



## February 13 – February 17, 2023

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

Monday February 13	Tuesday February 14	Wednesday February 15	Thursday February 16	Friday February 17
ABCD (2)	DCBA (1)	BA (2)	DC (1)	Common Pro-D Day (No School)

**Program Planning for Students**

Teachers will be handing out program planning sheets to students in the Block C class on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Any student who has a study block during Block C should come to the office at lunch to pick up their program planning sheet. **The portal is open from Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> for students to enter their course requests for next year.** Parents and students should read through the detailed Program Planning Guide posted on our website: <https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/students/program-planning-guide-2023-24> for details on course descriptions, grad requirements and all the details of the program planning process. If students have questions about what courses they should take for next year, they should direct those questions to their teachers or counsellors for support with planning. Please see the attached documents for instructions for selecting your courses in MyEdBC and a student tip sheets for course selections. **Students, please be sure to click save after selecting your courses and return your program planning sheet to the boxes outside the counselling centre by Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

**Program Planning Session for Grade 8 Students**

**Our current grade 8's will have a program planning session with our counsellors on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:20am in room 103 and 104.** Students have been divided up into groups alphabetically and should check the schedules posted outside room 103 and 104 for their scheduled time slot. Counsellors will walk them through how to select their required courses and elective courses. Students are encouraged to ask their counsellors any of their program planning questions during these scheduled sessions.

**Meet the Teacher & Program Planning for Parents/Guardians**

**Semester two Meet the Teacher is taking place on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:40-4:40pm.** Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet their child's semester two teachers. Parents will follow their child's block schedule and spend 10 minutes in each block where teachers will provide an overview of their course. A copy of a printable schedule was emailed to all families previously. It is also attached to this week's WAAG, for your convenience.

Beginning at 5pm on February 16<sup>th</sup>, our counselling team will offer parents/guardians informational sessions about program planning. We hope to see you there!

**City of Richmond – volunteer opportunities for students 16+**

[The World Wheelchair Curling Championship and World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship 2023](#) will be held at the Richmond Curling Centre (5540 Hollybridge Way) in British Columbia, Canada. Both championships will run simultaneously from March 4 to 12, 2023.

The City is looking for event support volunteers **who are 16 and up** to help the event organizers and their leadership volunteers in the following roles:

- Assist with wayfinding & greeting of athletes & officials
- Hospitality & food services support (light lifting maybe needed)
- Support with ceremonies & official functions relate to the event
- Athlete Support
- Logistic support (light lifting maybe needed)

The City has approximately four shifts per day from March 4 to 12 and each shift will need volunteer support in the above mentioned roles. Please [click here](#) to sign up online and email Ryan at [curling@richmond.ca](mailto:curling@richmond.ca) for role(s) preference. Additional roles may require volunteers too. All volunteers will be provided event t-shirts. They may need a few volunteers on March 2 and 3 and it may be added to the shifts to sign up for online. All signed up volunteers will be invited to an onsite orientation before the event.

**Future Dates to Remember**

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| February 20  | Family Day (School Closed)                |
| February 22  | Connections Class at 9:20am               |
| February 22  | <b>Pink</b> Shirt Day (please wear pink)  |
| February 24  | Grade 9 SR Day                            |
| Feb 28-Mar 3 | Blue & Gold Grade 7 Basketball Tournament |

**February 22 – Pink Shirt Day**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. This day is recognized each year in February to help raise awareness about the prevention of bullying and to promote kindness and inclusion. The SLSS community stands strong in supporting this day. We encourage all members of our school community to get involved and show their support by wearing pink on this day!

Resources related to this topic, which can be used year round (not just one day a year) can be found [here](#).

**Grade 9 Social Responsibility Day**

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is Grade 9 Social Responsibility Day at SLSS. The focus of this day is SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity). Grade 9 students at SLSS will have the opportunity to engage with student leaders and staff in a variety of activities centred around SOGI, and a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. Each year, this day is a wonderful day of learning and engagement for all involved.

**Substance Use Decriminalization Information for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers**

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, has developed an information sheet on substance use decriminalization for parents, guardians, and caregivers. [Talking to Children and Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use: Resources for Parents/Guardians and Caregivers](#) is now available on the *erase* website.

**Food Bank Donation – Thank you Received from the Food Bank**

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Richmond Food Bank Society. Your gift of \$3,974.00 allows us to provide reliable, nutritious grocery assistance to our neighbours in need all through the year.

In addition to providing weekly grocery assistance, we also offer various other programs such as the School Meal Program, Home Delivery program and a Fresh Gardens and Growing Program among others. Please visit our [website](#) and like us on our [social media](#) pages to learn more about our programs, our services and the impact your donation makes on our work and our mission.

On behalf of the Richmond Food Bank's Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

**Hajira Hussain**  
Executive Director