# Athletics, Arts & Activities

## Sentinel Athletics

**SENIOR GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY – OFF TO PROVINCIALS!**

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Field Hockey team on qualifying for the Provincial Championships! Best of luck, Spartans! We're cheering you on!

**Upcoming Events**

Come out and support our graduating Spartans as they play their final regular-season home games! Let's fill the gym, show our Spartan spirit, and celebrate our seniors!
Please check the gym schedule for specific times and additional details.

GO SPARTANS!




**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: Please click HERE
- Field Schedule: Please click HERE

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

## 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.

- **October 29th**: Jazz B Band, Jazz A Band, RnB Band at *Jazz Café, Vol. 1* (Sentinel Library, 7:00PM)
- **November 10th**: Concert Band at *Remembrance Day Assemblies* (Sentinel Gym, AM)
- **December 9-10th**: all performing groups – Grade 8 Band, Jazz A Band, Jazz B Band, Orchestra, Concert Band, RnB Band – at *Winter Concert* (Dec. 9th AM for school juniors; Dec 9th @ 7:00PM for friends and family; Dec. 10th 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!

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!
## GET AMAZING APPLES FROM THE OKANAGAN
## Sale ends Nov. 7th!

The apples that we received were so good that we decided to give everyone another chance to buy some.




The Dominican Republic trip is fundraising with Sun-Oka Fruit Farms from Summerland, BC.

This century-old family farm has won all kinds of major awards for their fruit. They won the prize for growing the best apples in Canada for eight straight years. And because we're sourcing them directly from the farm, you get to buy Honeycrisp and Ambrosia apples at below grocery store prices.

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 19th. Go to the link below to order.
https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/091010726/org-campaign/sentinel-dominican-trip-november-2026

# PAC News

### 💛 PAC Community Fund, Keep It Coming!

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the PAC Community Fund! We're building toward our goal of $15,500 by December 15. If you haven't yet, please consider making one voluntary annual contribution on School Cash Online

### 🗓️ Next PAC Meeting: Thursday, November 12

Join us Thu Nov 12 in the library (mezzanine level): coffee & connecting at 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00–10:45 AM.
We'll be voting on the final 2026/27 PAC budget, all parents are welcome!

### 📍 Grade 12 Parent Social Night, Come Meet Your Community!

Our grade parent socials continue, and now it's Grade 12's turn! It's a relaxed evening to meet fellow parents, connect with grade 12 administrator and grad lead, and hear what's happening at Sentinel.
Please contact your Grade 12 rep, Soroush Loghmani, for more information.
*Wed Nov 4 , 6:30–8:30 PM, Grade 12 parent social night, School Library*
We'd love to see you there!

### 🤝TEAMS & GRADE GROUPS

Not already in sentinel PAC community WhatsApp?

**Scan the QR code and** select your kid's grade to join your grade's group any teas you are interested in, and stay connected and involved in the Sentinel community.

📨 ***Questions? Send email to sepac@wvschools.ca***

# Inside WVSchools

## Fun and safe Halloween reminders

Halloween is just a week away! As students get ready for school celebrations and trick-or-treating, West Vancouver Schools reminds families to keep safety and respect for others part of the fun.

**At school:**

- Student costumes must allow for safe movement, participation in learning activities and independence during the school day.
- Please leave masks, costume weapons and excessive make up at home.
- Costume choices should be respectful and align with our school and District Codes of Conduct to help ensure Halloween is safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone

**In the community:**

- The WVPD has asked us to remind families to please reinforce respect for neighbours, private property and community spaces.

- We encourage children and youth to celebrate responsibly and demonstrate the kindness, courtesy, and respect that help make our community a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Thank you for helping students celebrate Halloween safely, respectfully and responsibly.

### Daylight Saving Time Update: Darker Mornings & School Travel Safety

With B.C. remaining on permanent daylight saving time, clocks will not turn back this Sunday, November 1, and winter sunrises will be later.

We would like to remind families to take extra care travelling to school during these darker mornings and support consistent sleep routines at home as the days grow shorter.

On Sunday, please take a moment to check your digital calendars, alarms and devices. Ensure you have the latest updates installed and confirm that upcoming calendar entries and scheduled times are displaying correctly.

### NEW IYP Program - Cyber-Security and AI Explorers




West Vancouver Schools is excited to be running a new IYP program called “Cyber-Security and AI Explorers”. Our pilot offering of this program is for West Vancouver School students who are currently in Grade 7 or 8. The program will begin on November 19th and will run on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 until March 11th, 2027. There will be no sessions during Winter Break. The cost for this is $300.00.

Sessions will take place in one of the computer labs at West Van Secondary. Students will be taught by West Vancouver Schools teaching staff and mentored by senior students in the district’s CS/QC/AI class.

Students will explore concepts in Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Safety and Security through activities, labs and games. There may be an opportunity for an optional hackathon that students can choose to participate in.

For more information or questions, contact Ms. Wilson at cwilson@wvschools.ca

To register, please fill out this form.

## 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** (Nov 2nd – Dec 18th, 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
**Rebecca Britten (last names GM-LIM)** rbritten@wvschools.ca
**Jamal Ahmelich (last names LIN-SAM)** jahmelich@wvschools.ca
**Alex Thureau (last names SAN-Z)** athureau@wvschools.ca

For more information from our counselling team please visit
https://westvancouverschools.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**. 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/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**
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. LISA ULINDER – VICE PRINCIPAL (GRADES 9 & 11)**
  - 📧 LULINDER@WVSCHOOLS.CA
- **MR. SHAWN ANDERSON – VICE PRINCIPAL (GRADES 8 & 10)**
  - 📧 SANDERSON@WVSCHOOLS.CA

## 📲 STAY CONNECTED

- 📸 INSTAGRAM: @SENTINEL_SD45
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- 🌐 WEBSITE: SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

## 🗓️ 2026–2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- VIEW CALENDAR

## 📧 CONTACT US

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- 👩‍🏫 TEACHERS & STAFF: STAFF DIRECTORY