



# FAMILY WAAG

## May 6 – May 10, 2024

Monday May 6	Monday May 7	Monday May 8	Monday May 9	Monday May 10
DCBA (Day 1)	ABCD (Day 2)	AB (Day 1)	CD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)
Staff Meeting @ 3:15pm		PLT (8:30am-10:10am)  Beyond the Blues Fair Community partners, Skark Minds Matter, Here4Peers, etc. @ PLT2 & Lunch (Williams Lounge)  PAC Meeting	PLT (8:30am-10:10am)  Grade 7 Fun Day 9:40am – 2:15pm  Grad Boat Cruise Boarding @ 6:30pm	

**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](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](#).

**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**

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 the PE Athletic Leadership students and Yearbook photography students who combined efforts to collect some Winter Season Basketball uniforms and take Spring Team yearbook team photos last Friday. [Thank you](#) to the students who are walking and biking to school. Your efforts are appreciated. With the nicer weather, we hope many more people will choose to walk or ride their bike to school, as the morning traffic in our driveway and parking lot is terrible. [Thank you](#) to Mr. Mikulin and the talented Band 8-12 students for showcasing their talents at the Gateway Theatre as part of “Music in Schools”.

**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/join/register/WN\\_o38kKWovSvS\\_4xKnK72UMg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/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/join/register/WN\\_qQ2hmDHIQ2k4Iu2RH0jGQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_qQ2hmDHIQ2k4Iu2RH0jGQ) ([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](#).

**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.

**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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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
June 5	Awards Evening

**Drv After Grad Car Wash**

Our Sharks Car Wash is on this Saturday, May 11th. Please come out and support us. Thank you. Please see the flyer [here](#).

**May** is a busy month of observances and recognition of significant dates. Please see below for some resources:

<b>Canadian Jewish Heritage Month</b>	Canadian Jewish Heritage Month ( <a href="#">link</a> )
<b>Asian Heritage Month</b>	Asian Heritage Month ( <a href="#">link</a> )

**May 5, 2024**, is [National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people \(MMIWG2S\)](#) in Canada. Also known as Red Dress Day. See below for resources to commemorate, teach, and learn about this day with staff and students.

- SFU Library-Learn about MMIWG2S [HERE](#) ([link](#))
- Thinking about Red Dress Day for Elementary Students? Please go to Carolyn Roberts’ webpage ([link](#)) for important background information prior to engaging with elementary aged students about MMIWG2S.
- Local opportunities to participate in Red Dress Day May 5, 2024 can be found [HERE](#) ([link](#)).
- [Amnesty International](#) ([link](#)) also provides the history and current context of Red Dress Day. Rich resources are available.

**May 5/6 is Holocaust Remembrance Day.** In 2005, this day was designated as the annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Each year, individuals all over the world take this opportunity to remember the victims of the atrocities of the Holocaust and reflect on the dangers of anti-Semitism. Go [HERE](#) ([link](#)) for additional resources.

**Moose Hide Campaign is May 16, 2024.** The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. go [HERE](#) ([link](#)) for further learning and resources.

**Mental Health Week**

Mental Health Week at SLSS is happening from May 1-8th. Throughout the week, we will have scheduled activities to talk about positive mental health and well-being. On May 8th during PLT 2 (9:20am) and at Lunch (12:15pm) in the Williams Lounge, we will have BEYOND THE BLUES education and screening to learn about mood and anxiety, effective treatments, support and self-care. There will be engaging activities and prizes! Guest community partners from Richmond Addiction Services (RASS), Foundry, Adolescent Support, and Vancouver Coastal Health will be on site to share their resources with staff and students. We will also feature our very own SLSS Shark Minds Matter Club and our Here4Peers program. We all have mental health and so, we encourage our SLSS community to have conversations about positive mental health and awareness, making it a daily part of our lives!

**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](#)

**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](mailto:bfackler@sd38.bc.ca)), Mr. Nashlund ([nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca)) or Ms. Varghese ([avarghese@sd38.bc.ca](mailto: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.