

September 11 – September 15, 2023



FAMILY WAAG

Monday September 11	Tuesday September 12	Wednesday September 13	Thursday September 14	Friday September 15
ABCD (Day 2) Math & Chem Support Block 3:05-4:20pm Room 704	DCBA (Day 1) Physics & Jr. Science Support Block 3:05-4:20pm Room 703	BA (Day 2) PLT Collaboration Time (8:30 – 9:20) Students are welcome to come for independent PLT during collaboration time Math & Chem Support Block 3:05-4:20pm Room 704	DC (Day 1) PLT Physics & Jr. Science Support Block 3:05-4:20pm Room 703	(ABCD) Math & Chem Support Block 3:05-4:20pm Room 704
<u>PHE Group at Alice Lake</u>		<u>Grade 8s at Camp Stillwood</u>		

Personalized Learning Time

Students have the opportunity again this year to engage in weekly Personal Learning Time (PLT) on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is dedicated time set aside in the timetable for students, where they are given choice and ownership over their learning. The goal of PLT is to teach students the skills necessary to use instructional time in a way that benefits their individual learning. For example, students can visit teachers to get additional help, work on projects individually or in a group, or engage in personal activities such as goal setting. PLT is centered around three Guiding Principles:

- (a) PLT will be self-directed, self-managed and self-regulated by students
 - (b) PLT will support learners to be independent learners
 - (c) PLT will focus on the development of Core Competencies: Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social Responsibility
- Please note that PLT will begin on September 13th.
 LINK to the PLT sign-up website and instructions to log-in will be on our website early this week.

Student Information Verification Forms and Personal Information Consent forms

These forms were distributed during homeroom on Sept. 5th. And completed forms are now overdue. Please contact the office to return any late or missing forms.

Lockers: Online Booking System

LINK to the locker sign-up website and instructions to log-in will be on our website early this week. Every grade will have a different day to log-in and choose their lockers, should students want one.

Every Drops Counts (Water Conservation)

BC is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, and small reductions to our water consumption can have a big positive impact. Please follow the simple steps in this [poster](#) to reduce water consumption and increase awareness of the need for water conservations.

Equity, Inclusion and Indigenous Success

[Invitation to Complete B.C. Demographic Survey to Address Systemic Racism.](#) Everyone in B.C. is encouraged to complete the [B.C. demographic survey](#) by October 15, 2023, to help address systemic racism and improve public services. Visit the [Addressing Systemic Racism in B.C. website](#) for more information.

Connections Class

We were happy to host one last group of incoming grade 8s at Connections Class for nearly two weeks at the end of August. There was a lot of relationship-building, fun, and enthusiasm.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept 18 Photo Day (am)
SCC Meeting @ 3:15am
- Sept 20 EA Meeting @ 8:40am
PAC Meeting at 7:00pm
- Sept 21 Grade 8 Parent Info Night **and** Meet the Teacher
- Sept 22 Non-Instructional Day (no classes)
- Sept 25 EF Meeting @ 3:15pm
- Sept 27 Connections Class 9:20-10:10am (during PLT)
- Sept 28 Grade 12 Post-Secondary Info Night
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct 2 School Closed in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 3 Staff Meeting @ 3:15pm
- Oct 4 Collaboration Time

School Fees – SchoolCashOnline

Students fees should now be loaded to School Cash Online. Please contact the Business Assistant, Mrs. Karen Campbell at kacampbell@sd38.bc.ca, if you need assistance with setting up a [SchoolCashOnline](#) Account. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s fees, please contact the Business Assistant or your child’s counsellor for assistance. If your family is experiencing any financial hardship, please email an administrator so we are able to support you.

Gratitude

A big thank you goes out to our Shark Ambassadors who did a huge amount of volunteer work to help get everything ready for back to school, including organizing lockers, preparing for homerooms, setting up the gym for the assemblies, and more.

SLSS Club Application (online link)

If you wish to start or continue an existing club for this school year, you will need to submit a Club Application for approval. The Club Application process will open from Sept. 8th until Sept. 15th. Applications will be reviewed and you will receive an email by September 22nd about whether or not your Club has been approved. Club Applications should be done in collaboration with your Sponsor Teacher. Approved Clubs will have an opportunity to showcase and advertise your club in the Shark Tank at lunch on Sept. 27th for our annual Club's Day Fair.

Fall Athletics Update (Link to website)

If you wish get involved with SLSS Athletic teams, the link above will show you information, Instagram option to follow, Fall season teams, tryouts times and schedules starting next week. Questions can be answered by our Athletic Director, Mr. Stoddard. Go Sharks!