



# FAMILY WAAG

## February 26 – March 1, 2024

Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
ABCD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> PLT (8:30am-9:20am) Connections Class (9:20am-10:10am)	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Progress Reports Emailed Home	ABCD (Day 2)
Gr. 7 Blue & Gold Classic Basketball Tourney				

### Personal Learning Time

Personal Learning Time (PLT) is 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. [LINK](#) to PLT sign-up. Plan ahead.

### Connections Class – these 7 Days are required.

Students should all download the MS Teams App to their device and/or know how to sign-in to MS Teams on a school or home device. Reflection assignments are due via MS Teams. See Mr. Nashlund during PLT for assistance.

Reminder: Next Connections class is this Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in PLT 2

### 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](mailto:kacampbell@sd38.bc.ca), if you need assistance with setting up a [SchoolCashOnline](#) account or if you have any questions. If your family is experiencing any financial hardship, please email an administrator so we are able to support you.

### Are you having challenges with MyEdBC?

Here are some resources and tips on our [website](#). While here is the [link](#) to the “Request Assistance” webform to describe your challenge to our office staff who will respond to you with targeted help.

### Homestay Program

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home. Please see more information [here](#).

### Gratitude

Thank you to Ms. Corea and the hard-working group of student volunteers for organizing and running a very successful Social Responsibility Day (on SOGI) for our grade 9 students.

Thank you to Spectrum Teachers for hosting the Spectrum Assessments for Math and English skills assessments. Nearly 100 students from our ‘family of schools’ took part in these assessments. On top of this, the Spectrum Team now needs to evaluate these assessments, while Ms. McBurney and Ms. Girard continue the hard work of further analysis of the applicant packages.

### Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering “Social Media Awareness” family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in the link below. [Please see this link.](#)

### Parent Sessions on Youth Substance Use

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual [sessions](#) February 20, 22 or 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

### Athletics

Winter season is nearing the play-offs with many of our Basketball teams doing very well so far. Reminder, for the most up to date news about teams and schedules, please visit our [Sharks Athletics Instagram account](#) on a regular basis and/or see the [gym schedule](#). Schedules for all the teams (Basketball and Table Tennis) are [here](#). Play-offs are here. Spring Season team sign-ups and try-outs will be here very soon.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 13	Connections Class (9:20-10:10am)
Mar 13	PAC Meeting
Mar 14	Last day of school before Spring Break
Apr 2	School Re-Opens after Spring Break
Apr 10	PAC Meeting
Apr 11	Report Cards Published
Apr 15	SLSS In-School Scholarship Application due (online)
Apr 17 & 18	Grad Assessments (S2 GNA 10 & catch-ups)
Apr 17 & 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Apr 19	Pro-D Day (No Classes)

### Career Education

CLC 12 – Students are reminded that Mentor Log #2 was due Feb. 1st, if you have not submitted please get this in ASAP. Check your emails and TEAMS for messages of assignments and due dates. Keep an eye out for the Sign Up Genius QR code that will be shared with you next week so you can sign up to present your Capstone in person during a PLT time-slot over March, April and early May. Capstone will be due April 15th, so all of you need to stay focused and committed to working towards your completion as we are getting close to the finish line.

### Parking Lot and Traffic

We are seeing increased traffic in our Williams driveway especially with the road work happening on Gilbert. We are observing that many students are arriving late to school as a result. Students, we encourage you to walk or bike to school as much as possible and prioritize being on time for your class in the morning. If you must drive your child to school, please plan to arrive early. Our doors are open for students at 7:30 am and the parking lot is much less busy before 8:15 am.

Our neighbours are also expressing frustration that their driveways down Williams are being blocked due to the line up to our school parking lot. Please do not block driveways, school bus, and emergency and transit vehicles while you are dropping off or picking up. Students, please pay extra attention in the parking lots and be aware of cars and only cross in the marked cross walks.

### Summer Learning 2024

Please see the following public document that will outline the general [Summer Learning 2024 information](#). **A more detailed program guide will come out closer to April.**

### Adult Secondary

Our adult secondary courses just started the second semester evening courses and third term day courses. (It is not too late to register!) These face to face/hybrid courses are free for ordinarily residents of BC who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Refugee status and Work Permit status with instructions stating they can study. Students can be as 17 years of age and older. Students currently enrolled in a secondary school can also register for courses with permission from their home school. **New this year!!** We are now offering Adult Online full credit courses for Richmond Residents only. Students 17 and older. Students who are interested in registering should contact Bob Mostat our course advisor at 604-668-7899 ext 2. [P2023-24 Day & Evening Class calendars combined.pdf](#)

### Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Multifaith Society calendar is available electronically to all staff and parents. When you place your cursor on the dates in the calendar, a brief information on practices, holy days and observances will pop up for quick reference and understanding. Simply click on this link [SD38-Multifaith Society Calendar](#). No username or password is required.

### Buy your Yearbook!

Hello parents and students! The last day to purchase the school yearbook is March 13th. Please visit School Cash Online to pay for your yearbook as soon as possible.

### Exploitation Education Institute (EEI) – Consent Education Parent Talk (February 28 @ 7 p.m. on Zoom)

The district and EEI are hosting a parent presentation that reviews the content recently shared in secondary school presentations around digital consent, healthy boundaries, and grooming warning signs. This session will also provide key tips to parents in keeping their youth safe and respectful to others. Please post the digital flyer through usual communication channels with parents ([Link](#)).

**Try Softball (for Families with Kids Ages 6-13):** Session aligns with the BC Physical and Health Education (PHE) curriculum by fostering physical literacy and encouraging personal and social responsibility. This one-day event (Monday, March 4) provides a direct application of PHE skills, promoting lifelong physical activity and teamwork, which are vital for a healthy lifestyle. More information [here](#).