



FAMILY WAAG

April 29 – May 3, 2024

Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Wednesday May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3
DCBA (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1)	AB (Day 2) Collaboration Time (8:30am-9:20am) PLT (9:20am-10:10am) Gr. 12 Assembly in PLT 2 (9:30am) EQ & Evacuation Drill (Block A – 10:30am)	CD (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Scholarship Committee Meeting @ 3:15pm	DCBA (Day 2)

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.

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 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](#).

Athletics

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 (Table Tennis) are [here](#). Spring Season team sign-ups, try-outs, and practices are here (Badminton, Girls Soccer, Ultimate, 8 & 9 Boys Volleyball, Track & Field, and Hockey). We are quickly approaching RSSAA play-offs, SFAA Zone Championships, and for some, the BCSS Championships.

Music Program News

April 30--Music In Our Schools Concert @ Gateway Theatre 6:30PM
May 8-- Concert @ Lansdowne Park Shopping Mall 12 Noon
May 16-- Jazz Band @ Maple Lane Spring Fair. 4:30PM
May 30-- Music Department Assembly Block C
Evening Concert for Parents 7PM SLSS Shark Tank

Gratitude

[Thank you](#) to our wonderful teachers who shared some amazing learnings at our SLSS-based Pro-D day last Friday. All staff were inspired by this professional sharing which takes courage. [Thank you](#) to the many grade 12 students who met the deadline to apply for our SLSS Scholarships – 122 grade 12 students took the time and thought to complete the online application. Our Scholarship Committee is excited to consider so many students for our many scholarships and bursaries. [Thank you](#) to our many parents/guardians who attended PT Conferences last week to discuss best ways to support their children (our students). This partnership is very important. We also appreciate how everyone adapted to the shorter 10-minute appointments. [Thank you](#) to Ms. Corea and her team of student leaders who planned and executed a very successful Grade 8 SR Day (Earth Day/Sustainability) on Friday. Well-done!

Tabacco and Vaping Webinars

The [Canadian Public Health Association](#) ([link](#)) is hosting two interactive webinars that build upon the findings and recommendations of the [2023 National Conference on Tobacco and Vaping](#) ([link](#)). The second webinar will focus specifically on strategies to address youth vaping. Please see the webinar details below and click on the registration links for a more detailed outline of each session.

Webinar 1: Tobacco and Vaping Series Part 1 | Evidence-based policies and practices in smoking cessation

May 2 at 8-11 a.m.

PT Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o38kKWOvSvS_4xKnK72UMg ([link](#))

Webinar 2: Tobacco and Vaping Series Part 2 | Strategies to address youth vaping

May 16 at 8-11 a.m. PT

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qQ2hmDHIQQ2k4lu2RH0jGQ ([link](#))

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](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 8	PAC Meeting
May 9	Gr. 7 Fun Day
May 9	Grad Boat Cruise
May 11	Grad/DAG Car Wash
May 14	Conference Day #2
May 16	Progress Alerts Emailed Home
May 17	Pro-D Day (No classes)
May 20	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 21	Immunization Clinic
May 30	Spring Music Concert @ 7pm

Career Education

All grade 12's just a few quick reminders -First your 30 Hour Volunteer forms were due April 5th on Teams or to Ms. Sidhu – many students still need to submit these and it is very important as this is a graduation requirement. Next, April 15th Capstone projects were due on TEAMS so, all of you should be putting final touches on your powerpoints and record your audio and submit as an MP3/MP4 or share a YouTube link on Teams. Students presenting in person will submit the day they present. Make sure to include your name in the file name. If you need to see if you are missing assignments you can check your marks with Ms. Sidhu in room 501. Lastly, our next connections class is Apr. 24 in PLT2.

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. [2023-24 Day & Evening Class calendars combined.pdf](#)

April is Sikh Heritage Month ([link](#))

Our local Sikh history and excellence is one to be acknowledged and shared. The [Education Guide on the Sikh Faith](#) ([link](#)) is a comprehensive resource to promote the inclusion of Sikh content and perspectives in our schools, while facilitating the awareness of the Sikh Faith and Sikh students in our classrooms and communities.

April is a busy month with many faiths celebrating significant days.

April 22 -30 - Pesach or Passover (First Day is most significant)

Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This 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

Please reach out to Mrs. Fackler (bfackler@sd38.bc.ca), Mr. Nashlund (mnashlund@sd38.bc.ca) or Ms. Varghese (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 to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

City of Richmond – Snacks & Facts Event

On Tuesday, April 30, the City of Richmond is hosting a Snacks & Facts session on [Employment Resources and Services](#).



Drop in – no registration needed
Light refreshments provided.
For more information, visit:
richmond.ca/CommunityResources