



## January 16 – January 20, 2023

*We want to acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓ ənl̓ language group, on whose traditional and unceded territory we teach, live and learn.*

Monday January 16	Tuesday January 17	Wednesday January 18	Thursday January 19	Friday January 20
← Grad Photos (Jan 12-20) →				
		Connections Class #4 9:20am	Evacuation Drill 1:10pm	
DCBA (1)	ABCD (2)	AB (1)	CD (2)	DCBA (1)

**Lunar New Year** is the beginning of a calendar year whose months are moon cycles, based on the lunar calendar or lunisolar calendar. This Lunar New Year for 2023 will fall on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023, and is the year of the Rabbit which is the sign for the Chinese zodiac year.

The Lunar New Year as a celebration is observed by numerous cultures. It is featured in the Chinese calendar of the East Asian cultural sphere,[1][2][3] the Hindu-Buddhist calendars of South and Southeast Asia, the Islamic calendar and the Jewish calendar in the Middle East, and is also celebrated by the indigenous Nisga'a people of Canada.

"Rabbit" in regular Chinese characters



**Important Commemorative Dates January**

- [Tamil Heritage Month](#)
- **January 13 -Black Excellence Day Event**
- **January 17-Raoul Wallenberg Day**
- **January 21- Lincoln Alexander Day**
- **January 22- Lunar New Year**
- **January 24- World Day for African and Afro descendant Culture**
- **January 27- International Holocaust Remembrance Day**
- **January 29- National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia**

**ParticipACTION Community Challenge** – Move Your Mood (January 16– 31)

The ParticipACTION Move for your Mood challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active to boost their mental and physical well-being. It is open to everyone, and all minutes are tracked on the app from January 16-31, 2023. In collaboration with the City of Richmond, we are encouraging community members to participate in the challenge by logging into the ParticipACTION app and tracking their active minutes. Please see this digital postcard for more information.

**Student and Family Affordability Fund**

As shared this past fall, the Student and Family Affordability Fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

The additional funding is also used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

Please reach out to Ms. Varghese, [avarghese@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:avarghese@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

**Future Dates to Remember**

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| January 12-20   | Grad Photos                                    |
| January 18      | Connections Class #4 at 9:20am                 |
| January 19      | Evacuation Drill at 1:10pm                     |
| January 23 & 24 | Grad Assessments                               |
| January 25      | Grade 7 Parents Information Evening            |
| January 27      | Semester Turn Around (no classes for students) |
| January 30      | Pro-D Day (no classes for students)            |
| January 31      | First Day of Semester 2                        |

**Grad Portrait Session**

SLSS Grads! Artona's mobile studio is at SLSS for grad portrait appointments from January 12-20, 2023. Portrait sessions are by appointment only. Grad portraits are required to be included in the yearbook and on the grad composite. If you haven't booked your portrait session, please book it today at <https://artona.com/schools/SLON/programs/graduation>

**Middle Years Development Index Survey (MDI)**

January 17 & 18, SLSS' grade 8 students will be completing the MDI in their Block A classes. A notification about this was sent to parents/guardians in December. Parents/Guardians are, once again, encouraged to read the material outlining what the MDI is about if they haven't already. For your convenience, the parent information and consent letter is attached to this WAAG

**Connection Class: Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Students will have their next connections class on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> all students are expected to be in their homeroom classes by 9:20am.

**NEW District Career Program Opportunities – Early Childhood Education (ECE) – Summer 2023 and Manufacturing and Engineering Co-op (MEC) – Semester 2 2023/2024**

Career Programs staff/program instructors will be facilitating information sessions for students and their families about these exciting new opportunities. Please see this [information poster](#) for more information, specifically for grade 10 and 11 students.