



February 6 – February 10, 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 6	Tuesday February 7	Wednesday February 8	Thursday February 9	Friday February 10
ABCD (1)	DCBA (2)	BA (1)	DC (2)	ABCD (1)

Counsellors Course Planning Assemblies

Counsellors will be hosting grade assemblies to provide information about the course planning process on February 8 & 9. All students are expected to attend their session. The schedule is below.

Date	Time	Group
W Feb 8	8:30 (PLT 1)	Grade 9s
W Feb 8	9:30 (PLT 2)	Grade 8s
Th Feb 9	8:30 (PLT 1)	Grade 11s
Th Feb 9	9:30 (PLT 2)	Grade 10s

Grade 8 Program Planning Sessions

All current grade 8 students have been scheduled to attend a mandatory session on February 15th where they will be entering their course selections online with support from our counselling team. The schedule with specific names will be posted on the doors of rooms 103 and 104 next week. Grade 8 students are asked to check the schedules for the time and location of their session on February 15th. Overall, the schedule will be as follows:

February 15th

Room 103	
Time	Student Last Names
8:30-9:00am	A – J. Chen
9:00-9:30am	Henderson - Lai
9:30-10:00am	Ng - Tan
10:00-10:20am	W. Wong - Yue

February 15th

Room 104	
Time	Student Last Names
8:30-9:00am	R. Chen – He
9:00-9:30am	Lam - Narcisse
9:30-10:00am	Tang – I. Wong
10:00-10:20am	Yuen - Zhu

Program Planning Sheet Distribution

It's time to begin the program planning process for the 2023-24 school year. Students will receive a paper copy of a personalized program planning sheet in their block C class on February 10th. Students are to indicate their course selections for next year on the program planning sheet. That form must be returned to counselling by 3pm on February 24th. Students are also to make their course selections online through MyEd BC. MyEd BC will be open for students to make their online course selections between February 10th-24th. All current grade 8 students have been scheduled to attend a mandatory online program planning session on February 15th with counsellors.

Meet the Teacher & Program Planning for Parents/Guardians Evening

Semester two Meet the Teacher evening is taking place on Thursday, February 16th from 6-7pm. Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers on this evening. 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 schedule will be sent home with your child the week of February 13th. Following the Meet the Teacher portion of the evening, our counselling team will lead parents/guardians in informational sessions regarding program selection. We hope to see you there!

2023 Spectrum and Math 8 Enriched Skills Assessment (for students starting Grade 8 in September 2023)

Any grade 7s interested to apply for the Spectrum Program or Math 8 Enriched you must register to complete the skills assessment. The assessment will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at SLSS at 3:30 pm.

Please use the following link to complete the survey to register to write the skills assessment: <https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6L0n185>

You must complete the survey and register to write by Friday, February 10 at 3:00pm. Information about the assessment sitting will be sent the week of February 13, 2023.

Future Dates to Remember

February 16	Meet the Teacher at 6pm & Program Planning at 7pm
February 17	Common Pro-D Day (No School)
February 20	Family Day (School Closed)
February 22	Connections Class at 9:20am
February 22	Pink Shirt Day (please wear pink)
February 24	Grade 9 SR Day

Modern Languages Placement Evaluations

The Modern Languages department will be conducting placement evaluations on **Wednesday, February 15 at 8:30 am (during PLT)**. These evaluations are for students who have prior knowledge of a language, this may include taking outside language courses, living in a country where the language is spoken, or speaking the language at home. This is not for students who are taking regular language courses at Steveston-London.

Students should be prepared to complete a placement test or have a conversation with the teacher to determine their appropriate language level for next year.

If this applies to you, please sign up for PLT time for February 15 at 8:30 with the appropriate teacher.

French – Mrs. Munk
Mandarin – Mrs. Gofsky
Japanese – Mrs. Sybounmy

For social-emotional reasons students can only take a course one year above their current grade. Therefore, a student may need to wait a year or two to take the appropriate course for their level.

If students have taken a formal course in the language, please bring all documentation. Placements will be for next year.

Unlearn: Critical Thinking by Design

Unlearn founder Abhi Ahluwalia, is coming to Richmond in February for 2 repeat Pro-D sessions for all district staff. In addition, we will be offering an evening webinar for parents and staff by Unlearn. The focus of these sessions is to challenge participants to think critically about bias, stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. Participants will be lead through experiential activities designed to raise equity consciousness and highlight the bias we all have and to better understand how we can use this awareness to create a safe, caring, and inclusive environment promoting dignity and respect for all.

[February 16, 2023- UnLearn-Parent/Community Webinar](#)

DAG 2023

The next DAG meeting is on Feb 8th at 8pm in the school library.

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