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## **2023 Grade 7 Parent Info Night FAQs**

### **General FAQs**

#### **Do you have translation services?**

- We have resources to support translation needs as required. Any families that require translation assistance please reach out to us and we can make the necessary arrangements.

#### **How do students who are in the catchment but not in a feeder school submit their program planning form?**

- Students who do not attend a feeder school can send the completed Course Planning form to [steveston-london@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:steveston-london@sd38.bc.ca) or drop it off at the school office by February 10, 2023.

#### **When can I expect the email with the program planning form? Who should I contact if I don't receive it?**

- If you have not received an email from us with a welcome letter and Course Program Planning form, please contact our office at 604-668-6668 or [steveston-london@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:steveston-london@sd38.bc.ca).

#### **How can a grade 8 student join a team?**

- SLSS offers a variety of teams and athletic opportunities throughout the year. Students should take note of the student notices, information on our website, announcements on the TV screens throughout the building, and school social media to know when tryouts are happening for the sport of their interest.

#### **How can a Grade 8 student start a club?**

- We offer a wide variety of clubs each year. Generally, in September there is a Clubs Day where students are introduced to the clubs that are available. Students are encouraged to find out what is available before starting a new club. If you still cannot find a club, please connect with an administrator.

**How can students sign up a locker?**

- Lockers are distributed in September through an online sign-up program. Students and families will be provided with instructions on how to sign up for a locker in September.

**What if your locker combination was cracked? Will students get a new lock and combination?**

- Students are strongly encouraged to keep locker combination information secure and private. If there are any locker issues, please see the office.

**How do I register my child for the Summer Connections program in August?**

- More information will be shared with families closer to the end of the school year regarding any summer program offerings.

**How do I register my child for higher level language classes if they are at a higher proficiency?**

- Students who have attended a francophone school or attended school in a French speaking area or French Immersion, should communicate with their counsellor about proper placement in a suitable French course.

**What should I do if my child has a medical need?**

- On the first day of school in September students will be provided with a medical form for parents/guardians to complete. Please make sure that you fill out this form and return it to the school office within the first week of school. Families can also communicate with their child's counsellor if there are significant needs that we need to be aware of.

**What should I do if my child has a learning need and requires an IEP?**

- We work closely with our feeder schools to understand the learning and social emotional needs of our incoming students. The grade 7 teachers will provide information regarding IEPs and any accommodations that are in place at the elementary school. Our staff will consult with you, your child, and their grade 7 teacher to establish learning supports as needed. The IEP goals will be communicated with all classroom teachers by the case manager for any students that are supported through our Learning Support Team.

**Do students need to bring their own instruments for the band program?**

- Students are encouraged to rent, borrow, or purchase the instrument of their choice. There are very limited instruments available through the school such as drums and electric guitars.

**How do I know my counsellor?**

- At SLSS, counsellors are generally assigned to students alphabetically by student last name. We encourage all new students to get to know their counsellor by visiting them in the counselling centre. However, students are welcome to speak with any one from the

counselling team regarding their questions. Grade 7s will get to meet their counsellor during the Grade 7 fun day in May.

## **Transfer FAQs**

### **Are all students in the feeder schools accepted to SLSS?**

- If you are a student that lives in the catchment area, your school will be SLSS.

### **How are cross boundary (out of catchment) students selected? Who makes the selection for cross boundary applicants?**

- If you live outside of the school catchment area, you will need to apply to come to SLSS via the transfer process. The Transfer Application Period is February 6-28, 2023. Transfer decisions will be communicated to parents by March 7, 2023. The transfer application is available on the Richmond School District website. Applications will be reviewed based on district established criteria:
  - Sibling of a current SLSS student
  - Grade 7 cohort
  - Extenuating circumstances
- **Deadlines for the transfer process are set by the Richmond School District and are firm. Please ensure that you complete the required paperwork within that timeframe.**

## **Assessments FAQs – Spectrum and Math 8 Enriched**

### **When is the Spectrum Skills Assessment?**

- All interested applicants to the Spectrum Program are required to write the numeracy and literacy assessment on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 3:30 pm at SLSS.**

### **Where do we register for the Spectrum assessments?**

- If you are interested in the Spectrum Program, please go to: <https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/students/spectrum-program> for more information. The link for the Assessment of Skills is located towards the bottom of the page, or you can sign up here: <https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6L0nl85>
- Please sign up by Friday, February 10 at 3:00pm. Information about the assessment sitting will be sent the week of February 13, 2023.

### **How is Math 8 Enriched different from regular math?**

- Math 8 Enriched is an enrichment opportunity. This course is designed for keen math students. While it follows the same Big Ideas and Curricular Competencies as Mathematics 8, there is a greater emphasis on making connections, problem solving and preparation for national math contests. Students wishing to enroll in this course will be required write a diagnostic exam at SLSS.

### **When is the Math 8 Enriched assessment?**

- The Math 8 Enriched assessment will be on **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at SLSS.**
- If you interested in taking the assessment (catchment and out-of-catchment students) you must register to write.

### **How do you sign up for the Math 8 Enriched diagnostic test?**

- If you are interested in the Math 8 Enriched course, information can be found on the SLSS homepage: <https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/news/2022/01/26/math-8-enriched-incoming-grade-8-students>
- You can register for the Math Skills assessment at: <https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6L0n185>
- Please sign up by Friday, February 10 @ 3:00pm. Information about the assessment sitting be sent the week of February 13, 2023.

### **Spectrum FAQs**

#### **Where is the teachers' reference form for the Spectrum Program?**

- Please have your grade 7 teacher contact [slssspectrum@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:slssspectrum@sd38.bc.ca) to access the reference form if your child is planning on applying to the program.

#### **How many students apply and how many enter?**

- We typically receive over 80 applications per year.
- Each year, 29 students are accepted into Grade 8 Spectrum.

#### **When I submit my student's Spectrum application, do I drop it off at the office?**

- Yes, please drop off the hard copy of the Spectrum application to our school office. Applications are due by Friday, February 10, 2023. The office is open from 8 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.

#### **Can students who are applying for a transfer to SLSS also apply to the Spectrum program?**

- You may submit your Spectrum application while you are waiting to hear of your transfer status.
- The Transfer Application Period is February 6-28, 2023. Transfer decisions will be communicated to parents by March 7, 2023.
- A student must have their transfer application approved prior to being considered for Spectrum.

#### **Do I still fill out the program planning form if I'm applying for the Spectrum program?**

- All students must complete the Program Planning form.

#### **Can you apply for Spectrum program and Math 8 Enriched since both tests are at the same time?**

- Students may apply for both the Spectrum Program and the Math 8 Enriched course. The math assessment is the same for both the program and course. This is why students only need to write the assessment once, so students can be considered for both the Spectrum program and Math 8 Enriched course. Please sign up at: <https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6L0nl85> by Friday, February 10, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Information about the assessment sitting be sent the week of February 13.

**What happens after the completion of the Spectrum program? Do the students join regular classes?**

- The Spectrum Program is completed in grade 10 and all students take the same classes in Grades 11 and 12.