Sentinel Secondary E-Bulletin

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Thursday November 5th, 2026

Calendar Upcoming

Date	Day	Event	Notes
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

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- Sentinel Remembrance Day Assembly
- Last Week to order Grad Wear

Athletics, Arts & Activities

- Sentinel Athlete Upcoming Games
- Harvest Project Fundraiser -Thank You!
- Last Chance to buy Apples! - Buy before Nov 7th
- Dominican Republic Service Trip – Q&A sections
- Math Contests Update

Inside Sentinel

Remembrance Day Assembly & 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.

Sentinel's **Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 10, in the Main Gym.**
Thank you for your generosity as we honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.
Lest We Forget.

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! -Last week to Order!

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

Athletics, Arts & Activities

Sentinel Athletics

High Risk Sports Meeting for Ski & Snowboard and Wrestling Teams
For all of those that are interested in joining either the Ski and Snowboard or Wrestling teams this winter there is a mandatory Student and Parent meeting on November 12th at 7pm. The meeting will be held on MS Teams, please use the link below to join.
High Risk Sports Parent Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams

Wrestling
The Sentinel Wrestling team is currently looking for a dedicated team student-manager. This is a volunteer opportunity that will give students 50+ hours of volunteer time, as well as a letter of reference from Mr. Huh. Duties include recording attendance, keeping stock of equipment, leading team fundraisers, managing team uniforms, photography, and accompanying team travel to competitions. Please email Mr. Huh (jhuh@wvschools.ca) for inquiries.

Also, if you are interested in financially supporting and sponsoring the wrestling team this year, please let Mr. Huh know as well! We are planning to raise money for new team uniforms and offsetting team travel costs.

Upcoming Events
Basketball season is starting, and volleyball playoffs are here! Check out the upcoming events and come support your fellow 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!

Harvest Project: Thank You, Sentinel!

A huge thank-you to everyone who contributed to this year's Harvest Project fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity, **Sentinel raised more than $1,500 in donations** to support families in need on the North Shore.

Social Justice 12 students worked hard to collect, sort, and inventory all the donations. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference in our community!

Congratulations to this year's top classes:
1st Place: Social Justice 12 – Ms. Armstrong ($260)
2nd Place: Spanish 9 – Señora Page-Newman ($180)
3rd Place: EFP 10 – Mr. Elliot ($110)

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to every student and teacher who participated. Your kindness and community spirit are what make Sentinel special!

Together, we've made a difference. Thank you, Sentinel!

Dominican Republic Trip

Parent Q&A on **November 9th @ 7:30 pm** for students in grades 10-12. Don't miss your opportunity to learn more about the trip! Check out this video to understand the depth of the experience. DEADLINE for your $500 deposit is November 30th. If you have any questions, contact Sra. Page-Newman at npage-newman@wvschools.ca
Meeting link: https://meet.google.com/vcf-bxfi-zxk

Sra. Page-Newman and Mr. Chase.

Math Contests

We are also pleased to open registration for the **CJMC Math contest** taking place on Thursday, November 19th. This contest for grade 8s provides students an excellent opportunity to gain first time contest experience on a Canadian Math contest. The cost for registration is $10. Please see Mr. Ma in room 257 to register. The last day for registration is **Friday, November 6th.** Late registrations may not be accepted

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.

- **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!

LAST DAYS TO BUY APPLES

Sale ends Nov. 7th!

Delicious, award-winning quality! Buy some apples to support the Dominican Republic trip fundraiser. Sun-Oka Fruit Farms from Summerland, BC. supplies Ambrosia apples that are bigger and better than what you will get in stores around Vancouver. 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

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
- 🐦 X (TWITTER): @SENTINEL_SD45
- 🌐 WEBSITE: SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

🗓️ 2026–2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- VIEW CALENDAR

📧 CONTACT US

- 📌 GENERAL INQUIRIES: SENTINEL@WVSCHOOLS.CA
- 📝 ATTENDANCE: SENTINELATTENDANCE@WVSCHOOLS.CA
- 💻 MYEDUCATION HELP: SENTINELPORTALHELP@WVSCHOOLS.CA
- 👩‍🏫 TEACHERS & STAFF: STAFF DIRECTORY